



# Weekly Update

4/7/24

## *We're Back!*

Welcome back from spring break! We hope you and your family had a rejuvenating and enjoyable time together. As we return to school, we want to remind you of the importance of this period in the academic calendar.

We are now in the final stretch before the end of the school year, and every day counts. Attendance during this crucial time is paramount. Regular attendance ensures that students can fully engage with their learning and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

The remainder of the school year holds numerous exciting opportunities for our students. With Regents exams and Graduation just around the corner, it's essential for students to stay focused and committed to their studies. These milestones mark significant achievements in their academic journey, and we want to support them every step of the way.

We encourage you to continue supporting your child's education by ensuring they attend school regularly, complete assignments on time, and actively participate in class activities. Together, we can help our students succeed and thrive academically.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Let's work together to make the remainder of this school year a



success for our students.

# FINISH STRONG

You're almost there. > Keep pushing. > Stay focused.

## Reminder

### See you Tuesday!

There is no school on Monday. We are excited to welcome all the students back Tuesday morning.



## Attendance

A red graphic for a weekly attendance raffle. It features a graduation cap, a shield with "COURAGE" and "V", and several raffle tickets. The text reads: "WEEKLY PERFECT ATTENDANCE RAFFLE NEW! WIN A PRIZE EVERY WEEK! NEW WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED EACH WEEK ON MONDAYS AT MORNING MEETING. Want a chance to win some amazing prizes? Come to school every day of the week and receive a raffle ticket to win prizes worth up to \$500." At the bottom, it says "Attendance Matters!" next to an image of a computer monitor and speakers.

### Attendance Matters!

Be sure your son is in school every day of the week. Not only for his educational success, but to also get a chance to win big prizes every week!

## This Week!

**FREE FOOD**

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 9TH GRADE**

**OPEN HOUSE**

Join us for a day of fun and exploration featuring gaming, music, basketball, and even free haircuts!

**APR 13** **SATURDAY**  
**11-2 PM**

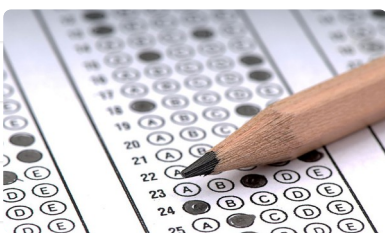
Get connected with the Vertus community and see all the amazing things happening at our school. We look forward to welcoming you!

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*Upcoming Events*



**Midterms- 4/15-19**

Midterm exams are scheduled to take place from April 15th to April 19th. This period is crucial for students as it provides valuable practice for the upcoming Regents exams in June.

To ensure that your son maximizes this opportunity for preparation, we kindly request your support in ensuring his attendance each day during the midterm week. Regular attendance is essential for effective exam practice and contributes significantly to academic success.

**Jr. & Sr. Prom- 5/3**

- Tickets are on sale now
- Raffles and prizes will be given out.

- At Harro East Ballroom.



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## *Athletics*



**FRIDAY**  
JV BASEBALL  
@ HARLEY ALLENDALE COLUMBIA SCHOOL  
4:00 PM

**SATURDAY**  
OUTDOOR TRACK  
HOLLEY INVITATIONAL  
11:00 AM

Click the links below to get more information on our athletic program:

- [Athletic Calendar](#)
- [Athletic Rosters](#)
- [Sideline Store](#)



# Summer Session!

Our summer session is around the corner! Below you will see the dates of our summer session this year

July 29th- Aug. 23rd

July 2024				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	<del>24</del>	<del>25</del>	<del>26</del>
<b>29</b>	30	31		

August 2024				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	<b>23</b>
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Our summer session, scheduled from July 29th to August 23rd, is a mandatory program designed to offer students the chance to catch up on any missed coursework, get ahead in their studies, and actively prepare for future college or career endeavors. In addition to academic enrichment, the session will feature internships and programs geared towards providing valuable real-world experiences.



At Vertus High School, we firmly believe in the philosophy that a year-round program is essential for the holistic development of our students, both academically and socially. This summer session aligns with our commitment to offering continuous support for your child's educational journey.

We encourage you to discuss the importance of active participation in this **mandatory summer session** with your child, emphasizing the long-term benefits it will bring to their academic and personal growth.

## Family Resources

### Summit Federal Credit Union Youth Account Promotion:

Summit Federal Credit Union will deposit \$5 for new youth accounts opened in the month of April! Plus, any new youth account opened between 4/1/24 – 4/30/24 will automatically be entered in to win a grand prize of a Nintendo Switch™





**FREE for  
qualifying  
Medicaid  
recipients!**  
Ages 0-21 years old





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### Children's Health Home Care Management

### BETTER ACCESS TO YOUR CHILD'S MEDICAID HEALTH SERVICES

- Health Home Care Management helps you:**
- ✓ Realize your child's health needs
  - ✓ Make connections to support resources
  - ✓ Create a healthy future for your child

We help your child receive support resources such as:

-  Health and Dental care
-  Nutrition and Preventive care
-  Mental Health Services
-  Vocational and Recreational programs

For eligibility and referral information, visit [cayugacenters.org/HealthHomes](http://cayugacenters.org/HealthHomes)

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### Summer Jobs! Start applying now

## Find the perfect summer opportunity!

Fun and challenging opportunities  
for youth ages **14 - 20**

**APPLY STARTING  
Feb. 1, 2024**

6-8 week paid (up to \$15/hour) summer work experience

Learn, grow, and meet professionals in local government, recreation, community-based organizations, colleges, or private and public organizations throughout the community!

### TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST HAVE A:

- Photo ID • Current work permit • Social Security card • Recent official report card
- Be enrolled in middle school, high school or TASC program
- Available to participate for your full assignment between July 8 - August 16



For more information call **(585) 428-6366**  
Visit [rocsummeryouth.com](http://rocsummeryouth.com) to apply

The application is offered in different languages.



## Reminders:

### Attendance Matters

Each day of school presents invaluable opportunities for learning, growth, and social interaction. Here are several reasons why consistent attendance is crucial:



- **Academic Progress:** Regular attendance directly correlates with academic success. Being present in class ensures your son doesn't miss out on important lessons, discussions, and clarifications provided by teachers.
- **Building Foundations:** Each day builds upon the previous one. Consistent attendance allows your son to grasp concepts progressively, contributing to a solid foundation for future learning.
- **Active Engagement:** Active participation in classroom activities, discussions, and projects fosters deeper understanding and retention of information.
- **Social Development:** School is not just about academics; it's also a space for social interaction and skill-building. Regular attendance helps your son develop vital social skills, collaboration, and teamwork.
- **Habit Formation:** Consistent attendance establishes a habit of responsibility and discipline that will benefit your son throughout his life.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, impacting attendance. However, whenever possible, prioritizing regular school attendance greatly contributes to your son's overall success and well-being.

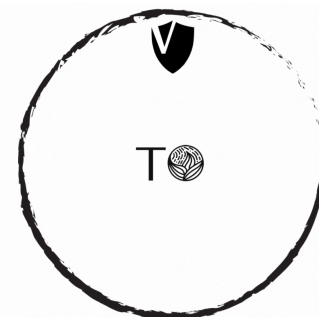
We are committed to supporting your child's educational journey, and we encourage open communication. If there are challenges affecting your son's attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can explore ways to support him effectively.

### Student Pick-up

If you are picking your child up from school early, please call at least 15 minutes in advance before arriving. Parents can not pick students up after **2:45**. We are preparing for dismissal and cannot send students out after that time.

### Pathways to Success

The "Pathways to Success" program is aimed at providing additional support and opportunities for your child's academic and character growth. PTS is a comprehensive support system designed to cater to the diverse learning needs of our students. It offers a range of services to help students excel in their in-person and online classes, as well as challenge themselves with advanced material for those looking to get ahead.



Pathways to Success is available every Tuesday/Thursday from 3:15- 5:15 p.m. and every Saturday from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Students who stay and work can receive bus passes to get home, or parents can arrange rides.

No Excuses!

### Need Transportation Options? RTS on Demand!

RTS On Demand is a ride-sharing mobility option in which ADA-accessible vehicles provide service on demand within On Demand Zones. Customers can request rides through the On Demand app, website, or by calling Customer Service.



Download the app or go to the website to learn more information: <https://myrts.com/on-demand>

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