



# WEEKLY UPDATE

## 5/26/24



As we approach Memorial Day, it is a time for us to reflect and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We remember with deep gratitude the brave individuals who lost their lives serving in the armed forces. Their courage and dedication ensure the freedoms we enjoy today. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all veterans and active-duty service members. Your service and sacrifice are truly appreciated and never forgotten.



### **Algebra Regents Exam**

We would like to remind you that the Algebra Regents exam is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th, at 8:15 AM. Students must take their usual bus to school. Only those students who are taking the exam should come to school on this day. Please ensure that your child is well-prepared and arrives on time.

For the rest of the week, we will continue with our regular school schedule.

We are now in the final weeks of the school year, so let's finish strong by making sure your child attends school every day. Consistent attendance is crucial for their success and helps them end the school year on a high note.

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### **Spring Concert Recap**





Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our talented students as they showcased their musical skills at the Tiny Desk Concert. Your presence and encouragement made the event truly special.

The evening was filled with impressive performances, culminating in an outstanding finale by the Voices of Valor and the Vertus Instrumental Band. Their talent and hard work were evident in every note, and they truly closed the show on a high note.

A special shout-out goes to our senior students who performed at their last Tiny Desk Concert. Your dedication and contributions to the music department have been invaluable, and you will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and know that the music you've made here will continue to resonate.

Thank you once again for your support and for celebrating our students' musical achievements with us.



# Reminders



## No School On Monday- Memorial Day!

Please note that there will be no school on Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day.

## Bikes

As the weather begins to warm up, we anticipate that more students may choose to ride their bikes to school. While we encourage physical activity and alternative modes of transportation, it's essential to prioritize the safety and security of all students on campus.



To ensure the safety of everyone, we kindly remind you that students must bring a lock to secure their bikes during school hours. Bikes are not permitted inside the building for safety and logistical reasons.

Please take a moment to discuss this requirement with your child and ensure they have a suitable lock for their bike. Encouraging responsibility and awareness of safety measures will help create a safer environment for all students.

Thank you for your cooperation in promoting bike safety at our school

# Attendance



## 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!

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## Upcoming Events

Algebra Regents Exam- 6/4



**ALGEBRA I (Common Core)**

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 — 1:15 to 4:15 p.m., only

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The possession or use of any communications device is strictly prohibited when taking this examination. If you have or use any communications device, no matter how briefly, your examination shall be considered null and void.

- Due to the new structure of the Algebra Regents exam, it will now be administered earlier than the other regents exams.
- On June 4th, students taking the Algebra Regents Exam will follow their regular morning bus schedule.
- Only those students taking the Algebra Regents Exam need to report to school on that day

**Senior Banquet- 6/4**

- June 4th @ 6pm
- Vertus High School
- Senior students Only
- This is a ticketed event (Each senior gets 4 tickets)

**Graduation Ceremony- 6/22**

- Hochstien Performance Hall
- 6:30 pm
- 2024 Graduates Only
- This is a ticketed event

## Athletics

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

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



## Reminders:



## 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>
<del>26</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>28</del>	<del>29</del>	30

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.

## 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.

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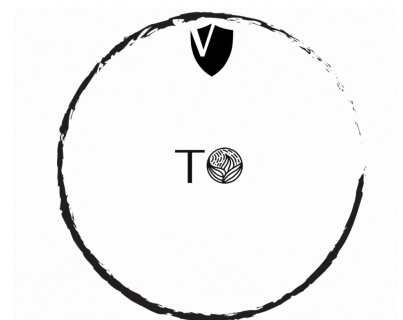
## Student Pick-up

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.

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## 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!

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**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.



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