



# Weekly Update

11/10/24

## November



### ***Grateful!***

I want to thank you for ensuring that your son was logged in to Edgenuity and made solid progress during our recent remote learning day. It is essential that our students develop the discipline to work independently, even when staff are not present. Seeing them stay focused and productive on their own is a true mark of growth, and your support at home makes a huge difference.



I'm also excited to remind you about our upcoming **Family Night on November 20th!** This event is an important opportunity to review your son's progress and grades as we prepare for the January Regents exams. We'll also be holding raffles with some great prizes as a token of our gratitude this season. **To participate in the raffle, you must be present in person.**

As always, refreshments will be provided, and this time we're bringing in Chick-fil-A! We're also pleased to offer free haircuts for students; however, please note that haircuts will wrap up by 5:45 p.m., so be sure to arrive early if your son would like one.

Finally, a quick reminder that **there is no school tomorrow in honor of Veterans Day.** We hope you have a safe and enjoyable long weekend!

Thank you for your continued partnership, and we look forward to seeing you on Family Night!

Warm regards,



# FAMILY NIGHT

 **Wednesday,  
November  
20th 2024**

 **4:00- 6:00 PM**

Join us for some family fun reviewing progress for the marking period, connecting with staff, and entering our Thanksgiving raffle to win prizes!

**RAFFLE PRIZES**



**50" TV**



**17 PIECE  
COOKWARE SET**

**FREE  
HAIRCUTS!**  
1st come 1st served



**FREE  
FOOD!**



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## Family Night Raffle!

At this year's fall family night, we will be raffling off some prizes to show our gratitude this season. You must be in person to be included in the raffle. **This Raffle is for Parents/guardians of Vertus Students only.** You will insert your email and phone number to enter the raffle and we will contact you if you are the winner!

Winners will be selected at 6:00 PM. See below for prices.

### T-fal Ultimate Hard Anodized Nonstick Cookware Set 17 Piece

Oven Broiler Safe 400F, Lid Safe 350F, Kitchen Cooking Set w/ Fry Pans, Saucepans, Saute Pan, Griddle, Pots and Pans, Dishwasher Safe Black



### INSIGNIA 70-inch TV

Class F50 Series LED 4K UHD Smart Fire TV with Alexa Voice Remote (NS-70F501NA25)





## Driver's Permit

We are here to support your student in obtaining their learner's permit. If your student is 16 years or older, please encourage them to contact our College and Career Program Coordinator, Mr. Norris Woods, for assistance.

## Upcoming Events:

### No School- 11/11

This is a reminder that Vertus High School will be closed on **Monday, November 11th** in observance of Veterans Day. Classes will resume on **Tuesday, November 12th**. We hope you take this time to honor and reflect on the contributions of our veterans.

Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday.



### Family Night- 11/20

Parent teacher conference night!



As per our charter, parents of students at Vertus are required to meet in person to review academic, character, attendance and behavior information. The way we do school is unique and it is imperative that we meet to ensure the success of our students. We will also be giving away free haircuts and light refreshments.

See you then!



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# Youth Leadership Council

## Come Join Us!

Our goal is to create a team of youth (ages 14-19) that are passionate about elevating youth voice to inform our work at Whole Child Connection and positively impact our community. At Whole Child Connection, we are committed to sharing power with young people to inspire and influence change.

**We are looking for youth who:**

- Have various life experiences- we encourage youth who do not have formal youth leadership experience to apply- every voice matters!
- Are committed to equity, racial and social justice
- Are interested in developing resources, creating and facilitating learning opportunities, and other project-based work
- Are able to work both independently and as part of a team to complete tasks
- Want to advance their leadership skill to better our community
- Are excited about building new relationships, learning new skills and having some fun!

**Benefits of being part of the Youth Leadership Council:**

- Compensation: you will be paid \$15/hour
- Skill Development: you will build social emotional, leadership, and communication skills
- Work Experience: you will gain valuable experience and opportunities to have an impact
- Youth Advocacy: you will be part of a team advocating for youth to have opportunities to share their stories and experiences

**Application deadline:**  
**November 12, 2024**



If you have any questions, please reach out to Andrea Bertucci at [abertucci@childrensinstitute.net](mailto:abertucci@childrensinstitute.net)

**We believe youth voice (YOUR voice) and leadership must be honored.**

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## Reminders:

### Attendance Expectations:

School begins promptly at 7:40 AM every day. Students are expected to be in full uniform ready for the morning meeting. Arriving late disrupts the learning environment and causes students to miss valuable instructional time.

**Absences:** If your son is going to be absent, please inform the school as soon as possible by contacting your son's Preceptor. If he isn't in, your son's Preceptor will be reaching out to you. Absences should be limited to illness, family emergencies, or other significant reasons. We encourage medical appointments to be scheduled outside of school hours whenever possible.

**Tardiness:** **Any student arriving after 7:40 AM will be marked tardy. Chronic lateness will result in AIS after school or Saturday morning, and after a certain number of tardies, additional consequences will be put in place** including a meeting with you at the school. It is important for students to develop the habit of punctuality, as it reflects their level of responsibility and commitment to their education.

We appreciate your support in ensuring your son's success at Vertus High School. Your support in reinforcing these expectations will help us maintain a strong and positive learning environment for

all students. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your son's Preceptor.

## Picking Students Up Early

Please be reminded that if you need to pick up your son early from school, it must be done before **2:40 PM**. After this time, we will not be able to dismiss students early. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but this policy is in place to ensure a safe and structured dismissal process for all students.

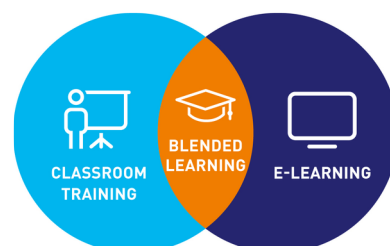
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Blended Learning Program

I'd like to remind you that Vertus High School is a blended learning program. Your son's schedule will include both teacher-led classes and learning lab time, during which he will work on his mandatory online courses. This is *not optional*, as students earn credit for both types of classes.

Blended learning provides several key benefits for students:

- **Personalized Learning:** Students can work at their own pace during online lab time, allowing them to revisit concepts they find challenging and progress more quickly through material they grasp easily.
- **Skill Development:** In addition to learning course content, students develop valuable skills such as time management, self-discipline, and independent learning—all critical for success in college and future careers.
- **Preparation for Regents Exams:** The combination of teacher-led instruction and online courses is designed to reinforce understanding of core content, which helps students better prepare for their Regents exams.
- **Credit Recovery and Acceleration:** The online component allows students to catch up on missed credits or even accelerate their progress, giving them the flexibility to stay on track for graduation.

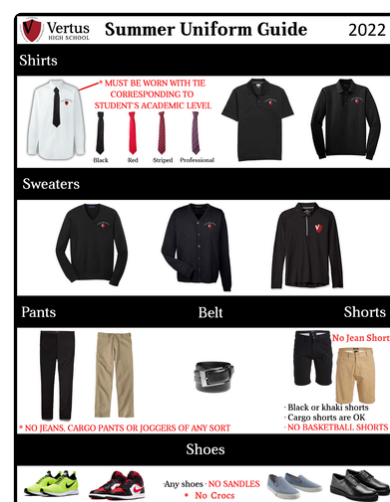


Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure your son's academic success.

## Student Uniforms

All students must be in full uniform BEFORE entering the double doors. Please review the guide below.

- No Jeans
- No slides/crocs
- No sagging
- No Athletic Shorts



## Late Students





We want to ensure that all of our students are in school on time each day. We understand that there may be uncontrollable circumstances that cause lateness. In such cases, please keep the following reminders in mind:

- **Arrival After 11:30 AM:** If your son arrives at school after 11:30 AM, he must be accompanied by a guardian, or you must contact the school beforehand to confirm that you are aware of his late arrival.

• **Food Policy:** If your son arrives late with food, please note that he will not be allowed to eat it in class or in the halls. He must store the food in his locker and wait until his lunch period to eat.

Our goal is to maximize instructional time for all students. Your cooperation in helping us maintain a focused and productive learning environment is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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## 2024-25 Calendar

[https://www.vertusschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Vertus-Calendar\\_2024-2025.pdf](https://www.vertusschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Vertus-Calendar_2024-2025.pdf)

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## Athletics

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

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