



# WEEKLY UPDATE

9/29/24



## This Week

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to our Hispanic Heritage Celebration. The event was a true success, with fantastic food representing diverse cultures and awe-inspiring performances by our talented students. Your presence made it even more special, and we are looking forward to continuing the celebration throughout Hispanic Heritage Month with additional activities.



We are also pleased to report that our first remote learning day was a big success. Students showed great commitment by logging into Edgenuity, where many made significant progress on their coursework and even caught up on some classroom assignments. It was an excellent opportunity for students to take ownership of their learning, and we are proud of their efforts.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our next event: the **Parent Lunch and Learn on October 9th**. This will be a great opportunity for parents to connect with school leaders, learn more about our school, and gain valuable insights into our systems and procedures. Please **RSVP** by Oct. 4th if you plan to attend, so we can prepare for a productive and informative session. We look forward to seeing you there!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and involvement. Together, we are making great strides.

**Have a great week!**



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## Upcoming Events:

Learn more about Vertus and our unique approach to education! **Must RSVP** below to attend.

**Vertus Family**

**LUNCH & LEARN**

Let's do **LUNCH**

**OCT. 9TH 1:30-3:00 PM**

We are excited to invite you to a special Lunch & Learn event to learn more about Vertus High School! This is a great opportunity to discover how our school came to exist, understand our unique approach to education, and find out how you can get involved in our school community.

## RSVP to attend the Parent Lunch and Learn

I will be attending

I might attend (Not sure)

I will NOT be attending

 Voting ends in 5 days

 Votes are anonymous and results are private

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### Tournament of Champions- 10/4

We are excited to host a fun and competitive pep rally this Friday where the Samurai and Spartans will engage in a series of house-based activities designed to build school spirit and anticipation for our homecoming football game the following day.

All students will still have their regularly scheduled classes.



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### Athletic Weekly Schedule

XC= Cross Country



VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF SEPT 30 - OCT 5 2024

MONDAY  
**30**

XC PRACTICE  
3:00PM

FOOTBALL JV GAME  
5:00PM

SOCCER PRACTICE  
3:30PM

TUESDAY  
**1**

XC MEET  
5:15PM

FOOTBALL PRACTICE  
2:30PM

SOCCER GAME  
4:15PM

WEDNESDAY  
**2**

XC PRACTICE  
3:00PM

FOOTBALL PRACTICE  
2:30PM

SOCCER PRACTICE  
3:30PM

THURSDAY  
**3**

XC PRACTICE  
3:00PM

FOOTBALL PRACTICE  
2:30PM

SOCCER GAME  
4:00PM

FRIDAY  
**4**

XC PRACTICE  
3:00PM

FOOTBALL PRACTICE  
2:30PM

SOCCER PRACTICE  
3:30PM

SATURDAY  
**5**

FOOTBALL V GAME  
1:00PM

## Emergency Drills

As part of a New York State mandate, we are required to complete a certain number of emergency drills throughout the year to ensure the safety and preparedness of our students and staff. We understand the importance of making sure everyone is familiar with these procedures, and we appreciate your support in this effort.



Below is the tentative schedule for our September emergency drills:

### September Emergency Drills:

- **Fire Drill** - Sept. 30 @ 10:00 AM

We want to assure you that we take the safety of our students very seriously and practice these drills to be as prepared as possible in the event of an emergency. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

## Reminders:

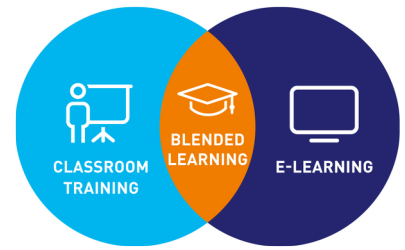
### Picking Students Up Early

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:

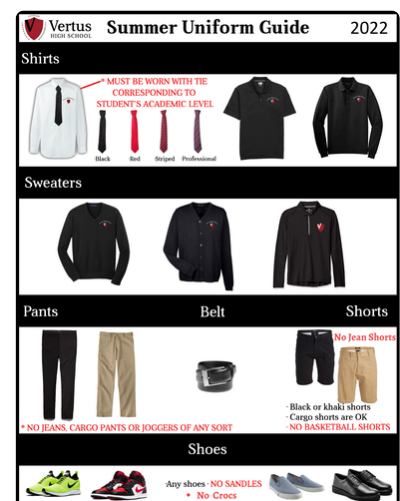
- **Personalized Learning:** Students can work at their own pace during online lab time, allowing them to revisit concepts they find challenging and progress more quickly through material they grasp easily.
- **Skill Development:** In addition to learning course content, students develop valuable skills 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)

[vertusschool.org](https://www.vertusschool.org)

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## Athletics

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

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