



# Weekly Update



9/8/24

## First Full Week of School

Thank you for your support during the first two days of school. It was an exciting start as we reset expectations and prepared for a successful school year. Here are a few important reminders:

- **Uniform Policy:** All students must be in FULL uniform before entering the double doors. Uniforms should not be left in lockers.
- **Belongings:** Students are required to put their bookbags and all personal items in their lockers.
- **Cell Phones:** Cell phones are not permitted on school grounds. If a student is found with a phone, it will be confiscated and held until a guardian comes to pick it up.



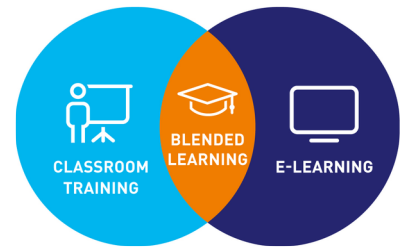
Students have received their schedules and will begin following them starting tomorrow. If you have any questions about their schedules, please contact your son's preceptor.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!

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## 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.

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## Upcoming Events:

### New Parent Ice Cream Social- 9/13

We are excited to invite our NEW PARENTS to an Ice Cream Social at Vertus High School! This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with other Vertus families and recap the first week of school.

#### Event Details:

- **Date:** 9/13
- **Time:** 1:30- 3:00 PM
- **Location:** Vertus High School

Join us for some sweet treats and great conversations as we reflect on the start of the new school year. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

We are excited to organize a ceremony that honors and showcases the rich culture, traditions, and contributions of the Hispanic community. Join us in our Celebration!

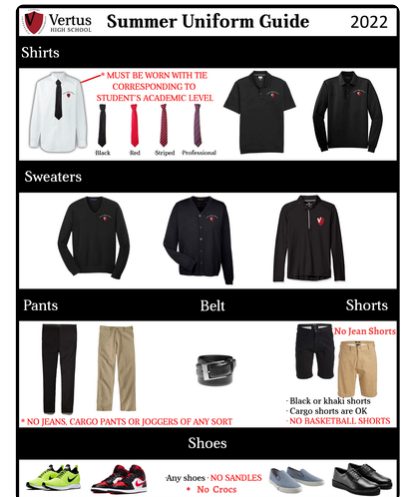
- September 26th
- 5-7 pm
- @ Vertus High School

## Reminders:

### 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.

### Fall Transportation

As we prepare for the start of the fall semester, I want to remind you that transportation arrangements for the fall WILL differ from those during the summer. Your district should have already sent the bus information to your home.



If you have not received this information, please reach out to your son's preceptor as soon as possible to ensure that you have the correct transportation details.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to a great start to the school year!

# Opportunity

## THE YOUNG CEO PROGRAM



We are NOW accepting Applications  
for this Fall 2024.

This program offers 12 weeks of training in personal finance and business ownership essentials for aspiring entrepreneurs. Participants will learn skills like goal setting, budgeting, credit understanding, and how to develop and manage a business.

### What's the magic secret?

Free of Charge

Program runs Sep. 16- Dec. 6

Meet after school every Tuesday & Thursday 5-7pm

Free Laptop and \$1000 Start-up cash upon  
completion of the program

Apply Today!!



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## 2024-25 Calendar

# Vertus High School

2024 - 2025 Academic Calendar

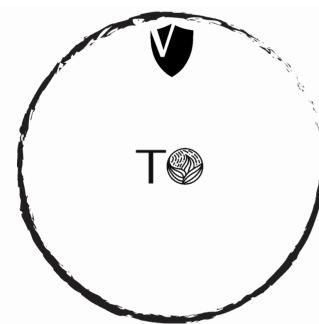


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## Pathways to Success

### 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.



With so many of our students needing to prep for regents exams we encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity

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!

# ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM

**Tuesday/ Thursday**  
**3:15-5:15 pm**

**Saturdays**  
**8:00-11:00 am**



@ VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL

## Benefits:

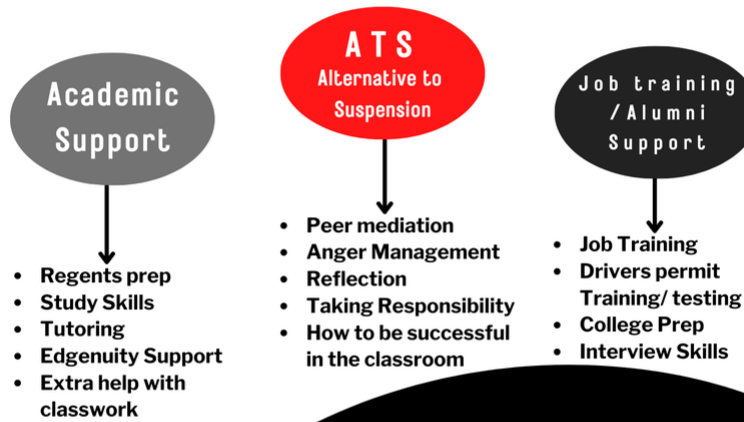
- Academic support
- Alternative to suspension
- Regents Prep
- Get on track on Edgenuity
- Social skills training
- Job training
- Peer Mediation and Reflection



# ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Pathways to Success program serves as a safe haven for students needing academic, behavioral, and social support.

3 divisions of the Pathways to success program



The Pathways to Success Program is mandatory for students who are on the verge of being suspended. If a student refuses to attend Pathways to Success as an alternative to suspension, they will be suspended.

Students who chose to attend Pathways to Success for academic support or job training will not be subject to the mandatory reflection and seminars required for ATS students.

All students attending Pathways to Success must turn in their phones, wear their uniform, and be subject to searches

## Athletics

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

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- [Athletic Rosters](#)
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