



Weekly Update

9/15/24



First Full Week of School

We've successfully completed our first full week of classes, and we are moving full steam ahead! As we continue into the school year, I want to stress the importance of **consistent daily attendance**

Every day your son is in school is a valuable opportunity for learning. **Instructional time is difficult to replace**—while students can often make up assignments, they miss out on the in-depth explanations, discussions, and hands-on activities that take place in class. These moments are critical for understanding and applying new concepts, building relationships with teachers and peers, and developing important skills like collaboration and problem-solving.

Students who attend school regularly are more likely to stay on track academically, perform better on assessments, and be prepared for Regents exams. Simply put, **every day counts** when it comes to academic success.

We're also excited to celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** at Vertus! Join us for our Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on **September 26th at 5:00 PM**. It will be a wonderful evening of food, music, and performances, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make this year a success together!



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:

- **Lockdown Drill** - Sept. 16 @ 10:30 AM
- **Fire Drill** - Sept. 19 @ 9:00 AM
- **Lockdown Drill** - Sept. 20 @ 2:15 PM
- **Fire Drill** - Sept. 23 @ 1:15 PM
- **Lockdown Drill** - Sept. 25 @ 9:00 AM
- **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.

Upcoming Events:



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

VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF SEPT 15 - 21



15 SUNDAY	16 MONDAY	17 TUESDAY	18 WEDNESDAY	19 THURSDAY	20 FRIDAY	21 SATURDAY
XO LIFT SESSIONS 4-5:30	SOCCER PRACTICE 3:30-5:00	SOCCER VS ROC PREP 4:15 AT TSE	SOCCER @ GREECE ODYSSEY 5:00 AT GREECE ODYSSEY	SOCCER PRACTICE 3:30-5:00	SOCCER PRACTICE 3:30-5:00	FOOTBALL HBCU CLASSIC
	V FOOTBALL PRACTICE 2:30-4:30	XO LEAGUE MEET 5:15 AT COBBS HILL	FOOTBALL PRACTICE 2:30-4:30	XO PRACTICE 3:00-5:00	V FOOTBALL @ HFL 2:00PM AT HFL SCHOOL	
	JV FOOTBALL @ HFL 8:00 AT HFL SCHOOL	FOOTBALL PRACTICE 2:30-4:30		FOOTBALL WALKTHRU AT VERTUS GYM		

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.

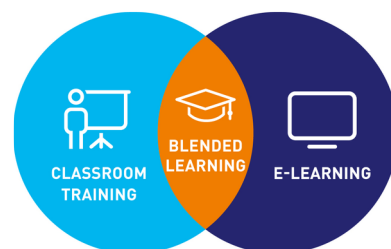
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.



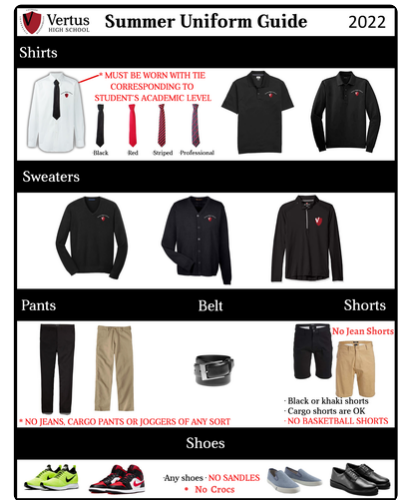
- **Credit Recovery and Acceleration:** The online component allows students to catch up on missed credits or even accelerate their progress, giving them the flexibility to stay on track for graduation.

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.

2024-25 Calendar

https://www.vertusschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Vertus-Calendar_2024-2025.pdf

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



VERTUS VARSITY SOCCER

GAMEDAY

 @ 

Sept 10th at 4:00pm
Grace and Truth Sports Park



#VERTUSATHLETICS

The poster features a dark grey background with a repeating geometric pattern of chevrons. Red chevron shapes are scattered throughout, some pointing upwards and some downwards. The text is centered and uses a clean, sans-serif font. The word 'GAMEDAY' is the largest and most prominent element.



A photograph of a varsity football team in a huddle on a field at night. The players are wearing dark jerseys with orange and white accents. A coach in a white shirt and cap is in the center of the huddle. The background shows stadium seating.

VERTUS VARSITY FOOTBALL

GAMEDAY

V **VS** 

9/14/24 | 1:00 PM **Marina Auto Stadium**



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

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