



WEEKLY UPDATE

10/6/24



This Week

October is already here, and it's hard to believe we are one full month into the fall semester! The past few weeks have been filled with exciting moments and opportunities for growth as our students settle into their routines and embrace the new school year. I want to take a moment to celebrate the strong start we've had and share some highlights from last week.



We had an amazing time with our **Tournament of Champions** event! Both staff and students came together in friendly competition, showcasing teamwork, leadership, and school spirit. From the pie-eating contest to tug-of-war, it was incredible to see everyone fully engaged, cheering on their peers, and strengthening the bonds within our Vertus family. These types of activities are about more than just having fun—they help foster relationships and a sense of community that will last well beyond this school year. Watching staff and students build connections and support one another reminds us all of the importance of the relationships we cultivate here at Vertus.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue this momentum into October and beyond. The energy from last week's event has left us inspired, and we're committed to making sure every day provides our scholars with opportunities to grow, both academically and personally. Whether it's through engaging lessons, extracurricular activities, or events like the Tournament of Champions, we're focused on helping your sons build the skills and character that will serve them throughout their lives.

In addition, we're looking forward to hosting our **Lunch and Learn** event on **October 9th at 1:30 PM** here at Vertus. This is a great opportunity for you to connect with school leaders, learn more about our programs, and gain insights into the systems and procedures that guide your son's education. We'd love to see you there, so please **RSVP** if you plan on attending.

As we move forward into the new month, please know how much we appreciate your ongoing support. Your involvement and encouragement play an essential role in your son's success, and together, we are building something truly special at Vertus. We're looking forward to another productive, joyful month ahead.

Thank you for entrusting us with your son's education and for being a part of the Vertus community!



Tug-a-war



Pie Eating Contest



Students Voted for a Staff to get a Pie to the Face!

Upcoming Events:

LAST CHANCE TO RSVP! Learn more about Vertus and our unique approach to education! This Wednesday! **Must RSVP by 10/7 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)

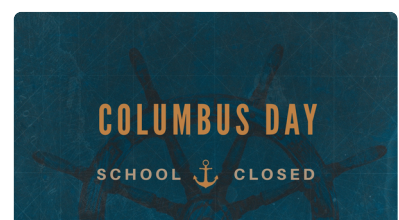
I will NOT be attending

Voting ends in 2 days

Votes are anonymous and results are private

Columbus Day- Monday 10/14

This is a reminder that there will be **no school on Monday, October 14th** in observance of **Columbus Day**. Classes will resume as normal on Tuesday, October 15th.



Athletic Weekly Schedule

XC= Cross Country



MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11	SATURDAY 12
	XC MEET 5:15PM	XC PRACTICE 3:00PM	XC PRACTICE 3:00PM	XC PRACTICE 3:00PM	
FOOTBALL JV GAME 5:00PM	FOOTBALL PRACTICE 2:30PM	FOOTBALL PRACTICE 2:30PM	FOOTBALL PRACTICE 2:30PM	FOOTBALL PRACTICE 2:30PM	FOOTBALL V GAME 1:00PM
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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.

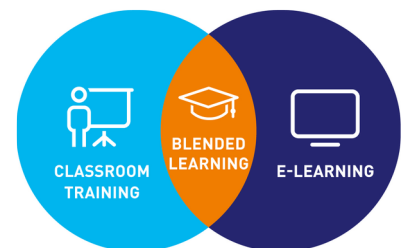
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.



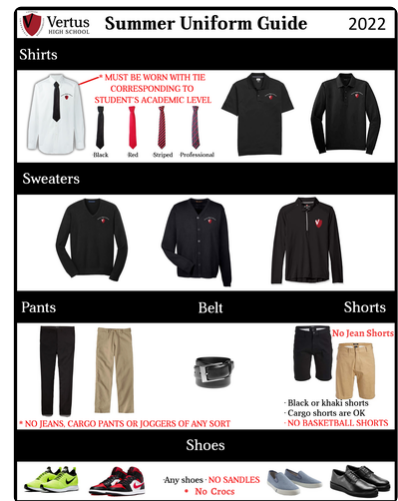
- **Skill Development:** In addition to learning course content, students develop valuable skills such as time management, self-discipline, and independent learning—all critical for success in college and future careers.
- **Preparation for Regents Exams:** The combination of teacher-led instruction 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

Athletics

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

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