



WEEKLY UPDATE

11/17/24

Grateful!

As we approach Thanksgiving break, I want to take a moment to reflect on this season of gratitude. This time of year reminds us of the importance of gathering with loved ones, cherishing each other's presence, and extending kindness to those around us. At Vertus, we are grateful for each student, each family, and every opportunity to support your child's journey toward success.



This week, we are especially thrilled to invite you to **Family Night on Wednesday, November 20th, from 4-6 PM**. This evening is dedicated to keeping you informed about your child's academic progress and helping you stay connected with their learning experience. We depend on you to partner with us in their growth and success, and Family Night offers a wonderful chance for meaningful conversations and updates.

Also, please remember that **Friday is the last day before Thanksgiving break**, and it is essential for every student to be in attendance. We have important activities planned that are critical to your child's academic standing, and we want to ensure they don't miss out on these final, valuable moments before the holiday.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and commitment. Together, we are building a strong foundation for your child's future, and we couldn't do it without you. May your Thanksgiving be filled with love, gratitude, and cherished memories.

Warm regards,



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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! 

21 Humboldt St Rochester, NY 14609

Family Night Raffle!

Family night is this Wednesday!!!! And 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 prizes.

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:



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!

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.

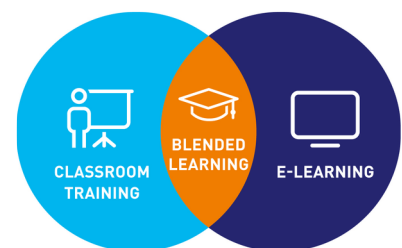
Picking Students Up Early

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.

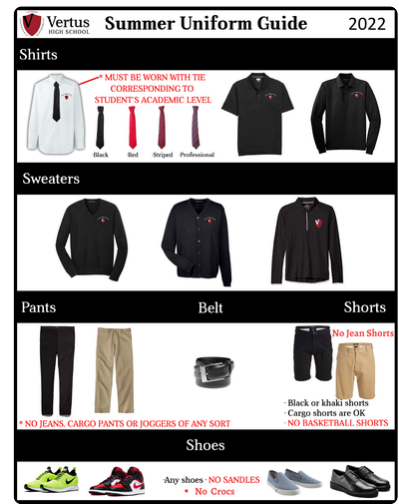
Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure your son's academic success.

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.

2024-25 Calendar

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

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

Athletics

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

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