



WEEKLY

# UPdate

11/24/24



## Grateful!

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to wish you all a restful and joyful break. This week, students are off from school, but please don't hesitate to reach out if your child needs any support during this time. Most of our staff members are available via email, and we are here to assist in any way we can.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who joined us for Family Night last week! It was such a pleasure to collaborate with you all to ensure the success of our students. Your involvement truly makes a difference in the school community, and we are grateful for your continued partnership. Shout out to the winners of the raffle! We hope to have even bigger prizes at the next family night!



As we reflect on what we are thankful for, I encourage you to take this time to relax, enjoy your family, and be grateful for the many blessings in our lives. **Please take care to be safe during this break**—whether you're traveling or enjoying time at home, make sure to prioritize safety for yourself and your loved ones. Spend time together, reconnect, and create meaningful memories with your family. This is a wonderful opportunity to show gratitude for each other and cherish the moments you have.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving break!



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## 📣 Shout-Out to Our Perfect Attendance Warriors! 🏆

We want to recognize all the students who achieved **perfect attendance** this marking period—your commitment to showing up every day makes a big difference! 📅

A special congratulations to **Kendale White Jr.**, the winner of our Perfect Attendance Raffle for this marking period! 🏆

Thank you, parents, for your continued support in helping our students succeed. Let's keep up the great momentum! 📈



## Get Your Teen on the Road to Safe Driving!

Enroll your teen in the AAA 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course and help them drive safely and confidently.

### Course Details:

- **Date & Time:** December 6th, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Vertus High School
- **Cost:** Free of charge

Completion of this course provides students with the MV-278 certificate, a mandatory requirement for scheduling the State Road Test.

### Important Requirements:

- Students must have a valid learner's permit to participate.
- Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from

the course.

**Spaces are limited, so sign up today!**

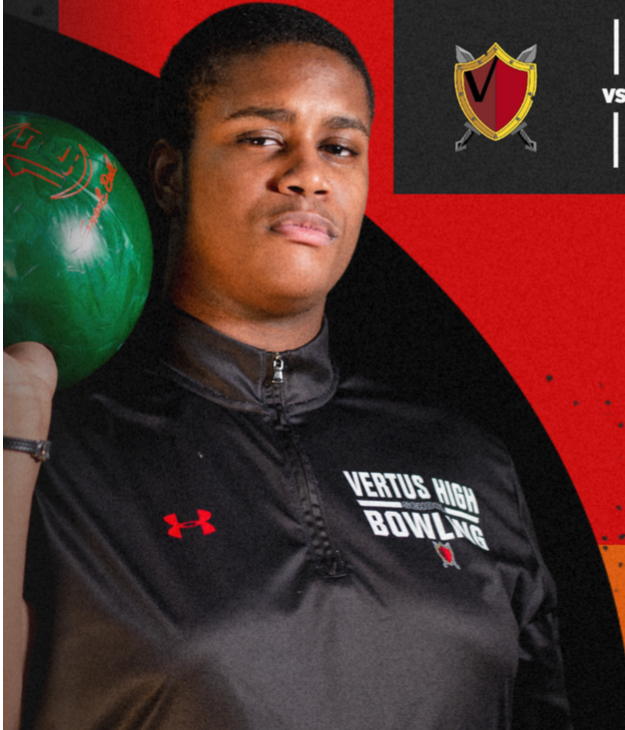
To register your student, please contact Mr. Norris Woods at [nwoods@vertusschool.org](mailto:nwoods@vertusschool.org).

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## Upcoming Events:

VERTUS WARRIORS BOWLING

# MATCHDAY



VS



NOV  
**25**  
4 PM

BOWLERO  
WEBSTER, NY



# ***EDDIE MEATH ALL STAR GAME***

**TUESDAY, NOV 26 | 6PM  
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER**

***DYMAJAZ BROWN***

***BRIAN HOLLOWAY***





VERTUS WARRIORS

**NOV 24-30**

**SCHEDULE**

**BOWLING MATCH**

4:00PM | VS ROCHESTER PREP |  
BOWLERO 2400 EMPIRE BLVD

**TRACK PRACTICE**

3:00PM - 5:00PM |  
TOTAL SPORTS EXPERIENCE

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Winter  
**CELEBRATION!**

**DECEMBER 20TH  
6:00 PM**

Featuring:

Vertus  
HIGH SCHOOL

Voices of *Valor*



Pics with  
Santa and  
the  
Grinch!





# SEASON SCHEDULE

<b>DEC 03</b>		<b>ROCHESTER PREP</b> ROCHESTER PREP HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM	<b>JAN 24</b>		<b>HONEOYE FALLS-LIMA</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM
<b>DEC 05</b>		<b>BISHOP KEARNEY</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM	<b>JAN 25</b>		<b>SCHOOL OF THE ARTS</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 1:30 PM
<b>DEC 10</b>		<b>CHARLES FINNEY</b> CHARLES FINNEY HIGH SCHOOL 7:30 PM	<b>JAN 28</b>		<b>EDISON TECHNICAL</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM
<b>DEC 12</b>		<b>ROCHESTER ACADEMY</b> ROCHESTER ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL 7:00 PM	<b>JAN 31</b>		<b>GREECE ODYSSEY</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM
<b>DEC 13</b>		<b>HONEOYE FALLS-LIMA</b> HFL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 7:00 PM	<b>FEB 04</b>		<b>BISHOP KEARNEY</b> BISHOP KEARNEY HIGH SCHOOL 6:30 PM
<b>DEC 17</b>		<b>EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS CHARTER</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM	<b>FEB 07</b>		<b>EDISON TECHNICAL</b> EDISON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM
<b>JAN 07</b>		<b>GREECE ODYSSEY</b> GREECE ODYSSEY ACADEMY 6:45 PM	<b>FEB 11</b>		<b>ROCHESTER PREP</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM
<b>JAN 09</b>		<b>EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS CHARTER</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM	<b>FEB 14</b>		<b>SCHOOL OF THE ARTS</b> SCHOOL NO. 33 6:30 PM
<b>JAN 14</b>		<b>ROCHESTER ACADEMY</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM	<b>FEB 18</b>		<b>CHARLES FINNEY</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 PM
<b>JAN 16</b>		<b>WILSON MAGNET</b> VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL 6:30 PM	<b>FEB 20</b>		<b>WILSON MAGNET</b> WILSON MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL 12:45 PM

## 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

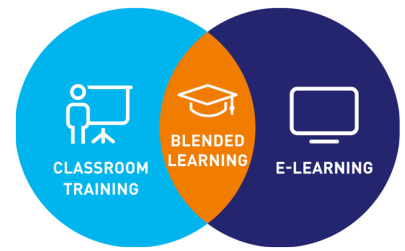
Please be reminded that if you need to pick up your son early from school, it must be done before **2:40 PM**. After this time, we will not be able to dismiss students early. We apologize for any

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:

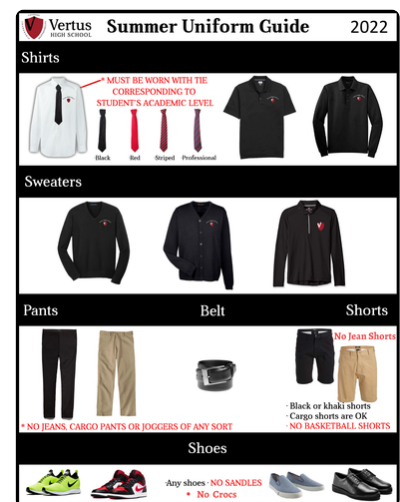
- **Personalized Learning:** Students can work at their own pace during online lab time, allowing them to revisit concepts they find challenging and progress more quickly through material they grasp easily.
- **Skill Development:** In addition to learning course content, students develop valuable skills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

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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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