



WEEKLY

Update

12/22/24



## Excuses stop hear growth starts now

As we wrap up another incredible week at Vertus High School, we want to share with you the theme that has guided our conversations with your sons: **“Excuses Stop Here; Growth Starts Now.”** This message has been more than just words—it’s been a call to action. We’ve encouraged your sons to take responsibility for their success, to face challenges head-on, and to see every day as an opportunity for growth.

As we approach the holiday season, this theme becomes even more important. This time of year is filled with celebrations, family, and reflection, but it’s also a time to make decisions about who we want to be and how we want to grow. We’ve encouraged our students to carry this mindset into the new year, committing to their academics, their goals, and their personal development.

We are grateful for your partnership in supporting your sons’ growth. Together, we’re building strong, capable, and resilient young men who will go on to do great things.

From all of us at Vertus High School, we wish you and your family a safe, joyful holiday season and a happy new year. We look forward to continuing this journey with you in 2025!



## No School

There is no school for students from **12/23- 1/3**. We will return to school on **January 6, 2025**. Hope to see all of our warriors on the 1st day back to kick start the new year together.



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## Thank you!!

Our Winter Celebration was nothing short of magical! A huge shoutout to the Voices of Valor for their outstanding performance – your talent truly lit up the night!



To everyone who braved the messy weather to join us, thank you for making the evening so special. Your support and energy made it a night to remember!

Here's to celebrating the season with joy, community, and unforgettable moments.



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## Upcoming Events:



VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENT

# Coffee & Conversation

Jan. 7th

8:30- 10:00 AM

@ Vertus High School



## Athletic Schedule

24-25 | Vertus High School Varsity Basketball



# SEASON SCHEDULE

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

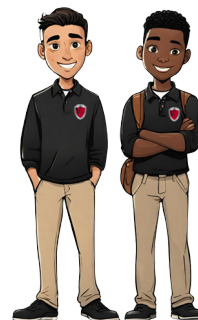
## Reminders:

Student Uniform

We are reaching out to remind everyone of the importance of adhering to our school uniform and appearance policy. Maintaining proper attire is essential for creating a focused and respectful learning environment.

Please take note of the following expectations:

1. **No Hoodies:** Students are not allowed to wear hoodies during the school day.
2. **Proper Shirt Wear:** Students must wear their shirts correctly. Arms cannot be inside their shirts at any time.
3. **No Sagging Pants:** Students must wear their pants at the waist. Sagging is not permitted. Students will be expected to wear a belt and pull their pants up. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.



We ask for your support in reinforcing these rules at home. Please remind your son to come to school each day prepared to follow the uniform and appearance policy and maintain a professional demeanor.

Thank you for your partnership in helping us uphold high standards for all our students. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us.

### **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.

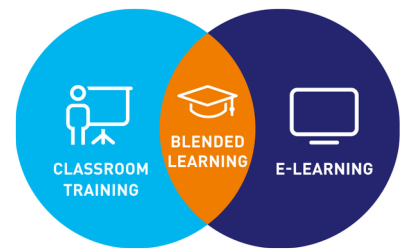
### **Picking Students Up Early**

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:

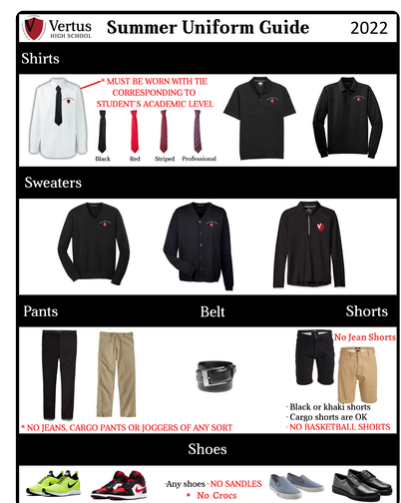
- **Personalized Learning:** Students can work at their own pace during online lab time, allowing them to revisit concepts they find challenging and progress more quickly through material they grasp easily.
- **Skill Development:** In addition to learning course content, students develop valuable skills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

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## Athletics

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

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