



Back in the Routine

I hope everyone has settled back into the routine after our two-week break. We're thrilled to have the energy and excitement of our students back in the building as we kick off the next semester!

As we gear up for the **NYS Regents exams**, we are officially in countdown mode. These exams are a critical milestone for our students, and their preparation matters. While we are working hard in school to ensure they're ready, it's equally important for students to dedicate time outside of school to study.

The goal isn't just to pass these exams but to aim for **high scores** that open doors to future opportunities, whether it's college, career, or other aspirations. Let's encourage our young scholars to give it their all and set themselves up for long-term success!

Tips for Getting Your Son Back Into the Routine of School:

- 1. **Set a Regular Sleep Schedule** Ensure your student is getting enough rest each night to stay focused during the day.
- 2. **Organize Materials** Help them check their supplies, organize their backpack, and prepare for each school day.
- 3. **Plan Study Time** Establish a routine for studying at home, breaking it into manageable chunks to avoid cramming.
- 4. **Encourage Communication** Remind students to reach out to teachers or preceptors if they need help.
- 5. Celebrate Small Wins Acknowledge their efforts and achievements to keep them motivated.

We're excited to make this next semester even better, filled with growth, achievement, and support for our students. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping them thrive!

Upcoming Events:

We are hosting a **Senior Study Night** to help our senior students prepare for the upcoming Regents exams. This evening is dedicated to providing extra review sessions with teachers and additional study time for seniors who are working hard to succeed.

This is a critical opportunity for some of our seniors, as passing these exams is essential for graduation. We want to give them every chance to succeed, and your encouragement can make a big difference!

Bonus: Students who attend will enjoy snacks and dinner on us!

Important: Students must sign up with their preceptor to attend, so please remind your senior to register as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our seniors achieve their goals. We're all in this together!



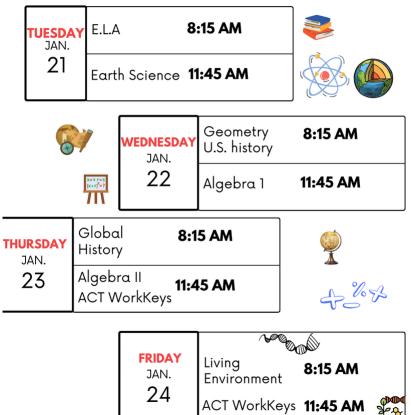
January Regents Exam Schedule

- January 21- 24th
- Students will only report if they are taking an exam or studying for an upcoming exam.
- Busses will run as normal





JAN. REGENTS SCHEDULE



STUDENTS WILL ONLY REPORT IF THEY ARE TAKING AN EXAM OR STUDYING

More Resources to help students study for regents exams

Free!



2025 Induction Ceremony

We are thrilled to invite you to a special celebration honoring our 1st-year students who have demonstrated courage, leadership, and responsibility. These outstanding young men have earned their red blazers, and we cannot wait to celebrate this milestone with you!

Event Details:

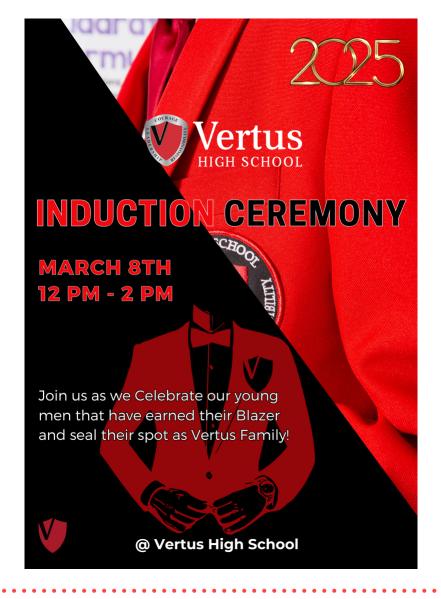
■ Date: Friday, March 8th

① **Time:** 12:00 PM

Location: Vertus High School

This Induction Ceremony is a momentous occasion that recognizes the hard work and dedication of our students. Their commitment to personal growth and excellence has brought them to this proud achievement, and we are excited to share this moment with their families and loved ones.

We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate their success and welcome them into the next chapter of their journey!



Athletic Schedule





SEASON SCHEDULE



JAN 24 6:00 PM	8	VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL
JAN 25 1:30 PM	School	SCHOOL OF THE ARTS VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL
JAN 28 6:00 PM	T	EDISON TECHNICAL VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL
JAN 31 6:00 PM		GREECE ODYSSEY VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL
FEB 04 6:30 PM	(1)	BISHOP KEARNEY BISHOP KEARNEY HIGH SCHOOL
FEB 07 6:00 PM	F	EDISON TECHNICAL EDISON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
FEB 11 6:00 PM		ROCHESTER PREP VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL
FEB 14 6:30 PM	School Arts	SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SCHOOL NO. 33
FEB 18 6:00 PM	Avoid	CHARLES FINNEY VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL
FEB 20 12:45 PM	1	WILSON MAGNET 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.

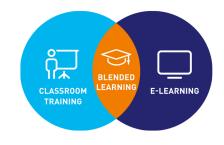
Picking Students Up Early

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.

2024-25 Calendar

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Athletics

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