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For the Parents, Students and Community of Venice High School

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

This is our final edition of the Pathfinder for the 2023-2024 school year. Our teachers are beginning to review for final exams and end-of-course state tests. We offer in-school support as well as after-school tutoring to help students prepare for these high-stakes tests.

As the year closes, attendance is crucial during this time as our students work hard to complete coursework. Please visit your parent portal for up-to-date information regarding your student's grades and attendance. For more information on how to use the parental portal, please visit <https://parentportal.sarasotacountyschools.net/>. Did you know you can set alerts to get emails when your student is absent, tardy, or missed an assignment? You can also get a weekly progress report emailed directly to your phone.

Our students are already scheduling and planning for next year. For your convenience, a detailed program of study can be found on our school website. This is a great tool for creating a four-year academic plan. Start the

conversation now with your student regarding classes for next year.

Our spring student-athletes are providing some exciting sporting events, come out and join us. The weather is great, and the excitement is high. I have enjoyed watching so many games and teams compete. To see a complete listing of our upcoming sporting events, check out <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/3026>.

Our performing arts program is continually growing and showcasing amazing students. Please check out our Spring Concert on April 30th, May 8th and 9th at 7 pm. Our Chorus concert is May 7th at 7 pm. Finally, our Orchestra concert is on May 10th at 6 pm.

I am so proud of our staff and community as we finish the year strong and hope to receive an A rating once again. We have amazing students and teachers. I appreciate our community support and parental involvement.

Best Regards,

Zoltan Kerestely
Principal



Venice High School Resources

Student and Family Handbook
Code of
Student Conduct

www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2548

Equity Handbooks for Employees/Applicants & Students
Located on the district website under
Human Resources / Equity

www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2613



GUIDANCE CORNER

Guidance News

Just a friendly reminder counselors follow the same calendar as teachers, so we will not be on campus over the summer. We look forward to working with all our students and families when we return in August.

Please remember if you are lacking credits needed for graduation, you can sign up to take courses over the summer on www.flvs.net.

Please remember to become familiar with the Bright Futures Requirements. The Bright Futures GPA is different from the Venice High GPA. Also, if you are pursuing the Gold Seal Scholarship you must have 3 consecutive classes within a certain CTE Pathway. For an explanation of this please see Mrs. Joyner in Rotary Futures or your guidance counselor. Search the Bright Futures Scholarship website to stay on top of the latest requirements for this state scholarship (www.MyFloridaEducation.com/brfuture).

****Some courses do not meet Bright Futures requirements. Make sure courses you select will qualify for Bright Futures. Please note that Liberal Arts Math does not meet the requirements for Bright Futures. Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B counts as one math credit for universities and Bright Futures.**

****To our athletes** NCAA has certain requirements for courses, gpa and test scores. NCAA will not accept APEX classes and certain academic classes. Please see your coach and/or counselor to make sure you have selected your academic classes correctly.**

We encourage all students to READ, READ, READ over the summer. The English Department will provide a summer reading list. Please do all you can to use your summer as an academic enrichment time.

Summer is a wonderful time to make college visits. Create a list of post-secondary possibilities and explore them over the summer. Talk with your counselor and/or Mrs. Joyner in the Rotary Futures office about various options that will meet your needs.

Volunteer in the community!! Get involved with a local event over the summer. This is a great way to enhance your resume, experience something new and to meet new people.

Use the summer as a preparation time for ACT/SAT tests. Congratulations, to the senior class of 2024. We are so proud of all of you.

The Guidance Department would like to wish everyone a relaxing summer. We look forward to working with you next year.

Eagle Scout Project Provides New Space for Staff



On behalf of the entire VHS family, a big thank you to Eagle Scout candidate Jason Sherrier for the new space he has created for staff. This project came to light at Principal Kerestely's "Think Tank Thursdays," where he hosts staff to propose ways to improve VHS. Earlier in the year, teachers requested an outside area where staff could enjoy their lunch. Simultaneously, Boy Scout Jason Sherrier was requesting ideas for his Eagle Scout project on the Venice High School campus.

Thanks to Jason, this new area provides two picnic benches for staff breaks or lunch. All involved were very impressed with Jason's timeliness, professionalism, and quality of work. Ms. Stoddart stated, "I love this new space! I can't believe Jason made these picnic tables from scratch. Mrs.

Quinn and I have had our lunches there on several occasions and were able to enjoy this perfect weather. Thank you, Jason!"



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Athletics News

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE IS MANDATORY TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL VHS SPORTS.

*Get your physical completed and forms notarized in the same night.



***May 22nd, 2024, in the VHS Gymnasium**

5:30 pm - Athletes with the last name beginning with **A to F**

6:00 pm - Athletes with the last name beginning with **G to L**

6:30 pm - Athletes with the last name beginning with **M to R**

7:00 pm - Athletes with the last name beginning with **S to Z**

*Please only come at your designated time or you will be asked to wait for the appropriate time.

Choir

Are you zoned for Venice High School, going into 8th-12th grade and interested in choir? We have a great opportunity for you! On August 2nd and 3rd from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm VHS Chorus will be hosting our annual summer choir camp in the VPAC at Venice High School.

It will include games, food and music and the best part is it's all free! Whether you will be taking choir in the fall, or are just interested in the program and want to make some new friends and enjoy some music, we would love to see you there! Visit <http://www.vhschorus.org/> to RSVP! Follow us @vhs_chorus on Instagram or email brittany.smith@sarasotacountyschools.net for more information. See you this summer!



Venice Enterprise Program

Shine Bright with **Tommy's Car Wash!**

Now through March 1, 2025, stop by Tommy's Car Wash, at 1758 S. Tamiami Trail and purchase a Works wash and mention Venice Enterprise Program. 50% of your sale will be donated back to The Enterprise Program, our Structured work program, supporting exceptional education students as they transition from school to the work force.



This year, over five thousand students from all five FBLA Regions of Florida traveled to Orlando (March 15-18) for the annual State Conference. Seventy-two Venice High students attended this conference and competed in various business-related events.

- Special congratulations to *President Jack Bertram* for receiving the highest award for FBLA BUSINESS THROUGH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP.
- Jack also accepted an award for our continued support for the March of Dimes.
- Ananya Kakayadi was recognized on stage for serving as our District President for this school year. Congratulations Ananya!

Congratulations to our volleyball players who took home the championship trophy



Special thanks to Anne Klemme, Jenn and Aaron Ayers, Kimberly Forsch, KC Jones, Karen Hamblin, and Glen Mora for chaperoning!

Way to go Venice FBLA!



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(closed on Mondays)

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT CELEBRATION

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Senior Scholarship Night will take place in the VPAC on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00pm. Students will receive an invitation to attend. How do students end up on the invite list? By reporting their scholarship information to Rotary Futures!

REPORTING SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

We need to collect your child's scholarship information! To be included in Senior Awards Night, you must email your scholarship information to Rotary Futures by Friday, May 3rd: send email to rotaryfutures@gmail.com.

In the email include the following: 1) Senior's name, 2) Scholarship name, 3) Scholarship amount, 4) Whether the scholarship is renewable (for example \$1000 per year for four years, so \$4000 total.)

Please report ALL scholarships including College scholarships and private, local, state and national scholarships. Due to time constraints, only college scholarships you will be accepting will be included in Senior Awards Night. (Also, Bright Futures scholarships will not be recognized at Senior Awards Night because final determination is not made until July.)

STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

Seniors— Do NOT delay in applying to State College of Florida (SCF). Applications are currently being accepted. Students must pay a \$20 enrollment deposit, which will be credited to their first semester. Also, SCF scholarships are dependent on your admission and completion of the FAFSA. Apply today at www.SCF.edu or reach out to our SCF representative, Jessica Ganzenmuller with any questions: email to ganzenj@scf.edu.

SENIORS MISSED OUT ON \$2 MILLION IN FEDERAL AID!

www.FAFSA.GOV

Last year, over \$2 million was unclaimed by eligible students in Sarasota County who did not complete the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The information gathered on the FAFSA provides the federal and state government, as well as most postsecondary institutions, with the financial information needed to determine the amount of financial aid that a student is eligible to receive, i.e. Pell Grants, Federal Direct Student Loans, etc. It is very important to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.

FAFSA IS EASIER! The FAFSA uses “prior prior year” income tax returns, so you will use your 2022 return (which was submitted last year)! You may also be able to link the FAFSA to the IRS and transfer your information with the easy IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

It's not too late to file! File online NOW at www.FAFSA.GOV Step by step instructions are on the VHS Website > Resources > Venice High Downloads > FAFSA Steps.

BEWARE—Only use the FAFSA.GOV website! Do NOT use FAFSA.com, FAFSA.net, etc.! These are NOT the federal government's websites!!! They will collect your personal information and then charge you a \$70 - \$80 fee for the “free” application.

For help with the FAFSA, VHS seniors can visit Rotary Futures on Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30am until 3:00pm or make an appointment with Mrs. Tippman in room 4-241. Rotary Futures College Resource Center is located across from the front office in the VHS Administration Building.

SENIORS - Class of 2024

FLORIDA AID and BRIGHT FUTURES INFORMATION

ANY SENIOR who wants to be considered for State of Florida scholarships or grants (including Bright Futures) MUST complete an on-line application prior to graduation called the “Florida Financial Aid Application” (the FFAA.) The application is ONLY FOR SENIORS.

To complete the application, visit the Rotary Futures for assistance or go to the Bright Futures website: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/

Under “First Time Applicants,” click on “Create Student Account.” This is only the first step! Once the account is created, the next screen will have a link at the top of the page for the student to COMPLETE the Florida Financial Aid Application. NOTE—students will receive TWO emails during this application process. One email arrives immediately after the student makes their Student Account and includes the student's user ID and initial password. The second email arrives after the application is submitted (within 1 – 3 days.) Save these email as they contain instructions on checking your status. The entire process will only take 5-10 minutes to complete.

Check the Bright Futures website for the most current information regarding the scholarship program. www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Rotary Futures College Resource Center can help you check your Bright Futures status. Also, feel free to email and we can send you your current Bright Futures report.

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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Requirements (see website for up to date info.):

- Minimum Core Academic GPA:
 - Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) = 3.5+
 - Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS) = 3.0+
 - Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) = 3.0+
 - AND 3.5 GPA in a CTE Pathway
- Minimum Test Scores:
 - FAS requires a minimum superscore 1340 SAT RW+Math only OR a 29 ACT composite score or a 96 on the CLT (Classic Learning Test)
 - FMS requires a minimum superscore 1210 SAT RW+Math only OR a 25 ACT composite score or an 84 on the CLT (Classic Learning Test)
 - For GSV
 - SAT = 24 Reading, 25 Writing/Language, 24 Math
 - ACT = 17 English, 19 Reading, 19 Math OR
 - PERT = 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math
- Community Service Hours / Employment Hours:
 - FAS = 100 service hours (or 100 logged employment hours); FMS = 75 service hours (or 100 logged employment hours); GSV=30 service hours (or 100 logged employment hours)

SENIORS— IMPROVE TEST SCORES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES!

JUNIORS—TAKE YOUR SAT and ACT NOW!

Seniors—You may test through July of 2024 to qualify for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program. Remember to always send your test scores to a state university so Bright Futures will have access to your score. You have 4 free score reports to send when you register for the test.

Juniors—Do not wait to take your first test until your senior year. Take your SAT and ACT before the end of your junior year. We suggest you take both the SAT and ACT to determine if you score better on one test than the other. Colleges will accept either test, and they will use the best score—no matter which test. Colleges will not even begin to review your application for admission until they have received your test scores and other required materials.

SAT AND ACT TEST DATES

REGISTER ONLINE

SAT: collegeboard.org
\$60.00

ACT: actstudent.org
\$68.00

CLT: cltexam.com/tests/clt/
\$59.00

Optional Essay/Writing tests are NOT required by Florida colleges and universities, but they may be required by out-of-state colleges/universities. Check specific colleges for requirements. The following are the remaining test dates and registration deadlines (without late fees) for the SAT and ACT:

SAT	May 4, 2024	Deadline – April 19th
SAT	June 1, 2024	Deadline – May 16th
ACT	June 8, 2024	Deadline – May 3rd
ACT	July 13, 2024	Deadline – June 7th
CLT	May 11, 2024	Deadline—April 30th

Test scores will be posted to your online account about 2-3 weeks after the test dates.

Waivers for test fees are available for students who receive free or reduced lunch. To obtain waivers, contact the Rotary Futures College Resource Center.

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Interact Club

As the school year reaches its end, the Interact Club has once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to community service and leadership. So far in the 4th quarter, the dedicated members of Interact have participated in a series of initiatives, one of which being our Annual Follies Talent Show that displayed the talents of some of our own club members along with other talented VHS students. All the funding raised through Follies goes toward the nonprofit Sharing Smiles to help children in third world countries to get cleft pallet surgeries. Some funding also goes towards our in-house senior scholarships, which are becoming more important now than ever as our seniors of the club are preparing for graduation, including our current president Bailey Barnes, who demonstrated excellent leadership and inspiration to all members this past year.

Another impactful initiative was the Interact club's participation in Relay For Life, where we demonstrated support for those affected by cancer and their loved ones. Interact raised an adequate amount of funds to support Relay and improve the lives of families with cancer and raise funding for research towards a cure. Our club raised over \$3000 dollars this year!

Lastly, to close the year, Interact has opened new beginnings with our newly appointed board members for next year. Our new officers are Tara Merritt as President, Miranda Miller as Vice President, Maika Kwek as Secretary, Isabel Abarintos as Treasurer, and Macyn Rawlinson as Parliamentarian. We commemorate the hard work of the newly elected officers of Interact and strive to continue to follow Interacts mission of service above self as we embark on the next 2024-2025 school year.

Keep an eye out for our new member application period beginning in Fall 2024 where we will be accepting incoming freshman, sophomores and juniors! All questions and inquiries can be sent to Mrs. Cyndi Ray (Cynthia.ray2@sarasotacountyschools.net)

Best,
Venice High Interact Club

SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS
2023-2024 DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR
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JULY 2023					AUGUST 2023					SEPTEMBER 2023				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5
10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17	18	6	7	8	9	10
17	18	19	20	21	21	22	23	24	25	11	12	13	14	15
24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30	31		18	19	20	21	22
31										25	26	27	28	29

3rd - 7th - 240 Staff Non-Work Days
18th - 220 Staff Return

3rd - 195 Staff Return
10th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

4th - Labor Day - Students, All Staff

*Orange highlighted days will be used as inclement weather makeup days if needed

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Attention SENIORS!

There are less than 20 days until graduation!! All Media fines need to be paid to get your cap and gown. Please return all books ASAP!! If you can't find them, you can pay your fine on the school store by scanning the QR code below. Thank you!



FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

FortifyFL is accessible by every student and staff member through MySCS. Students also have information regarding FortifyFL on the back of their school ID badge.

FortifyFL is not social media, email or a toy. False or inappropriate use of this tool can lead to school and or legal consequences.

Graduation Information

WHEN CAN I PICK UP MY CAP/GOWN PACKAGE?

Cap/gown packages will be distributed May 3rd at 8am (A-L) and 9am (M-Z) at the MANDATORY meeting. You must submit completed "Ticket Out" and be on track for Graduation to pick up your cap/gown.

WHAT IS THE "TICKET OUT"?

"Ticket Out" will be available starting April 29th in the office suites. Fines must be paid to have the ticket signed. You will also indicate your plans after high school on the ticket. If you need a transcript sent, you will indicate where you need it sent.

WHAT DAY IS GRADUATION?

Friday, May 17th at 8pm on the Powell-Davis Football Stadium.

WHEN IS GRADUATION REHEARSAL?

Mandatory rehearsal is on Thursday, May 16th at 4pm. **Check in starts at 3:30pm.** Check in at the outside entrance to the new gym, by the football stadium.
No rehearsal = no graduation

WHAT TIME DO THE GATES TO THE STADIUM OPEN FOR THE GRADUATION?

Gates will open at 7pm.

HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN WE BRING TO GRADUATION? DO WE NEED TICKETS?

This is NOT a ticketed event. All are welcome.

WHAT IF IT RAINS?

We make every effort to hold the ceremony on the scheduled date. The rain date is May 18th at 8pm

CAN WE BRING A COOLER, BEACH BALL, AIR HORN, OR OTHER NOISE MAKER?

NO! Concession stand will be open selling drinks and light snacks. Air horns and noise makers are not permitted and use could delay the ceremony.

HOW ARE THE GRADUATES ORGANIZED?

SGA speakers and graduation speaker
Girls are in alphabetical order on the home side. Boys are in alphabetical order on the visitor side.

IS HANDICAP SEATING AND PARKING AVAILABLE?

Yes. First come, first serve.

WILL IT BE LIVE STREAMED?

Yes. Link will be posted on school website the week of Graduation

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE FOR GRADUATING SENIORS?

Dress code is business. No jeans. Sneakers are allowed. High heeled shoes are NOT recommended for Graduation

DO I GET MY DIPLOMA THE NIGHT OF GRADUATION?

No. Diplomas are tentatively scheduled to be distributed the week of July 17th.

WHAT IS THE GRAD WALK AND WHEN IS IT?

Seniors wear their caps and gowns to parade through one of the following elementary schools, Garden, Taylor Ranch, or Venice Elementary the May 17th at 9am. Event takes approximately 25 minutes. Elementary students line the hallways sharing their support and congratulations.



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VHS BELL SCHEDULE 2023-2024 Mon-Thurs

1st Lunch Schedule				2nd Lunch Schedule				3rd Lunch Schedule			
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes
<i>Moment of Silence 7:30-7:31am</i>											
1	7:31 AM	8:21 AM	0:50	1	7:31 AM	8:21 AM	0:50	1	7:31 AM	8:21 AM	0:50
2	8:26 AM	9:15 AM	0:49	2	8:26 AM	9:15 AM	0:49	2	8:26 AM	9:15 AM	0:49
3	9:20 AM	10:09 AM	0:49	3	9:20 AM	10:09 AM	0:49	3	9:20 AM	10:09 AM	0:49
4th lunch	10:09 AM	10:39 AM	0:30	4	10:14 AM	11:03 AM	0:49	4	10:14 AM	11:03 AM	0:49
5	10:44 AM	11:33 AM	0:49	5th lunch	11:03 AM	11:33 AM	0:30	5	11:08 AM	11:57 AM	0:49
6	11:38 AM	12:27 PM	0:49	6	11:38 AM	12:27 PM	0:49	6th lunch	11:57 AM	12:27 PM	0:30
7	12:32 PM	1:21 PM	0:49	7	12:32 PM	1:21 PM	0:49	7	12:32 PM	1:21 PM	0:49
8	1:26 PM	2:15 PM	0:49	8	1:26 PM	2:15 PM	0:49	8	1:26 PM	2:15 PM	0:49

Friday's Announcement VHS BELL SCHEDULE 2023-2024

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3	9:28 AM	10:16 AM	0:48	3	9:28 AM	10:16 AM	0:48	3	9:28 AM	10:16 AM	0:48
4th lunch	10:16 AM	10:46 AM	0:30	4	10:21 AM	11:08 AM	0:47	4	10:21 AM	11:08 AM	0:47
5	10:51 AM	11:38 AM	0:47	5th lunch	11:08 AM	11:38 AM	0:30	5	11:13 AM	12:01 PM	0:48
6	11:43 AM	12:31 PM	0:48	6	11:43 AM	12:31 PM	0:48	6th lunch	12:01 PM	12:31 PM	0:30
7	12:36 PM	1:23 PM	0:47	7	12:36 PM	1:23 PM	0:47	7	12:36 PM	1:23 PM	0:47
8	1:28 PM	2:15 PM	0:47	8	1:28 PM	2:15 PM	0:47	8	1:28 PM	2:15 PM	0:47



Dress Code Guide

2023-24

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Minimum standard of dress code is expected. The principal's decision or principal designees on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Please check with your school for all additional dress code guidelines.

SKIRTS, DRESSES & SHORTS



Must be worn above the hips
are allowed below mid-thigh



No excessively short skirts, shorts, or dresses that at anytime expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner

SHIRTS & TOPS



Straps must be minimum of 1 inch

No low-cut tops

No see-through clothing

Gap below armpit must not be larger than 3 inches



Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally

JEANS, PANTS, LEGGINGS & EXPOSED UNDERGARMENTS



No exposed undergarments
No pajamas or slippers



Rips are allowed below mid-thigh

Students are not to wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990 or as outlined or provided by Chapter 874, Florida Statutes. Students are also not to wear items that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination.

The Sarasota County School District has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with School Board Policy 5.37.

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Schools are encouraged to obtain input from school stakeholders, including School Advisory Councils, parents, staff, and students as they establish a school dress code policy.

The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school's dress code policy is an infraction under this code.

Students have a RIGHT to:

- Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school setting, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Learn without a disruption to the school or classroom environment.

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to: Comply

- with the school dress code.
- Wear their current/valid student ID (visible at all times).
- Be respectful of their peers at all times regardless of what they are wearing.
- Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.
- Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:
 - At all times, no:
 - exposed undergarments
 - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants worn below the hips
 - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with rips above the mid-thigh
 - excessively short skirts, shorts, or dresses that at any time expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
 - pajamas or slippers
 - excessively low-cut tops
 - see-through clothing (includes mesh material mid-thigh and above) clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature
 - Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally
 - Sleeveless shirts must have straps with a minimum width of one inch (about two fingers) and the gap below the armpit cannot be excessive of three inches (about four fingers)
 - Not wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
 - Not wear items which encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination on account of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, veteran or military status, marital status, pregnancy, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law or School Board policy.



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Venice High School Medical Academy



We would like to thank our health care community for the incredible support they have shown our program during this school year.

This year Sarasota Memorial Hospital has provided many real-world experiences for our classes. Our freshman learned about careers in the operating room, volunteering experiences and Hands Only CPR. Our 10th grade students had anatomy and physiology case studies presented to go along with their unit of study so that they could see the clinical application of the content they were learning in class; they even got to intubate a manikin during the respiratory unit. 11th graders, who focus on emergency response, were trained in Stop the Bleed, had a Mock Code Blue and were able to participate in a mock emergency response to a motor vehicle accident that included Venice Fire Department and AeroMed in addition to a team from the SMH Emergency room. Finally, the Laurel Road campus of SMH has opened its doors to our seniors, allowing them to job-shadow for two school days during the year; students who participated in this spent time on 4 different units. Experiences like these are what make our medical academy program special, and they can't happen without the support of our community.

The initial application deadline for the Medical Academy was March 7th. If a student entering 10th grade next year would like to be considered for the Academy, they can fill out the online application to be placed on our waiting list. <https://forms.office.com/r/iS258QYbW4>



Incoming 9th grade students can still fill out an online interest survey. <https://forms.office.com/r/334ijMjALM>



2023-24 · Important Testing Dates** /Windows*** as of 3-7-24

When?	What?	Who?
April 17	SAT School Day <i>(Non College Reportable)</i>	2024 Seniors as needed for Graduation
Apr 17 – 19	FCLE – Florida Civics Literacy Exam	All students enrolled in Gov
April 24	CLT	2025 Juniors as needed for Graduation
May 1, 2/3, 6	FAST Reading	10th / 9th Graders...Day 1 A – L, Day 2 M – Z
May 7, 8	US History EOC	USH Students...May 7 A – L, May 8 M – Z
May 9, 10	Biology 1 EOC	Bio Students...May 9 A – L, May 10 M – Z
May 13, 14	BEST Geometry EOC	Geo Students...May 13 A – L, May 14 M – Z
May 15	BEST Algebra 1 EOC	All Algebra 1 and Algebra 1B Students
May 16 – 22	FAST/BEST/EOC's	Makeups/Miscellaneous students as needed
*May 13 – 16	Senior Final Exams	Seniors
*May 21 – 24	Final Exams	9th – 11th Graders as scheduled

*A Modified Bell will be necessary for this Assessment **Dates are tentative and subject to change

***More specific dates will be provided as they become available

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Dear Families,

We are very excited to introduce your district's college and career readiness platform, SchoolLinks! All of the SchoolLinks features are designed with students in mind to help them become career, college, and life ready. As a guardian, you will have the opportunity to join your student in their career and college exploration process and have conversations with them about their future. You will have access to SchoolLinks through your own account. SchoolLinks is a tool that gives you access to the bigger picture of your students' future.

SchoolLinks allows **you** to:

- View the results of your student's career interest, strength, and mindset assessments to learn more about their interests and what careers might be right for them
- See what colleges and careers your student has favorited and set as goals
- Check your personalized dashboard for upcoming events as well as important reminders and to-dos for your student
- Complete your own research on colleges, careers, and more to help you have informed conversations with your student
- Compare college costs and explore expected financial aid, scholarships, and out of pocket expenses



SchoolLinks

SchoolLinks allows **students** to:



Learn About Themselves

- Take career interest inventory
- Learn their personality type and explore careers based on that personality type
- Set an initial career goal & major/training goal(s)



Explore Careers

- Career Center allows students to explore careers and career clusters
- Filter careers by industry market, degree, needed, military careers, and more
- Explore job openings and popular jobs by state



Find the Right College

- Explore colleges and universities and their diverse programming
- Take virtual tours of campuses
- Favorite colleges and majors
- Build a Final List of schools to plan the application process



Find Scholarships

- View scholarships from public sources (local and national)
- Create a Match Profile based on eligibility, interests, and colleges
- Sort scholarships based on "Best Match"
- Direct links to scholarship apps



Financial Literacy

- Begin to consider financial future by choosing paths and lifestyle expenses in the Game of Life
- Learn how future choices relation to education, debt, and career choice will impact long- term financial situations



College Options

- Organize and track college applications
- Understand individual college app requirements
- Request all app materials electronically
- Report application results
- Indicate enrollment plans

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Guardian: How to Create an Account and Claim a Student



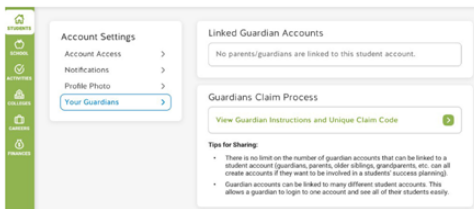
Students must "invite" their guardian to create an account in SchoolLinks

To create a guardian account (or to claim additional students), you must have a claim code. Your student will need to provide you with their unique claim code (instructions below) for you to create and link your account.

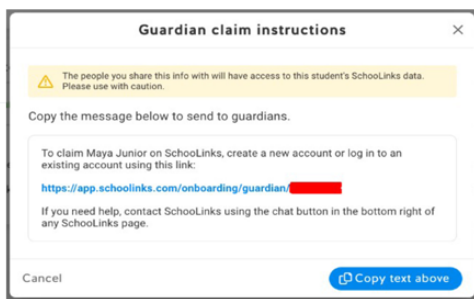
Inviting your guardian to create an account in SchoolLinks:

When logged into your student account (MySCS → SchoolLinks tile), click the **Gear icon** in the top right-hand corner, then click **Account Settings**.

From here you will see and click on the section called **Your Guardians** pictured below:



Click on the **View Guardian Instructions and Unique Claim Code**, this will show a window like the one below, with instructions to send to your guardian. Copy the information and share it with the guardian who you're trying to add to SchoolLinks. See the example below:



Your guardian simply needs to enter the link into their browser and they'll be taken to a page where they can claim you as their student.

As an alternative option, at the end of the link, there's a code. Your guardian could go to app.schoollinks.com/claim-student and follow the onscreen steps to enter the code there.





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For her Gold Award, VHS senior Girl Scout Nora Robertson focused on an environmental issue that harms her community, Red Tide. To kick off the project, Nora met with several community leaders who were focused on reducing Red Tide and improving local water quality. Next, she met and researched local organizations that are focused on alerting and educating the public about what they can do to reduce



Red Tide. After gathering data, Nora created her own red tide awareness project through public speaking and upcycling art projects by teaching an art class at the Venice Art Center. In this class, she taught others how to transform plastic collected from a beach clean-up into inspiring works of art while they learned about the causes of red tide and how to prevent it. Through creativity and education, Nora empowered her students



to become environmental stewards, advocating for a cleaner, healthier planet.

Gold Award Girl Scouts solve a problem in their community or make a lasting change in their world to earn the highest award available to Seniors and Ambassadors. Nora will be recognized for her efforts at the 2024 Young Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony.

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