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For the Parents, Students and Community of Venice High School

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

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 News

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be starting soon. Students will be meeting with their counselors to discuss 4 year plans, Bright Futures requirements, course progression plans, etc.

If you are a current sophomore and you are interested in becoming an IB DP or IB CP student your junior year, then please see Mrs. Bartlett in the 3rd floor Admin Suite.

Please remember your report card GPA is not the same as your Bright Futures GPA.

Current sophomores and juniors—there are new NCAA requirements for your classes. Please see your counselor or coach for the new requirements.

Seniors—make sure your transcript is correct and that you have the classes you need for graduation.

The graduating class of 2024 will need to make sure they have met the 26 credit requirement and have passed the FSA ELA, passed the Algebra 1 EOC and have taken the Geometry, Biology, and US History EOC. The 2024 graduates will also need to have an online course and at least a 2.0 gpa.

A-Cl.....Mrs. Wolfe

Co-G.....Mrs. Hopper

H-LeMr. Bartlett

Li-O.....Mrs. Bartlett

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Senior Information

Senior Prom.....April 20th

- Saturday, April 20th at the Hyatt Sarasota
- Cost is \$90 includes appetizers, photo booth, dinner, dessert, games, and dancing.
- Invited guests from outside of Venice High School must complete a guest approval form.
- Venice High students in grades 9-11 may attend if invited by a senior.
- Each senior may purchase one guest ticket.

MANDATORY Senior Class Meeting May 3rd

- All textbooks must be returned, and any outstanding fines paid prior to the meeting.
- Seniors will receive a "Ticket Out" on Monday, April 29th. The ticket must be completed and returned to the meeting on May 3rd to pick up cap/gown. The ticket includes the final transcript request.
- Cap/gown distribution
- Graduation information

Commencement Ceremony May 16, 17th

- **Mandatory Rehearsal – May 16th 3:30pm MANDATORY-** Check in at the new gym
- Friday, May 17th at 8pm Graduation in Powell-Davis Stadium (VHS football field). Gates open at 7pm.
- No coolers, airhorns or noise makers.
- Graduates must arrive at 7pm and check in with school counselor in the new gym.
- Dress code for graduating seniors is business. No jeans
- This is NOT a ticketed event. All are welcome
- **Graduates will be seated in alphabetical order on the field for graduation with the exception of Graduation speakers.**

Senior Awards May 14th

Presented by Rotary Futures.

Project Graduation

Begins immediately after the Commencement Ceremony. More information soon to come.

College and Scholarship Assistance

- The Rotary Futures College Resource Center is a college and scholarship resource center. Rotary is located in Building 1 and is open Tuesday – Friday 7:30am-3:30pm



IMPORTANT INFO

REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND PROM AND/OR GRAD BASH

Prom Dance (April 20th) and Grad Bash (April 12th)

- No more than **9 unexcused absences**
- No Out of School Suspensions
- No Serious discipline referrals (VAPE/ Tobacco, Alcohol, Drug-related, Bullying, Fighting, Harassment, Battery....)
- No Second Chance Behavior Contracts
- Minimum 2.0 unweighted GPA at time of purchase

If your child does NOT graduate, you can request a refund for the cap and gown package. A request should be emailed directly to Nicole.Wolfe@sarasotacountysschools.net by May 20th.

Senior Class Remind

Students

Text to: 81010

Last Name	Message
A-D	@vhsad24
E-H	@vhseh24
I-L	@vhsil24
M-P	@vhsmp24
Q-T	@vhsqt24
U-Z	@vhsuz24

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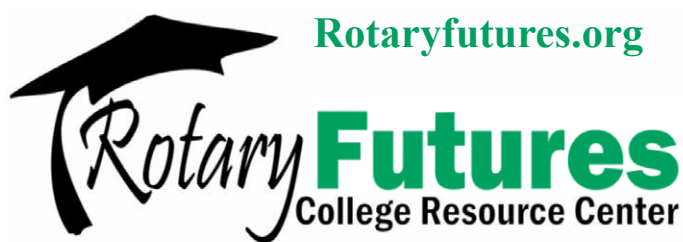
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PATHFINDER – FEBRUARY 2024

Caitlin Joyner, Director; Heather Masden, Post-Secondary Advisor; Tami Wesner, Post-Secondary Advisor

CLOSED on Mondays

Open from 8:30am until 3:00pm Tuesdays through Fridays

VHS students welcome to drop in anytime during our operating hours!

South Sarasota County College Night
Monday, March 4 at Venice High School

Rotary Futures is sponsoring its 21st annual College Night on Monday, March 4! All students are welcome to attend!

- 5:30pm - 6:10pm: Presentation in the gymnasium with University of Florida; Florida State University; University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, and Florida Southern College
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm: College Fair in the cafeteria (with 60-70 schools from around the country, with many Florida public and private schools in attendance)

Don't miss this awesome opportunity to learn about post-secondary options after graduation!

New FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Updates
www.FAFSA.gov

As of now, the new FAFSA is delayed in its processing. Please note that your results will not process until mid-March at this time.

Last year, over \$2.8 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)! Now, your FAFSA will automatically link to the IRS to transfer your information.

Create an FSA ID First! Students need an FSA ID, along with ONE parent/guardian. The student and parent will need to use separate email addresses and phone numbers to create their account: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

Once students and parents create their FSA ID, they will need to wait 5-7 days before beginning to complete the FAFSA form.

Once the 5-7 days pass after creating the FSA ID, students should complete their section first and then invite the parent. The parent will then accept the invitation via their email and finish their section of the form. Then, the student and parent sign and submit...and await results!

For help with the FAFSA, VHS seniors should visit Rotary Futures College Resource Center located across from the front office in the VHS Administration Building OR Michele Tippman, our Career Advisor, located in room 4-241.

SCF 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**

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” (not the FAFSA.) The application is ONLY FOR SENIORS. Rotary Futures visited seniors in government and economics classes in the fall to have them apply. Please have your child visit us at Rotary Futures to confirm that their Bright Futures application is processing.

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. 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/

Community Service/Employment Hours: (Turn in hours to Michele Tippman: Michele.Tippman@sarasotacountyschools.net or to her office in room 4-241)

- FAS = 100 hours OR 100 employment hours (or a combination of both service and employment hours); FMS = 75 hours OR 100 employment hours (or a combination of both); GSV 30 hours OR 100 employment hours (or a combination of both).

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Senior Scholarship Evening Celebration Tuesday, May 14, 2024 in the VPAC

Invitations will be given to Seniors receiving scholarships in early May

Please save the date – Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00pm. We still need to collect scholarship information! To be included in Senior Scholarship Night, you must email your scholarship information to Mrs. Joyner by May 1st, Caitlin.Joyner@sarasotacountyschools.net OR 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 Scholarship Night. (Also, Bright Futures scholarships will not be recognized at Senior Awards Night because final determination is not made until July.)

SENIORS—IMPROVE TEST SCORES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES!

JUNIORS—TAKE YOUR SAT and ACT NOW!

Seniors—You may test through July 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.

ACT Prep Course: Rotary Futures is sponsoring an ACT Prep Course at Venice High School that will be taught by Ali Tozer, owner of SPS Tutoring. Registration for this course begins on February 27. The four-course class will take place from 6-8pm in the TEL LAB (4-262) on 4/1; 4/4; 4/8; and 4/11. The course tuition is \$175 and includes the ACT Prep Book. Students MUST register and pay in advance at Rotary Futures! (cash, credit/debit card, or check made out to Rotary Futures).

SAT Prep Course: Rotary Futures is sponsoring an SAT Prep Course at Venice High School that will be taught by Ali Tozer, owner of SPS Tutoring. Registration for this course begins on March 26. The four-course class will take place from 6-8pm in the TEL LAB (4-262) on 4/23; 4/25; 4/30; and 5/2. The course tuition is \$175 and includes the SAT Prep Book. Students MUST register and pay in advance at Rotary Futures (cash, credit/debit card, or check made out to Rotary Futures).

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 March 9, 2024Deadline—February 23

ACT April 13, 2024Deadline – March 8

SAT May 4, 2024Deadline – April 19

SAT June 1, 2024Deadline – May 16

ACT June 8, 2024Deadline – May 3

ACT July 13, 2024Deadline – June 7

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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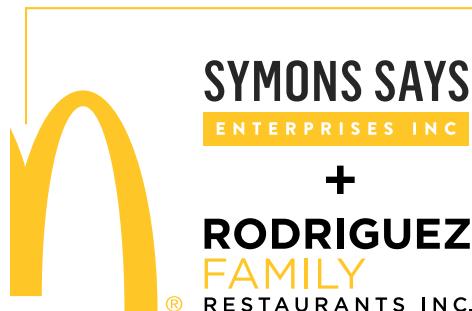
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Interact Quarter 2 & 3 Update!

Interact has started quarter 3 off strong and has continued to take a direct role in impacting the Venice community. We have conducted a drive for On the Spot Aid, Inc, a street medicine outreach, providing assessments, treatments, education and provision of basic first aid supplies in public places where the homeless are located in our area. We assisted the Venice-Nokomis rotary club at their Art Fest in January. We had volunteers at their duck-pluck booth that was raising money for our school's Rotary Futures program. Within Venice High School, we sent 15 volunteers to participate in Venice High's 'Service Saturday' on January 20th. We have conducted auditions for our annual Follies Talent Show that will take place in the VPAC on March 5th, and 6th, at 6pm. We hope to see many faces at the talent show! Proceeds support our Interact senior scholarships, as well as the Rotary International project, Sharing Smiles. This project provides children in third world countries with access to cleft pallet surgeries. We will have a presentation from Dr. Stine who is one of the leading surgeons with the Sharing Smiles project later in February. The proceeds also help boost our Relay for Life fundraising! We will be participating in the Relay for life event again this year on April 6th, here at the VHS Football field. We hold a consistent schedule with the Venice Little League concession stand and have volunteers there on most Thursday nights and Saturday mornings. We are very excited to help with a new event to the area, the Venice Blues Festival, on March 22nd, and 23rd! Our quarter 3 has been busy but we look forward to finishing the year off strong in quarter 4! As always, if you have any events where you need assistance from our club do not hesitate to email our interact Faculty Advisor – Mrs. Cyndi Ray! (cynthia.ray2@sarasotacountyschools.net)



SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS

2023-2024 DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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JULY 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

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

AUGUST 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

3rd - 196 Staff Return
10th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

SEPTEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

4th - Labor Day - Students, All Staff

OCTOBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

12th - End of 1st Grading Period
16th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

NOVEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

20th - 24th - Thanksgiving Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff
23rd - 24th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

DECEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

21st - End of 2nd Grading Period
22nd - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff
25th - 29th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff

JANUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

1st - 5th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff
15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

FEBRUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

19th - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

MARCH 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

7th - End of 3rd Grading Period
8th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff
11th - 15th - Spring Break - Students, All Staff
29th - Mini Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

APRIL 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

MAY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

24th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff
27th - Memorial Day - All Staff
29th - Last Day for 196 Staff

JUNE 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

14th - Last Day for 220 Staff

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FBLA

On Friday
January 19th, FBLA
students attended
the District Awards
Ceremony at
Southeast High School.



Please congratulate these students for placing at District!!!

Accounting I	Matthew Danz	5th
Advertising	Aishi Padala	1st
Advertising	Madeline Fanning	3rd
Advertising	Elsie Hartzell	5th
Business Calculations	Isabella Hoberman	4th
Business Calculations	Vitaliia Arifova	5th
Business Communication	Nikolett Kerestely	5th
Business Ethics	Gavin Goertler; Louis Montgomery; Aung Sett	2nd
Business Ethics	Gavin Goertler	2nd
Business Ethics	Louis Montgomery	2nd
Business Ethics	Aung Sett	2nd
Business Law	Jack Bertram	2nd
Business Management	Max Barta	1st
Computer Problem Solving	Isabela Lessa	1st
Cyber Security	Landen Young	1st
Cyber Security	Olivia Lee	3rd
Economics	Joseph Egan	4th
Economics	Simon Ayer	5th
Graphic Design	Chaw Su Lin; Dhriti Patel; Claire Woody	1st
Graphic Design	Emma Nguyen	2nd
Health Care Administration	Ananya Kakayadi	2nd
Health Care Administration	Madison Egan	4th
Help Desk	Lila Rowley	1st
Hospitality & Event Management	Sophia Teijelo; Leah Woolverton	1st
Human Resource Management	Nandani Patel	3rd
Human Resource Management	Asiah Menard	4th
Human Resource Management	Isabella Leggett	5th
Impromptu Speaking	Alexandra Council	2nd
Introduction to Business Communication	Ruby Forsch	1st
Introduction to Business Communication	Kate Sweeney	2nd

Introduction to Business Communication	Mary Edlin	3rd
Introduction to Business Communication	Kara Danz	4th
Introduction to Business Communication	Marisa Dragani	5th
Introduction to Business Concepts	Evan Temple	1st
Introduction to Business Concepts	Will Crouch	2nd
Introduction to Business Concepts	Hailey Pampinella	3rd
Introduction to Business Procedures	Hannah Bui	1st
Introduction to Business Procedures	Cadence Worth	2nd
Introduction to Business Procedures	Ashton Fissel	3rd
Introduction to FBLA	Stanley Keoughan	1st
Introduction to FBLA	Nicholas Cominotti	2nd
Introduction to FBLA	Ava Council	3rd
Introduction to Financial Math	Mia Myburgh	1st
Introduction to Financial Math	Ryan Freddolino	3rd
Introduction to Financial Math	Gavin Enghauser	4th
Introduction to Information Technology	Sam Rheingans	1st
Introduction to Information Technology	Sam Firsov	2nd
Introduction to Marketing Concepts	Emerson Erbeck	1st
Introduction to Marketing Concepts	Mya Vanbuskirk	3rd
Introduction to Marketing Concepts	Viviana Serrano	4th
Introduction to Marketing Concepts	Honour Worth	5th
Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure	Melanie Kersten	1st
Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure	Elizabeth Lawson	2nd
Introduction to Public Speaking	Amelia Kerestely	3rd
Job Interview	Jayden Sanders	1st
Journalism	Nicholas Watson	1st
Journalism	Kyla Freddolino	2nd
Journalism	Caroline Kinsella	3rd
Marketing	Alexander Lam	3rd
Organizational Leadership	Caleb Masi	1st
Organizational Leadership	Flavia Onetiu	2nd
Organizational Leadership	Jayda Lanham	4th
Personal Finance	Ruby Keoughan	1st
Personal Finance	Theodore Kitchens	2nd
Public Policy & Advocacy	Maggie Jackson	1st
Public Speaking	Dominic Mora	1st
Public Speaking	Maria Avila Silva	2nd
Visual Design	Hailey Leighton; Haley Phillips	1st
Visual Design	Gracie Nibbelink	3rd



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1st Lunch Schedule				2nd Lunch Schedule				3rd Lunch Schedule			
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes
Moment of Silence 7:30-7:31am											
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

1st Lunch Schedule				2nd Lunch Schedule				3rd Lunch Schedule			
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes
Moment of Silence 7:30-7:31am											
1	7:31 AM	8:30 AM	:59	1	7:31 AM	8:30 AM	:59	1	7:31 AM	8:30 AM	:59
2	8:35 AM	9:23 AM	0:48	2	8:35 AM	9:23 AM	0:48	2	8:35 AM	9:23 AM	0:48
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. Rips 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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Media

Welcome Ms. KC Jones as the new Digital Media teacher. She has come to us from Riverview High School to fill the position vacated by Josh Grant as he moved on to an administrative role. Her classes include instruction on how to use Adobe creative software including Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, After Effects and WordPress. So far, Ms. KC Jones has helped 80 of her students attain valuable industry recognized certifications. Congratulations to all the students and Ms. KC Jones on fantastic progress during the first semester.



Rho Kappa

The Rho Kappa officers welcomed new members for 2023-24.



*Standing left to right: Sierra Sieves, Simin Ayer, Kaitlyn Cisneros, Leah Fisher, Vyna Le, Abigail Yang, President, Ary Lovely, Secretary, Bailey Barnes
Kneeling left to right: Vice President, Craig Alarcon, Matthew Danz, Collin Gira, Skie Huang*

On November 1st, 2023, 9 new members are inducted into the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honors society. The new inductees were welcomed by President, Ary Lovely, Vice President, Craig Alarcon, Secretary, Bailey Barnes, and club sponsor Ms. Frimmel. The inductees must have a social studies GPA of more than 3.5 unweighted and earned at least 2 social studies credits by their junior year. The ceremony began with the pledge and an inspirational speech from Ary Lovely and Ms. Frimmel. Then the inductees were introduced and received their certificates. After the formal ceremony, the attendees enjoyed cupcakes and beverages to freshen up for their amazing year in Rho Kappa.



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Water Polo

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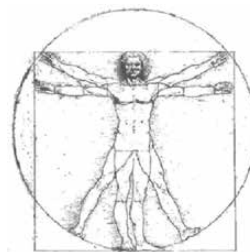
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Students who are accepted into the Medical Academy will take the following courses:

- **Health Science Anatomy and Physiology (10th grade)** is an honors level and equally rigorous science course that takes students on an in-depth look at the human body systems. Students will learn how the structures in each body system work to perform various functions to sustain life. Students will have the opportunity to perform lab skills such as taking measurements, making predictions and observations, and utilizing tools to perform dissection. **Students must be accepted into the Medical Academy through the application process to take this course. Scan the QR code to access the application.**
Deadline for this application is 3/7/24
- **Health Science Foundations (11th grade)** is an honors level course that covers a broad range of healthcare- related topics including medical terminology, ethics and legal responsibilities, professional level first aid/CPR, infection control, and vital signs. Prerequisite 80% or better in Health Science Anatomy and Physiology (or equivalent course).
- **EKG Technician (12th grade)** is an honors level course that focuses on in-depth instruction of the cardiovascular system including training in the appropriate theories, instrumentation and pharmaceuticals used in by health care providers. Students in this course will take the **NHA EKG Technician Certification** exam. In addition to EKG technician content, other skills such as sterile technique and phlebotomy may be covered. Prerequisite 80% or better in Health Science Foundations (or equivalent course).



We also offer an elective course for incoming 9th graders called **Medical Skills and Services** which focuses on career exploration, medical terminology and basic health care skills including bystander CPR/AED and First Aid which will be built upon throughout the program. This course include vocabulary and reading and therefore it is suggested that students be reading at or above grade level. **We ask that students fill out the online Interest Survey which can be scanning the QR code.**



For more information regarding admission requirements, health care community partnerships and how our courses fit with accelerated programs such as International Baccalaureate and Dual Enrollment visit our website <https://vhsma.com> or contact Mrs. Lash at carole.lash@sarasotacountyschools.net.

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2023-24 · Important Testing Dates**/Windows***

as of 1-29-24

When?	What?	Who?
Feb 15	CLT – Classic Learning Test	Seniors as needed for Graduation
Feb 20 – 29	FSA ELA and FSA Alg 1 Retakes	Seniors as needed for Graduation
*Feb 27	ACT State Testing	All Juniors in 2025 cohort
Feb 29 - March 7	Benchmarks – Alg 1, Geo, Bio, US Hist... ..	All students enrolled in these classes
March 4 – 7	PERT Testing	Students interested in Dual Enrollment
March 26	ACT NCR (Non College Reportable)	Seniors as needed for Graduation
Apr 2, 3/9, 10	BEST Writing	10th Gd/9th Gd...Day 1 A – L, Day 2 M – Z
Apr 17 – 19	FCLE – Florida Civics Literacy Exam	All students enrolled in Gov
May 1, 2/3, 6	FAST Reading	10th Gd/9th Gd...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 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

This does not include AP, IB, AICE, ESOL, FSAA, CTE, MPA, or any other testing that may have been missed



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