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For the Parents, Students and Community of Venice High School

## Principal's Message

Dear VeniceFamilies,

I hope that everyone had a restful summer. We encourage all our students to begin this school year with a focus on learning and personal growth. The faculty and administration are eager to work with our students in furthering their education. Our school finished strong last year regarding state testing scores and graduation rates. We look forward to continuing this year with increased student achievement data and student accomplishments.

Our student government, organizations, and clubs continue to plan and offer exciting events for our students. We look forward to another year filled with old and new traditions for our students to enjoy. Whether your child is new or returning, please encourage them to take the time to learn about clubs, sports, and events they can participate in at our school.

Our first day of school is on August 12th. We will have a freshmen orientation on July 31st for students A-L at 9:00 a.m. On July 31st for students J-Q starting at 1 p.m. On August 1st for students R-Z at 9:00 a.m. Please check out our website for more information. Any students new to our school in grades 10-12 should come on August 9th at 9 a.m.

I look forward to a great year of performances, sporting events, and community outreach programs. Our teachers and staff want to create graduates who are effective communicators, problem solvers, and critical thinkers. We appreciate the commitment of all our students. With the help of our families and community, we will have another great school year!

Sincerely,

Zoltan Kerestely  
*Principal*

## Venice High School Resources



**Student and Family Handbook**

**Code of  
Student Conduct**

[www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2548](http://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](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2613)

# GUIDANCE CORNER

## From Guidance

Welcome Back!! We hope you all had a restful summer and are ready for a new year of success and learning. In order to help meet the needs of all our students, Venice High School has a guidance department with counselors who are ready to support your student with a variety of programs.

**\*\*Seniors need to stay prepared.** Keep your senior calendar in a visible location so you do not miss any of the important dates. Visit the Rotary Futures office in the administration building often. Make sure your required courses for graduation have been met. Remember your Bright Futures GPA and your Venice High GPA are not the same. If you have questions about your Bright Futures status, please see your counselor. All courses do not qualify for Bright Futures, so make sure you are aware of the courses you need to take. \*\*

**\*\*SCF Dual Enrollment students need to make sure they have given their counselor a copy of their Fall 2024 schedule.** If you drop a SCF course, let your counselor know immediately. Be aware that some SCF classes only count for .5 high school credit. If you have any questions, please speak with your counselor.

**\*\*PARENTS\*\*** Venice High will offer several evening presentations throughout the year that are devoted to specific grade levels. We encourage you to attend these presentations so you can learn more about graduation requirements, scholarships, financial aid and post-secondary planning. These dates will be posted on our calendar once school begins. We hope to see you there.

The counselors are assigned to students alphabetically by the student's last name. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call your counselor:

Nicole Wolfe A-Co

Nancy Hopper Cr-G

Mike Bartlett H-Le

Brenda Bartlett Li-O

Mia Slaton P-Sk

Lori Barton Sl-Z

### Parking Permits

Information can be found at **vhsarking.com** (currently being updated)

### Lockers

Lockers can be rented for \$5. Please visit the 2nd floor administrative suite and see Mrs. Jones starting on the first day of school.

### What is the National Italian Exam and how do our VHS Italian students fare?

Established in 1985, the NIE is the official national language contest for middle and high school students of the American Association of Teachers of Italian. Currently, it is a web-based proficiency and performance assessment that measures written and aural interpretation skills in alignment with the ACTFL Performance Descriptors and the 2012 ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. The mission of the NIE is to provide:

- an opportunity for the visibility and the promotion of Italian programs in North American schools;
- an assessment tool that can be used by teachers and students as a diagnostic feedback;
- a measurement of language skills that can constitute a positive washback to help inform high school instruction and curricula.

The NIE can be used to support students in preparation for the official exams of Seal of Biliteracy, the SAT II, and it can make them eligible for the Società Onoraria Italiana scholarships.

In addition, the NIE provides an excellent opportunity to highlight our students' success as every

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### Important Dates for Back to School

<b>Freshman Orientation</b>	Location: Parents meet in VPAC	Students meet in the New Gym
Wednesday, July 31, 2024	Last Names A - I	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday, July 31, 2024	Last Names J - Q	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Thursday, August 1, 2024	Last Names R - Z	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
<b>Parking Sales Open</b>	Location: online	
Thursday, August 1, 2024	VHS PARKING for more information	VHSParking.com
<b>Parking Permit Pick Up</b>	Location: VPAC	
Tuesday, August 6, 2024	2024 - 2025 Seniors	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
	2024 - 2025 Juniors	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
<b>New Student Orientation</b>	Location: VPAC	
Friday, August 9, 2024	Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors new to Venice High School	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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year over 6,000 high school students of Italian take the exam nationwide.

AATI offers an extensive regional and national prize program that consists of monetary prizes, study-trips to Italy, medals and certificates to award students of all different language proficiency to celebrate their accomplishments.

Therefore, I am pleased to share the results of the National Italian Exam regarding the Venice High School students in Mrs. Monica von Buxhoeveden's Level 1 and 2 Italian students who participated this past March. In all, 14 students from Italian 1 and 2 sat for the exam. This includes Italian language students from all over the United States; including Canada and Puerto Rico.

Our results were as follows:

#### Level 1:

Cadence Worth- ORO (gold) award recipient Nicolas Overly- BRONZO (bronze) award recipient

Giovanni Woznicki- BRONZO (bronze) award recipient Marianna Ewing-MERITO (honorable mention) Madeline Gordy- MERITO (honorable mention)

Elijah Nario- MERITO (honorable mention) Honour Worth- MERITO (honorable mention)

#### Level 2:

Sophia Sanchez-ARGENTO (silver) award recipient Elisa Matos-BRONZO (bronze) award recipient Amelia Valenti-MERITO (honorable mention)

Students were awarded certificates regarding their placement as well as medals to further honor their remarkable scores. I would also like to mention that my students do not require any additional preparation prior to the examination. They can, if they choose, review using the online practice tests. However, our Venice Italian Language Program provides the rigor, depth and language standards for all our students to be successful in our Italian language courses and on the National Italian Exam on a yearly basis.

As always, I am very proud of my students for their dedication and incredible progress in learning the Italian Language. It is my pleasure and honor to teach such wonderful Italian language learners!

## VENICE HIGH SCHOOL



# Back to School!

## FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

LAST NAME	DATE	START TIME	END TIME	PARENT MEETING
J-Q	July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1	3	1:15

**Any registered new student in grades 10-12 please join us for a parent meeting and student tour on**

**August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

**Meeting in the Performing Art Center**

**Students enter the main entrance in the front circle.  
Student pick up at the Performing Art Center**

**Parent meeting in the Performing Art Center (VPAC)**



Amelia  
Valenti



from L to R clockwise-  
Cadence Worth, Marianna  
Ewing, Nicolas Overly,  
Madeline Gordy



from L to R-  
Elijah Nario, Alexandria  
Wagner, Honour Worth



from L to R-  
Sophia Sanchez, Giovanni  
Montelone, Giuseppe  
Monteleone



from L to R-  
Gianna Pimienta,  
Elisa Matos



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(no access to phone until first day of school)

[www.rotaryfutures.org](http://www.rotaryfutures.org)

Like/follow our Rotary Futures Facebook and Instagram Pages for important updates!

#### School Hours (for 2024-25)

- Closed to students the first week of school (to prepare for our annual fundraiser event)
- Mondays all year: CLOSED
- Tuesdays through Fridays: 8:30am until 3:00pm

#### Contact:

Caitlin Joyner, Director

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Tami.Wesner@sarasotacountyschools.net

#### Opening Day for the 2024-2025 School Year: Tuesday, August 21 at 8:30am!

Venice High School is very lucky to have a unique program that assists students of all ages in planning for their post-secondary education. Since 2002, the Rotary Futures College Resource Center has assisted students with college and vocational school decision-making, SAT/ACT information, college/school applications, résumés, essays, scholarships, financial aid and much more. All services are FREE to Venice High students and families!

#### VHS Parents: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Class of 2025 Senior Meeting for Students and Parents
  - Tuesday, August 27 at 5:00pm in the VPAC (prior to Open House at 6:00pm)
  - We will cover important Senior deadlines, college applications, the Bright Futures scholarship, and other important topics relevant to your Senior students
    - FAFSA Help Night for the Class of 2025 for Students and Parents (SENIOR FAMILIES ONLY!)



- Wednesday, October 16 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm in the Media Center (This date is TENTATIVE and may change, so watch our Facebook/Instagram pages and Remind group updates for any possible change)
- Parents and students can get assistance completing the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Bring your social security numbers, a copy of your 2023 Tax Return (1040), W-2 from 2023 for student and parents, any investment paperwork that is not related to retirement (such as 503B or Florida Prepaid savings plans), as well as balances of your bank accounts.
- Class of 2026 Junior Meeting for Students and Parents
  - Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00PM in the VPAC
  - We will cover Junior year goals, preparing for college, the Bright Futures scholarship, and other important topics related to your Junior students.
- Class of 2027 AND Class of 2028 Freshmen/Sophomore Meeting for Students and Parents
  - Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00PM in the VPAC
  - We will cover Freshmen/Sophomore year goals, preparing for college, the Bright Futures scholarship, and other important topics related to your underclassmen students.

#### College Planning:

Please visit our website (<http://rotaryfutures.org/students/college-planning/>) to open a college planning presentation. This helps to guide you through the steps that your seniors can begin working on this summer!



#### Scholarships for Seniors

Rotary Futures has Scholarship Resources for high school SENIORS ONLY. We have customized spreadsheets that promote over 250 private scholarship opportunities. Most seniors begin to work on scholarships AFTER they apply to their colleges; by October/November, students should be actively working on scholarship opportunities. Most opportunities occur after the new year.

#### Résumés

Résumés and letters of recommendation are important tools for seniors as they apply to post-secondary schools—colleges, technical or vocational schools. These are also important when they apply for scholarships. Résumés help to organize your activities during your high school years. They can be sent with college applications and are a requirement of many scholarships. We have a sample résumé to help you get started—come visit us to get some help!

#### Letter of Recommendation

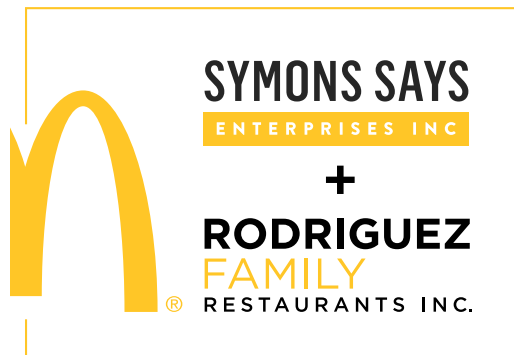
##### SENIORS (CLASS OF 2025)—

- Recommendation letters ARE NOT REQUIRED by any of the Florida public universities except New College of Florida and Florida A & M.
- Private and out of state schools may have other requirements.
- Please be respectful when requesting letters of recommendation from teachers and

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counselors. These letters take a great deal of time to write, and you need to give teachers and counselors AT LEAST 2 weeks' notice to complete these important letters.

- Also, please only ask 2 teachers to provide a recommendation. Do not ask for several and compare to see which you like best! This would be very inconsiderate of the time each teacher takes with your request. Recommendation letters WILL be required for the scholarship process.
- Scholarships may require different numbers of letters, so we recommend obtaining two from community members (job, church, community service, coach) and two from academic sources (teacher, guidance counselor.)
- Many counselors and teachers require a résumé or completion of their own form before they will write your recommendation.
- For scholarship purposes, students may make copies of these letters. Do not wait until deadlines—line up your recommendations now and give your teachers and community references plenty of time to write their letters.

## 2024 - 2025 SAT and ACT Test Dates

### TEST FEES:

SAT - \$68.00

ACT - \$68.00, ACT with optional Writing\* - \$93.00

Late fees and Test Center change fees will apply.

Students who receive free or reduced lunch are eligible for test fee waivers. Contact Rotary Futures for the waivers.

Registration Deadlines are about 1 month before the test date or late fees will be incurred!

\*No Florida public universities require the optional SAT/ACT essay/writing tests, BUT other colleges may require the essay/writing tests. See specific college websites for their admissions requirements.

## 2024 - 2025 SAT Dates

Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

August 24, 2024

October 5, 2024

November 2, 2024

December 7, 2024

March 8, 2025

May 3, 2025

June 7, 2025

Dates are subject to change.  
Check websites for up-to-date  
information.

## 2024 - 2025 ACT Dates

(Please note that Venice High is NOT a testing site for the ACT)

Register at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

September 14, 2024

October 26, 2024

December 14, 2024

February 8, 2025

April 5, 2025

June 14, 2025

July 12, 2025

## Florida Bright Futures Scholarship requirements are online!

Check out their website frequently to stay updated - [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/)

- *Check your Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility on the Family Access Portal!* Once students begin eleventh grade, their Bright Futures report is available under the Transcript tab of the Family Access Portal!
- **SENIORS**—For the Florida Academic Scholarship that covers 100% of your tuition at a public Florida university, the SAT superscore required is a 1340 or a 29 on the ACT. For the Florida Medallion Scholarship that covers 75% of your tuition at a public Florida university, the SAT superscore required is a 1210 or a 25 on the ACT.
- Meet with your school counselor to confirm your schedule and compliance with graduation requirements. It is your job to know and meet the requirements of the Bright Futures Scholarship Program before high school graduation.
- Bright Futures eligibility requires two consecutive years of the same foreign language.
- Bright Futures only calculates GPA based on the core academic areas (check out [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/) for details).
- Bright Futures will calculate GPA using the highest grades in each area, i.e. *4 highest* English grades, *4 highest* math grades (Algebra 1 and above), *3 highest* science (does not include Health Science), *3 highest* social studies, *2 highest* foreign language (in same language)
- Community Service hours OR Employment hours are required for ALL levels of Bright Futures—You may combine service hours with employment hours to a required minimum of 100 hours. Check the website for more information.
- Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship will ONLY fund technical and vocational degrees and certificates. Three specific classes in a technical or vocational program are required, and your guidance counselor can help you to schedule the three correct classes. For more info. on the Gold Seal award, go to website.
- ONLY Seniors will complete the online application for Bright Futures and other forms of state financial aid. This application will open in October your Senior year. Please do not try to complete the application before your senior year as it may cause problems.
- Remember, failure to meet ALL Bright Future requirements by August 31, 2026 (AFTER you graduate!) will forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact the Rotary Futures College Resource Center. [Caitlin.Joyner@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Caitlin.Joyner@sarasotacountyschools.net), [Heather.Masden@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Heather.Masden@sarasotacountyschools.net), or [Tami.Wesner@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Tami.Wesner@sarasotacountyschools.net)

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Attendance is a very important part of achievement at Venice High School. If your child is sick, please report that information to 0221-Attendance@sarasotacountyschools.net within 3 days so it can count as an excused absence. Further details of attendance can be found on our website under Attendance or in our Student and Parent Handbook. If absences/tardies are unexcused, please be aware of the various consequences. Thank you for helping ensure your child attends school regularly.

School Consequences	When
•No Homecoming Dance	•3 or more absences by October 5th
•No Prom or Grad Bash	•More than 9 unexcused absences for the year
•Loss of Parking Permit	•More than 7 unexcused absences or 1st period tardies in a semester
District Consequences	When
•Home visit by truancy worker and/or Social Worker	•15 days of unexcused absence
•Notice of Possible requirement for Truancy Court	•15+ days of unexcused absence
•Meeting at school with administrator	•15+ days of unexcused absence
•Truancy Court for parents and student	•Not attending school after 15-day notice
•Return to truancy court and possible court ordered summer school	•Not attending school after 1st truancy court appearance
State Consequences	When
•Loss of Driving Privileges	•15 or more unexcused days of absence within a 90-day rolling period

## Next Level Water Polo Club

Join Next Level Water Polo Club in September to get ready for the VHS water polo team. Practices take place Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Venice YMCA. There will be an informational meeting in mid- September to talk about the upcoming 2024-2025 VHS water polo season.



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## SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS 2024-2025 DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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### JULY 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 - 240 Staff Non-Work Days  
15th - 220 Staff Return

### AUGUST 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

5th - 196 Staff Return  
12th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

### SEPTEMBER 2024

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

2nd - Labor Day - Students, All Staff

### OCTOBER 2024

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	

17th - End of 1st Grading Period  
18th - Professional Day, Students, 186 Staff

### NOVEMBER 2024

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

25th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break -  
Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff  
27th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

### DECEMBER 2024

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			

20th - End of 2nd Grading Period  
23rd - 31st - Winter Break - Students, All Staff

### JANUARY 2025

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	31

1st - 3rd - Winter Break - Students, All Staff  
6th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff  
20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

### FEBRUARY 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28

17th - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

### MARCH 2025

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				

13th - End of 3rd Grading Period  
14th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff  
17th - 21st - Spring Break - Students, All Staff

### APRIL 2025

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		

18th - Mini Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

### MAY 2025

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	30

26th - Memorial Day - Students, All Staff  
28th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff  
30th - Last Day for 196 Staff

### JUNE 2025

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				

12th - Last Day for 220 Staff

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

## CLASS OF 2025: Graduation Information

New this year, student will only be permitted to wear school issued accessories at the commencement ceremony. Graduation caps and gowns cannot be modified in any way. Students wearing any unauthorized items will be asked to remove them, and if they do not, they will be excluded from the ceremony. More information on which items are permitted will be provided through the VHS student organization's sponsor. No stoles, cords, leis, or other items not certified by VHS are permitted. If you have a cultural or religious items you would like to be considered for exception, please send a written request to Assistant Principal Danielle Tanaka at [danielle.tanaka@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:danielle.tanaka@sarasotacountyschools.net) by April 1, 2025.



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## Concert Season Dates

Join us for our 2024-2025 Concert Season for the VHS Band, Chorus, Orchestra and Theater Programs! The Arts are ALIVE at Venice High School and we hope you can join us this year!

- Thursday September 26th 7:00pm- Fall Chorus Concert in VPAC Thursday October 3rd 6:00pm- Fall Orchestra Concert in VPAC
- Wednesday October 9th 6:00pm- Jazz in the Parks Fall Concert at Centennial Park Tuesday October 15th 7:00pm- Fall Band Concert "British Invasion" in VPAC
- Saturday October 26th all day- Marching Band Music Performance Assessment in the Powell Davis Stadium

***\*\*Come out to see all of our District Marching Bands perform their 2024 Field Shows for evaluation and root for the VHS Marching Indians***

- Friday-Sunday, Nov 1-3rd - Fall Play
- Thursday November 7th 6:00pm- "For those who serve" Veterans Tribute Concert. This will feature VHS Band, Chorus and Orchestra as well as performances from our local elementary and ms programs. This will be at the VPAC





### Important Announcement

Sarasota County Schools is moving to a new parent portal software.

**ALL GUARDIANS must sign up for a new account during the re-registration process.**

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/scs/page/re-registration>




- Wednesday December 4th at 7:00pm- Winter Jazz Bands Concert at VPAC Saturday Dec 7th and Sunday Dec 8- VHS Chorus Madrigal Feaste in VPAC
- Monday Dec 9th and Tuesday Dec 10th- VHS Performing Arts 2nd Annual Prism Concert 6:00pm both nights. Come to a night featuring all of our performing arts areas.
- Wednesday Feb 26th 6:00pm- Bands Pre MPA Concert in VPAC. A joint concert featuring the VHS Bands, LNS Bands and VMS Bands
- Thursday April 10th- Sunday April 13th- Spring Musical in VPAC. Times TBD Tuesday May 6th at 7:00pm- Spring Chorus Concert in VPAC
- Wednesday May 7th at 7:00pm- Spring Jazz Bands Concert in VPAC Thursday May 8th at 7:00pm- Spring Band Concert in VPAC
- Friday May 9th at 6:00pm- Spring Orchestra Concert in VPAC

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## Lit is Lit

This summer we are adding a new VHS mantra to the mix. You already know that when we think of Venice High, we also think **It's just different here** and **Once an Indian, always an Indian**, and **We bleed green**. These mantras establish our strength on the athletic field and also build a culture where we take care of each other. From here on in, we are



adding a new VHS catchphrase: **LIT is LIT!** These three words remind us that reading is also part of how we define ourselves here at Venice High. We are people who value and enjoy learning. Reading strengthens our minds, just as sports strengthen our bodies and service strengthens our souls. So get on board with our **LIT is LIT** campaign by completing the activities below and watching our VHS Instagram to see your photos shaping our reading culture. Incentives such as gift cards to Starbucks,

Panera, Island Book Shop, and even WaWa are in the offing! Lit is lit!

## VHS Summer Reading Challenge

### Lit is Lit

The Venice  
Public  
Library

The Public  
Library in  
another city

The VHS Little  
Free Library at  
Venice Beach

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Landmark

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Mrs. Donofrio

A Little Free  
Library in  
Venice

The Goodwill  
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Yourself reading  
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The Island  
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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)
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- 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



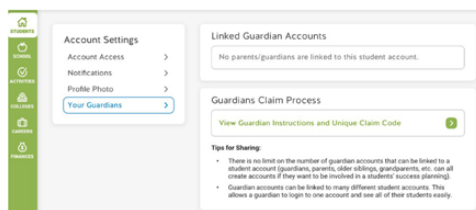
### Students must "invite" their guardian to create an account in SchoolLinks

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.

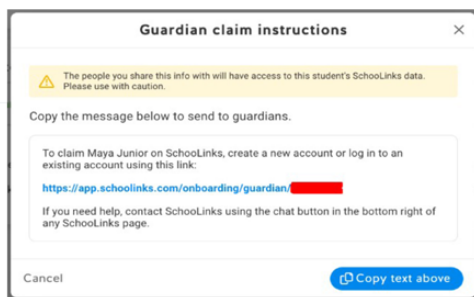
### Inviting your guardian to create an account in SchoolLinks:

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](https://app.schoollinks.com/claim-student) and follow the onscreen steps to enter the code there.



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