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For the Parents, Students and Community of Venice High School

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Our 2022-2023 school year is moving along. During my visits to several classes, I have seen great learning and instruction. We are about to end our first nine-week grading period on October 12th. 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/>.

Our sports teams are offering great athletic games and exciting events for our students and community. Our coaches are working hard to mold our student-athletes to be competitive and outstanding citizens in the classrooms. To see a complete listing of our updated sporting events, check out <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/3026>.

How about volunteering for Service Saturdays? We invite our entire community to join us on Oct. 16th from 9-noon to help beautify our campus. Sign-up is required. Lunch is served! More information is available in this edition of the Pathfinder. VHS truly has something for everyone. If sports are

not your thing, how about joining one of our 30+ clubs? Extracurricular activities can add to your student's VHS experience by gaining new friends, giving back to their community, and having some old-fashioned fun. A list of our clubs is available at <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/3030>.

A final option for getting involved is to check out one of our Performing Arts events. How about the Fall Chorus Concert on Sept. 21st at 7pm? Or the Orchestra Concert on Oct. 12th at 6pm?

Band Concert on Oct. 10th at 7pm? Or the fall school play the weekend of Nov. 2-4th. All events are in the VPAC and accept donations.

We want every student to graduate on time, college and career-ready. Our mission is to create lifelong learners and engaged citizens. If your child needs extra support, please reach out to your student's teacher and/or your student's school counselor for extra help.

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



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Out of Field Assignments

The Florida State Department of Education requires that school districts notify parents/guardians when their children are being instructed by a teacher who is "out-of-field." "Out-of-field" is a term used for teachers who are assigned teaching duties in a class dealing with a subject matter that is outside the field in which the teacher is certified.

The following teachers are teaching out-of-field in certain subject for 2023-2024 school year:

- Fleetwill Hernandez - Chemistry

It is important to note that the district requires "out-of-field" teachers to actively pursue certification requirements.

GUIDANCE CORNER

Guidance News

The school year is off to a great start. Students are beginning to apply to college, prepare for the ACT/SAT tests, join clubs, write resumes, attend sporting events, attend after school events and get in the rhythm of homework. Many students have been meeting with their counselor for assistance with post-secondary planning. Students have also been meeting with their counselor to discuss their VHS 4-year plan.

Reminder to Dual Enrollment/SCF students:

If you change your original SCF schedule, please let your counselor know asap. You will need to provide a copy of your detailed schedule to your counselor and you will also need to submit an official transcript of your final SCF grades to your counselor.

- PSAT date---October 23-27 (TBD)
- PSAT is for all 10th graders and any 11th grader that is competing for the National Merit Scholarship.
- 11th graders must pay to take the test. Please see Mr. Robertson (4-314) to register for the test. He can only accept checks and they should be made payable to VHS.

FSA-ELA and Algebra 1 EOC retakes for 11th and 12th graders will be September 11th-22nd.

Students are reminded to please check their transcripts to make sure they have all the classes needed to qualify for the Bright Futures scholarship.

****Seniors will be visiting with their counselors to ensure they have all credits needed for graduation. Double check your transcript to make sure you have all credits necessary for graduation!! Please remember the Class of 2024 graduation requirements are:**

- English-4 credits
- Math-4 credits (1 must be Algebra 1 and 1 must be Geometry) Science-3 credits (1 must be Biology)
- World History-1 credit American History-1 credit Economics-.5 credit
- American Government-.5 credit HOPE-1 credit Practical/Performing Art-1 credit 1 Online course
- Electives
- 26 credits total
 - Passing Score on FSA ELA
 - Passing score on Algebra 1 EOC
 - 2.0 GPA

Students who are requesting testing accommodations on the SAT or ACT for college purposes will need to see their guidance counselor for the appropriate forms.

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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
	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

Interact Club

Fall 2023 News!

Venice High's Interact Club is excited to kick off another great year on campus! This year our club is led by President – Bailey Barnes, Vice President – Tara Merritt, Secretary – Miranda Miller, Treasurer- Isabel Abarintos, and Parliamentarian – Amadea Donatelli.

The first quarter we are already kicking off many community service initiatives that include, a sock drive for The Twigg, a food drive for the local food pantry, and participating in the Remember the Fallen 5k Run in North Port.

Interact is hoping to be apart of as many initiatives on campus and around the community this school year. If you have any events that you need volunteers for, please do not hesitate to email their Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Cyndi Ray. (cynthia.ray2@sarasotacountyschools.net)

In Service,
Venice High Interact Club

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
				1
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	3
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

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

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The Rotary Futures College Resource Center is a non-profit, community-based organization that is located in Heritage Hall directly across from the main Administration office. Rotary Futures assists Venice High students with college and technical school decision-making, school admissions applications, résumés, essays, scholarships, financial aid and much more. All services are FREE!

VHS students are welcome to visit at any time during our operating hours. Encourage your children to visit us when they have a free period, lunch, after school, or permission from a classroom teacher.

Community Service Update!

Community Service/Employment Hours is coordinated by Michele Tippman, NOT Rotary Futures.

- The community service process has changed. Pre-approval is no longer required for log sheets, and the log sheet can be found at the bottom of this webpage: <https://www.sarasotacountysschools.net/Page/2654>
- Students may not log more than 8 hours per day for community service or employment.
- If students plan to use employment hours for their Bright Futures requirement, they must submit paystubs that total 100 hours.
- Students cannot blend community service hours and employment hours to reach Bright Futures requirements.

Students should turn in community service log sheets to Mrs. Tippman's classroom (4-241) or email her your completed log sheets: Michele.Tippman@sarasotacountysschools.net

Stay in Touch with Rotary Futures with REMIND!

Sign up for REMIND text messages from the Rotary Futures College Resource Center regarding college admissions, scholarship deadlines, and community service opportunities.

All personal information is kept private. No phone numbers are shared with us. You will receive occasional reminder texts about meetings, application deadlines, and scholarships, etc.

Senior Class: @RF2024C to the phone number 81010

Junior Class: @RF2025B to the phone number 81010

Sophomore Class: @RF2026A to the phone number 81010

Freshmen Class: @RF2027A to the phone number 81010

Important Upcoming Meetings and Presentations

If you missed the Senior Student and Parent Informational Meeting on September 6, you can access the PDF of the PowerPoint presentation on our website: rotaryfutures.org OR on the school website under the Resources Tab (then navigate to the Downloads section of the page to the First Semester Senior Meeting)

On Tuesday, September 28 at 6:00pm in the VPAC, we will have a Junior Class of 2025 Student and Parent Informational meeting to discuss preparing for college, scholarships, Bright Futures, the SAT/ACT, and upcoming Senior milestones.

On Wednesday, October 11 & Tuesday, November 14 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Media Center, we will offer FAFSA Help Nights to Senior Class of 2024 families. We will be available to assist families with the beginning steps of this overwhelming process.

On Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00pm in the VPAC, we will have a Freshmen/Sophomore Class of 2026-2027 Student and Parent Meeting to discuss preparing for college, different academic pathways, and Bright Futures.

College Representative School-Day Presentations and College Fair at VHS

Colleges are now coming to present to our students in Rotary Futures (or the TEL lab: 4-262, depending on the popularity of the school)! Take advantage of these presentations to learn more about the college and their admissions process. Students MUST have permission from their teacher to attend the college presentations AND also need to register for the visit on SchoolLinks. Students should stop by Rotary Futures to see the College Visit Calendar!

As of now, our planned visits are as follows:

- Wednesday, September 13: Florida Southern College, 11:05am (Rotary Futures)
- Wednesday, September 13: SUNY Binghamton, 12:00pm (Rotary Futures)
- Wednesday, September 13: University of Florida, 12:35pm (TEL Lab 4-262, Admissions Ticket Required; pick up before September 13 from Rotary Futures)
- Wednesday, September 14: Florida Southern College, 11:05am (Rotary Futures)
- Thursday, September 14: Stetson University, 10:15am (Rotary Futures)
- Thursday, September 14: Savannah College of Art and Design, 12:30pm (Rotary Futures)
- Friday, September 15: Rollins College, 12:00pm (Rotary Futures)
- Tuesday, October 3: University of South Florida, 9:30am (Rotary Futures, Admissions Ticket Required; pick up before October 3 from Rotary Futures)
- Wednesday, October 18: University of Alabama, 10:15am (Rotary Futures)
- Thursday, October 19: Duke University, 8:45am (Rotary Futures)
- Wednesday, October 25: University of Central Florida (TEL Lab 4-262, Admissions Ticket Required; pick up before October 25 from Rotary Futures)

Stay posted with our visitation schedule on our website and by visiting Rotary Futures! More visits are added each week!

South Sarasota County College Night at Venice High School: Mark your calendars: Monday, March 4, 2024 for our FREE College Night event. Over 70 schools will be in attendance!

Bright Futures Scholarship Requirements for the Class of 2023

Seniors MUST complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (not to be confused with the FAFSA) to receive Bright Futures.

- Only Seniors may complete the application, and we encourage Seniors to do so ASAP after October 1, 2023. The application must be completed so the Senior is in the system to be evaluated.
- The first evaluation is done in January, and the FINAL evaluation for the scholarship is done in July 2023 after high school graduation. Students have until graduation to meet all requirements.
- Seniors may take the SAT or ACT through June of their Senior year to qualify for Bright Futures.
- To complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) (Seniors Only,) go to: floridastudentfinancialaid.org Under First-Time Applicants, click on Create Student Account. This is only step 1 of the process.

After submitting the student account, you must click on a link to finish completing the Florida Financial Aid Application. After submitting the student account, the student will receive an email with their log in and initial password. After submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application, the student will receive an email in 2-3 days with instructions for logging in and tracking their evaluations.

Bright Futures criteria are subject to legislative changes. Check the Bright Futures website for the most up-to-date information: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf Here is the current Bright Futures test score and community service hours requirements.

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VHS Performing Arts

Please join us for our VHS Performing Arts Events!

Date	Time	Event	Location	Cost	Description
9/21/23	7:00pm	VHS Chorus Fall Concert	VPAC	\$0.00	A short performance to start the year for which middle school students may join us!
10/10/23	7:00pm	VHS Bands Fall Concert	VPAC	\$0.00	Fall Band Concert
10/12/23	6:00pm	VHS Orchestra Fall Concert	VPAC	\$0.00	Fall Orchestra Concert Featuring the Philharmonic and Chamber Orchestras.
10/13/23	During school day	VHS BAND DAY Performance	VPAC	\$0.00	Pending approval from Schools to attend performance. Elementary performance
11/2/23	7pm	VHS Drama: Fall Play	VPAC	\$15.00	Fall Mainstage
11/3/23	7pm	VHS Drama: Fall Play	VPAC	\$15.00	Fall Mainstage
11/4/23	2pm	VHS Drama: Fall Play	VPAC	\$15.00	Fall Mainstage
11/4/23	7pm	VHS Drama: Fall Play	VPAC	\$15.00	Fall Mainstage
11/9/23	7:00pm	VHS Veteran's Day Concert	VPAC	FREE	Veteran's day performance with the band, Chorus and orchestra. We will also invite area schools to perform.
12/2/23	2:00pm	VHS Chorus Madrigal Dinner	VHS Cafeteria and VPAC	\$30.00	A three course meal, Renaissance skits, songs, and a concert in the VPAC. Purchase tickets at www.vhschorus.org . Warning - this event causes repeat attendance and a new holiday tradition!
12/2/23	7:00pm	VHS Chorus Madrigal Dinner	VHS Cafeteria and VPAC	\$30.00	A three course meal, Renaissance skits, songs, and a concert in the VPAC. Purchase tickets at www.vhschorus.org . Warning - this event causes repeat attendance and a new holiday tradition!
12/3/23	5:00pm	VHS Chorus Madrigal Dinner	VHS Cafeteria and VPAC	\$30.00	A three course meal, Renaissance skits, songs, and a concert in the VPAC. Purchase tickets at www.vhschorus.org . Warning - this event causes repeat attendance and a new holiday tradition!
12/5/23	6:00pm	VHS Orchestra Winter Concert	VPAC	\$0.00	Winter Orchestra Concert featuring all orchestra ensembles.
12/11/23	7:00pm	VHS Jazz/JV Band Winter Concert	VPAC	\$0.00	Jazz 1, 2 and JV Bands
12/12/23	7:00pm	VHS Bands Winter Concert	VPAC	\$0.00	Concert, Symphonic, Wind Ensemble
12/14/23	6:00pm	VHS Winter Prism Concert	VPAC	\$0.00	All performing arts students participate in a winter extravaganza!

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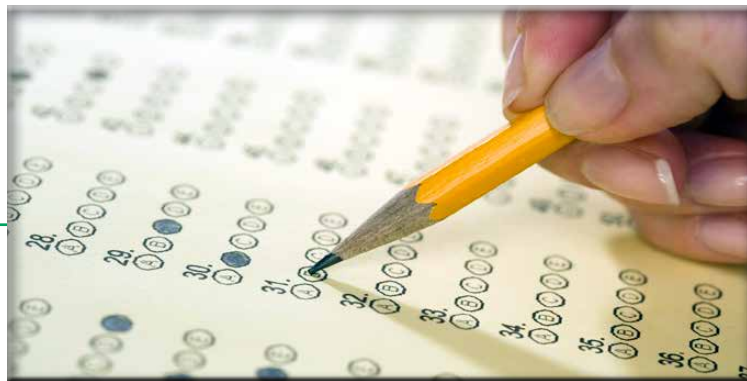
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When?	What?	Who?
Aug 21 – 25	9th Gr ELA Progress Monitoring – PM1	All 9th Graders (2026 Cohort)
Aug 28 – Sep 1	10th Gr ELA Progress Monitoring – PM1	All 10th Graders (2025 Cohort)
Sep 18 – 22	FAST ELA Retakes	Juniors or Seniors as needed for Graduation
Sep 25 – 29	BEST Alg 1 Retakes and all EOC's	Students as needed for Graduation or Credit
Oct 17	ACT NCR...Non College Reportable	Seniors who need Read/Math Grad Req
Oct 23 – 27	PSAT...Computer-Based	All 10th Graders; Juniors who sign up
Nov 6 – 10	PERT – Post Secondary Ed Readiness	Students interested in Dual Enrollment
Nov 13 – 17	AP1 Benchmarks – Alg 1, Geo	All students enrolled in these classes
Nov 27 – Dec 1	FCLE – Florida Civics Literacy Exam	All students enrolled in Gov
*Feb 27	ACT State Testing	All Juniors in 2025 cohort

*A Modified Bell will be necessary for this Assessment

Student Athletes

You will need to register with NCAA clearinghouse and then speak with your counselor to send your transcripts. Please be aware of the 16 core credits needed for eligibility (there has been a change with the math courses that qualify). Please refer to the NCAA website or meet with your counselor if you have any questions. Also, remember on August 1, 2016 NCAA eligibility requirements changed. Please visit the NCAA Eligibility website for details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your counselor. The students are paired with a counselor based on the student's last name.

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1st floor administration suite

H-Le Mike Bartlett

3rd floor administration suite

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Play Water Polo!

Water Polo Season is Fast Approaching!

Water Polo is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation! VHS is the ONLY high school on the west coast of Florida with a team. Contrary to popular belief, you DO NOT have to be a great swimmer to play water polo. There will be an informational meeting in November. In the meantime, join **Next Level Water Polo Club!**



If you have any questions, please see Ms. Lacera in 4-156 or Ms. Schmucker in 4-230.

Below is a list of benefits of playing water polo from sportsengine.com

10 Benefits of Playing Water Polo

If you're looking for a sport which combines the teamwork and strategy of rugby and hockey as well as the toning benefits of swimming, then welcome to the world of water polo! Or if you're the swimmers wondering why should I try water polo. Then we have 10 benefits for playing water polo.

Water polo players come in all shapes and sizes, with different positions requiring different strengths. The sport also has a great social side, both in the water and out.

- 1. Stamina & Speed** You can't switch off for a second in water polo. There's no 'easy swimming'. It's a high-paced game where essentially you are interval training, sprinting from one end to the other. And an end-to-end match can see players swimming up to 3 miles which was mainly sprinting.
- 2. Power** Have you tried swimming when you're carrying an extra 50 lbs. from someone lying on you or holding you down? In case you hadn't worked it out, it's difficult. And it's a great way of building upper and lower body strength.
- 3. Social** Playing team sports is a fantastic way for people to develop their social skills. Teamwork and good communication are vital for success in water polo. You will get to know your teammates more since polo is a very social sport.
- 4. Problem solving** Another benefit of playing a water polo is that it's great at developing problem solving. You'll learn strategies to break down a defense and how to play with an extra player. Water polo involves having to think on your feet and find the best scenario straight away.
- 5. Team sport** Unlike swimming, you rely heavily on your teammates during each game, which makes for a pretty cool team bond. You will get to work together for a common cause since you are only as strong as your weakest link.
- 6. Toning** Water polo players are constantly on the move, using an eggbeater kick to stay high in the water. A good eggbeater is vital to water polo and uses every muscle in your legs, bum and hips. Think it sounds easy? Try doing an eggbeater kick for five minutes non-stop in the deep end of your local pool and tell us how you got on!
- 7. Fun** It's fun plain and simple. Although treading back and forth chasing a ball may seem exhausting to some, the game allows you to add a new element to the traditional sport of swimming. It's like a breath of fresh air for those used to swimming laps day in and day out. Don't forget learning new skills, being more social, and it's a team sport.
- 8. Works the core** With your legs otherwise occupied kicking to keep you afloat, changing your position comes from your core. Twists, turns and throws are all core-driven moves and will help defined your abdominal muscles.
- 9. Improved overall health** With all the swimming, jostling, throwing, and kicking, it's no shock that you will be shifting loads of calories in a water polo match. A survey found an average of 700 in an hour.
- 10. Easy on the joints** Water polo is an intense, physical game, but the fact that it's played in water means it's easier on joints than sport played on hard ground. Are your knees struggling on a rugby, football or hockey pitch? Then come on down and join us in the pool!



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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
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
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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
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2023-24

Dress Code Guide

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.

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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 midriff 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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- Late fees apply after December 22nd

Grad Bash 2024.....Trip date April 12th

- Friday, April 12th Depart VHS at 2:30pm. Event 7pm-2am. Return to VHS by 4:30am
- Ticket includes admission to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure and transportation.
- Permission slip packet available January 16th. Tickets on sale week of January 22nd ONLY.
- Cost TBD \$160+

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

Senior Awards May 14th

- Presented by Rotary Futures.

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.



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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)
- 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
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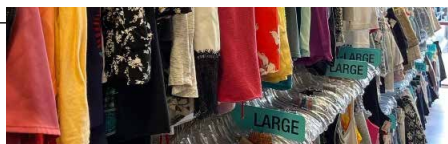
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Guardian: How to Create an Account and Claim a Student

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

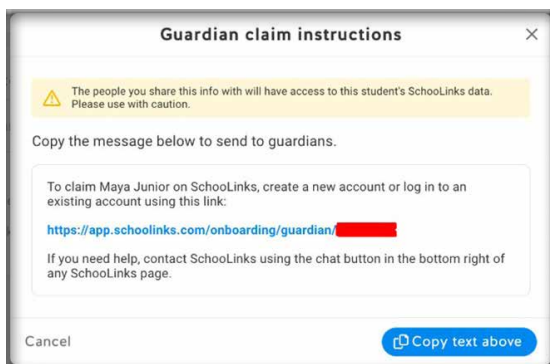
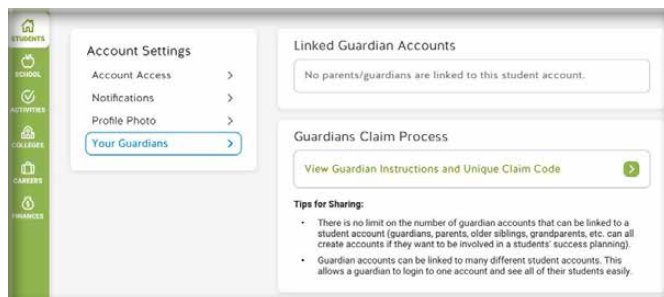
To create a guardian account (or to claim additional students), you must have a claim code. Your student will need to provide you with their unique claim code (instructions below) for you to create and link your account.

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/onboarding/guardian/claim-student) and follow the onscreen steps to enter the code there.



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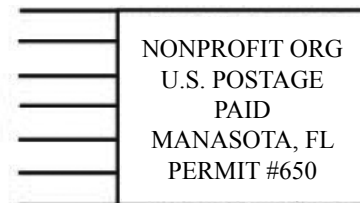
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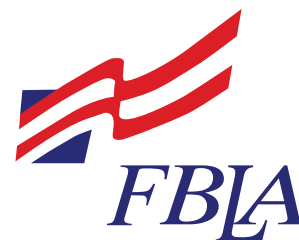
The Equity Policies and Procedures for students and for employees/applicants in place for 2023/2024 are located on the district website; <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2613> under *Human Resources/Equity*.

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Ms. Zubyk – Chapter Adviser