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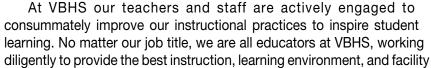
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A Message From The Chief

We are looking forward to a tremendous school year 2023-24 at Vero Beach High School! Summer is an ideal break and opportunity for reflection on the past school year and to set goals for this coming year.





Shawn O'Keefe

possible for our students and families. Our school supports the goals of our school district, and greater school community as an asset. Our families are proud to say that their child attends VBHS. With great pride in their school, our students are happy and exhibit honorable qualities of respect, tolerance, hard work, and perseverance in all that they do. Working collaboratively, our instructional staff seeks to answer the critical questions of learning and develop learning goals that are strategic, specific, measurable, attainable, results oriented, and time bound, to realize our collective educational aspirations. Together, we are goal oriented, supportive, consistent, and our decisions and actions keep the best interests of our students and stakeholders at heart.

With another incredible and productive school year at hand, we have been spending these summer months in preparation for our student's return. We have been working on improving our campus with some much-needed athletic facility improvements and additions including a newly installed synthetic turf surface in the Citrus Bowl, 6 new beach volleyball courts, a new regulation track and field facility construction will be underway soon, and our weight room has been outfitted with all new equipment. We also have newly painted our interiors of our academic hallways, and our fantastic custodial staff have spent the summer thoroughly cleaning all our facilities. We thank the school district and our community for making these investments in our students.

We invite you to attend our Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night the evening of July 27th as well as orientations by grade level the morning of August 7th. Please see our orientation schedule in this newsletter. It sends a very powerful message when both family and faculty are "on the same page" when it comes to the importance of education. We are happy to see you here on our campuses, and hope you will continue to be frequent visitors to your children's "home away from home." Please know that you are always welcome.

Students will return for this 2023-24 school year on Thursday, August 10th! Please review this newsletter carefully, so that you are adequately prepared for the first days of school. Please make use of our website, www.vbhs.org for additional and updated information to "stay tuned". I hope you enjoy the last days of summer and return to us in August with renewed energy and enthusiasm for what promises to be another outstanding school year. Together we achieve success at VBHS!

For the VBHS Family, Shawn D. O'Keefe Principal



Parking Sticker Sales for 2023-2024 School Year



Parking permit applications must be completely filled out and signed by both student and a parent/guardian. In addition to the two forms, the following must be brought in at the time the application is submitted: Proof of on-line payment, valid driver's license (not a learner's permit), current insurance card, and current vehicle registration. If all paperwork is not complete

and current, you will **NOT** be issued a permit. If you do not have a license yet, but will have a license on or before October 20, 2023, you may reserve a parking spot by submitting all other paperwork and making payment. Reserved spots will be held only until October 27, 2023. At that time, the spot may be sold to another student and there will be NO refund of the parking fee.

PARKING IS A PRIVILEGE - No refunds will be given if parking privileges are revoked.

In addition to the specific parking lot rules contained on the signed Parking Permit Rules authorization form, the following apply to acquire and retain your parking privilege:

- You must maintain a 2.0 or above GPA.
- You must meet and maintain the 90% attendance requirement.
- You must not be on the school's Obligations List.
- A school suspension, 9 or more unexcused absences, or excessive tardies may result in the loss of your parking privilege.
- Leaving campus during the school day without authorization **WILL** result in the loss of your parking privilege.

Any vehicle parked on campus without a permit or in a spot belonging to another, will be given one written warning. A second offense may result in the vehicle being towed.

You must come on the date and time specified based upon your end of year unweighted GPA for advance parking selection. If you are unavailable on the assigned date, you may send all documentation with a third party. Keep in mind that the person who represents you will be choosing your parking spot. After the date assigned, students can get a parking spot from 7:30am to 2pm beginning on July 31st. Once school starts, you can get a parking spot before school, after school, or during lunch only. SENIORS ONLY-Monday July 24th

- 8:00-9:00am 3.75-4.0 GPA
- 9:00-10:00am 3.50-3.74 GPA
- 10:00-11:00am 3.25-3.49 GPA
- 11:00-12:00pm 3.0-3.24 GPA SENIORS ONLY-Tuesday July 25th
- 8:00-9:00am 2.75-2.99 GPA
- 9:00-10:00am 2.50-2.74 GPA
- 10:00-11:00am 2.25-2.49 GPA
- 11:00-12:00pm 2.0-2.24 GPA JUNIORS ONLY-Wednesday July 26th
- 8:00-9:00am 3.75-4.0 GPA
- 9:00-10:00am 3.50-3.74 GPA
- 10:00-11:00am 3.25-3.49 GPA
- 11:00-12:00pm 3.0-3.24 GPA
- JUNIORS ONLY-Thursday July 27th 8:00-9:00am - 2.75-2.99 GPA
- 9:00-10:00am 2.50-2.74 GPA
- 10:00-11:00am 2.25-2.49 GPA
- 11:00-12:00pm 2.0-2.24 GPA SOPHOMORES ONLY-Friday July 28th
- 8:00-9:00am 3.5-4.0 GPA
- 9:00-10:00am 3.00-3.49 GPA
- 10:00-11:00am 2.50-2.99 GPA
- 11:00-12:00pm 2.00-2.49 GPA

You may check GPA and obligations before your scheduled date by coming to the front office any weekday between 9am and 2pm. This will decrease your wait time when you come on your scheduled day. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Vold at 772-564-5535 or at school email below: monaweka.vold@indianriverschools.org.

** If you miss your assigned day, you will need to wait until Monday July 31st to apply for parking.

Applications can be found on the school's website or at the front office of the main campus.







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2023-2024 School Calendar

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8/7/2023	Orientation in AM
8/10/2023	First Day of School
9/4/2023	Labor Day; No School
9/12/2023	High School Open House
9/25/2023	No School
10/11/2023	End of Quarter 1
10/23/2023	Quarter 1 Report Cards
10/26/2023	High School Conferences
10/27/2023	No School
11/3/2023	No School for Students/Teachers PD Day
11/11/2023	Veteran's Day; No School
11/20-24/2023	Thanksgiving Week; No School
12/19/2023	Modified Instructional Day
12/20/2023	Modified Instructional Day
12/20/2023	End of Quarter 2
12/21/2023-1/5/2024	Winter Break
1/10/2024	Students return from Winter Break
1/15/2024	Dr. M.L.King, Jr Day; No School
1/16/2024	Quarter 2 Report Cards
2/2/2024	No School for Students/PD for Teachers
2/15/2024	High School Conferences
2/16/2024	No School
2/19/2024	All Presidents Day; No School
3/19/2024	End of Quarter 3
3/25-29/2024	Spring Break
4/5/2024	Quarter 3 Report Cards
4/19/2024	No School
5/17/2024	Graduation
5/27/2024	Memorial Day, No School
5/29/2024	Modified Instructional Day
5/30/2024	-
5/31/2024	Modified Instructional Day/Last Day of School

Orientation

Orientation will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023 from 8am-10:00am. Prior to orientation, schedules will be released on FOCUS. Students will be able to come on campus and walk their schedules. There will be tables set up with information from IRSC, Scholarship Foundation, and other important information. Counselors will be available in the courtyard for schedule corrections. For students new to the main campus, we will have campus tours starting at 11:00am.

- 12th grade at 8:00am
- 11th grade at 9:00am
- 10th grade at 10:00am
- 9th grade at 9:00am at FLC



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VBHS 9th Grade Parent Night in the FLC Cafeteria

July 27th from 6-7PM

Topics:

- Contacts at VBHS
- School Counselor's Role
- Succeeding in High School
- Graduation Requirements
- Academic Opportunities
- Post High School Education
- Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Mark Your Calendar

SDIRC 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT



JULY 26TH 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. SRHS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



JULY 27TH 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. VBHS FRESHMAN LEARNING CENTER COME LEARN
EVERYTHING YOU
NEED TO KNOW
TO PREPARE FOR
A SUCCESSFUL
HIGH SCHOOL
EXPERIENCE

A FEW TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED

Academic Opportunities &
Advising - Post High School
Planning - Graduation
Requirements - New Resources
- Athletics - Extracurricular







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Guidance – Scheduling

We are working on schedules for the 2023-2024 school year and would like to let you know about some exciting opportunities you may qualify for.

- 1. <u>Senior Privilege:</u> If you are an on track with your courses and have a GPA over a 2.3, you are eligible for a period off.
- 2. <u>Credit for Work:</u> If you have a job and maintain your employment throughout the school year, you are eligible for 1 period off for every 5 hours you work. Maximum 2 periods off.
- 3. Still need your online course: You may take a FLVS course from home.
- Dual Enrollment courses through IRSC: You must have a 3.0 GPA and the correct test scores to qualify. You may take your courses at the college and decrease the number of courses you need to take at VBHS. Four college courses equals a full course load.

If you are interested in any of these options, please reach out to your counselor. Your parent will need to complete the VBHS Nontraditional Contract on FOCUS, we can assist you and complete the form over the phone as well.

Graduation 2023

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our students that have joined the military:

- US Coast Guard: Jasmine Clarke, Hayden Cooper, Cole Ventura
- US Marine Corp: Anthony Carvallo, Caroline LeClaire, Noah Rettemnier
- US Air Force: Ryan Hart, David Hollar, Logan Starck
- US Army: Johanna Moreno
 Thank you for your decision to serve our country.
 Congratulations to all our 2023 graduates!

Class of 2024

You are about to enter your final year of high school and should be preparing to start the college application process. Most college applications are due no later than November 15. In the fall, you will be meeting with your counselor to assist you throughout the process. There will be a schedule of application and essay workshops sent out the first week of school as well.

Many applications will require a counselor email so that your transcripts and recommendations can be uploaded. We are requesting that all students use the following email address for their college applications this year instead of their individual counselor emails: dist.vbhs.collegeapp@sdirc.onmicrosoft.com

This common email address will provide a streamline approach to monitoring student applications and deadlines. If you have any questions, you may reach out to your student's counselor when they return on July 20 or to Mrs. Wood, Guidance Director.

We are looking forward to the upcoming year and see you soon.

ATTENTION INDIAN RIVER COUNTY SENIORS - CLASS OF 2023 IF YOU'D LIKE OUR HELP WITH COLLEGE Scholarship FIRST STEPS TO QUALIFY* Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or Better Foundation SAT Scores of 1110 to 1330 or Better ACT Scores 22 to 29 or Better *Standards for Class of 2022 may chage for Class of 2023 of Indian River County MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SIGN UP FOR THE UPCOMING TESTING DATES SAT TESTING DATES for 2022-2023 Aug 27, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3 **DID YOU KNOW** ACT TESTING DATES for 2022-2023 40 Indian River County Students from the Class of 2022 Received \$664,730 in College Scholarships Scholarship Applications Available Online Beginning November 1, 2022 @ www.sfindianriver.org • Absolute Deadline January 31, 2023 P.O. Box 1820 • Vero Beach, FL 32961 • For more info call 772-569-9869 or visit our website www.sfindianriver.org









VBHS Sports Opportunities

FALL	COACH NAME	Coach contact information			
Bowling	Jeremy Pohl	Jeremy.Pohl@indianriverschools.org			
Varsity Football	Lenny Jankowski	Lenny.Jankowski@indianriverschools.org			
JV Football	Lance Roache	Lance.Roache@indianriverschools.org			
Freshman	Alonzo Phillips	Alonzomusic772@gmail.com			
Boys Golf	Bela Nagy	BNagy@irgov.com			
Girls Golf	Roger Van Dyke	rogervandykeirgf@gmail.com			
Cross Country	TBA				
Swimming	Holly McClain	tcscswim@comcast.net			
Volleyball	Heather Magelssen	magelssenh@gmail.com			
Football Cheer	Jessica Porter	Jessica.Porter@indianriverschools.org			
WINTER					
Boys Basketball	Damion Whitsett	Damion.Whitsett@indianriverschools.org			
Girls Basketball	Kayla Woulard	Kayla.woulard@indianriverschools.org			
Boys Soccer	Chris Fonehouse	Chris.Fonehous@indianriverschools.org			
Girls Soccer	Chris Fonehouse	Chris.Fonehouse@indianriverschools.org			
Girls Weightlifting	Pete DeLuke	Peter.DeLuke@indianriverschools.org			
Boys Wrestling	Ken Colao	Kenneth.Colao@indianriverschools.org			
Girls Wrestling	Lynn Esposito-Knight	Lynn.Esposito-Knight@indianriverschools.org			
SPRING					
Baseball	Bryan Rahal	Bryan.Rahal@indianriverschools.org			
Beach Volleyball	Wes Hawkins	Wes.hawkins@verobeachvb.com			
Flag Football	TBA				
Boys Lacrosse	Rory Whipple	Rorywhip@gmail.com			
Girls Lacrosse	Shannon Dean	Shannon.Dean@indianriverschools.org			
Softball	Ken Willis	Ken.Willis@indianriverschools.org			
Boys & Girls Tennis	James VanDeinse/Paula Hoekzema	Jamesvandeinse@aol.com, Paula.Hoekzema@indianriverschools.org			
Boys Track	Alonzo Phillips	Alonzomusic772@gmail.com			
Girls Track	Kayla Woulard	Kayla.Woulard@indianriverschools.org			
Athletic Director	Lenny Jankowski	Lenny.Jankowski@indianriverschools.org			
Athletic Trainer	AJ Bewersdorf	Allen.Bewersdorf@indianriverschools.org			

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Season tickets will be available to the general public for new season ticket holders on August 7th at ticketspicket.com.

2023 Vero Beach High School Varsity Football Schedule

Aug 18- Kick Off Classic		7:00pm
Aug 25- Week 1	Home vs Miami Northwestern	7:00 PM
Sept 1- Week 2	Home vs PB Gardens	7:00 PM
Sept 8- Week 3	Bye	
Sept 15-Week 4	Home vs FP Westwood	7:00 PM
Sept 22-Week 5	Home vs Sanford Seminole	7:00 PM
Sept 29-Week 6	Away vs FP Central	7:00 PM
Oct 6-Week 7	Away vs Wellington	6:30 PM
Oct 13-Week 8	Home vs Centennial	7:00 PM
Oct 20-Week 9	Home vs Martin County-Homecoming Game	7:00 PM
Oct 27- Week 10	Away vs Treasure Coast	7:00 PM
Nov 4- Week 11	Home vs Lake City Columbia	7:00 PM

VBHS Club Opportunities

African American Student Council	Jam Club
Animal Rescue Club	Key Club
Arrowhead/Yearbook	Kickball Club
Baile Fuego	Little Indians Lacrosse
Campus Life	Masterminds
Chieftain	Math Team/Math Competition
Chick-Fil-A	Model United Nations
D.A.R.E./S.A.D.D	National Honor Society
Dance Marathon	Photography Club
Drama Club	Acceptance Club
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Red Kettle Club (Student Arm of Salvation Army)
Elite Indians	SAFIR/SWAT
Empowerment Club	Sailing Club
First Priority	Science Research
Florida Future Educators of America	Stomp & Shake
Girls Wrestling Team	Student Government
Green Team (Environmental Club)	Table Tennis
H.O.S.A.	TED-ED Student talks
HOPE	Tribe Tutors
Unified Indians	Wheels for Charity
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International Club	Youth Vote Initiative Club

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