



**VERNON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL**

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Dear Student/Parent:

“Today I have the power to change my story.”- Anonymous

I hope you are enjoying your summer and cherishing time with your friends and family. I am beyond excited to meet your children at the start of the school year. This letter is to inform you of the opening of school information and some upcoming dates in September. Vernon Township High School administrators, faculty, and staff are presently working to ensure the 2022-2023 school year is one of our best. We are very excited to welcome you to the school and serve your educational needs. Below please find the information for the start of school:

**Wednesday, August 24th, is our Freshman Orientation for all of our incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders.** All freshmen should follow their bus schedules that were sent through School Messenger and also available on [www.vtsd.com](http://www.vtsd.com). Orientation will begin at 10:30. All students will be receiving a class t-shirt and will spend the day exploring their schedules and working with peer leaders. Lunch will be provided at 12:00pm and orientation will conclude at **1:00pm.**

**Monday, August 29th, is our Freshman Parent Informational.** Families new to the district are also invited to join us. We will have an open house from 5-6 pm (you can arrive anytime between 5-6), where you can explore your child's schedule independently. There will then be an administrative presentation from 6-7 pm, with the conclusion of a Q&A session.

**Tuesday, August 30th, will be another open house from 10am-2 pm.** You can tour the building independently. Staff and students will be available to answer any questions you may have.

**Prior to the first day of school, students need to log into Genesis and view their updated schedule and 1st-period class. Schedules will be available to view by Today, August 22nd.**

**Tuesday, September 6th, is the first day of school for all students, and we will follow an “A DAY” schedule with an extended homeroom period (full day schedule enclosed).** Students will report directly to their homeroom. School begins at **7:05 am** and our regular dismissal time is 1:55 pm. In the 1st period, all students will receive a new student ID. Students will be utilizing the same lockers as last year. Students should view their schedule the night before, as it will reflect any last-minute changes due to staffing or room changes. All students should follow their new/revised schedules.

Although all Juniors and Seniors who are eligible to drive may drive to school starting on the first day of school, all students must register their vehicles no later than Friday, September 30th, 2022, to receive their parking decals to continue parking on campus. Parking applications will be sent out to eligible Senior and Junior drivers. All requirements must be met before this privilege will be granted. Students who have met all requirements or who had a tag last year may drive on the first day of school. Students that need to complete the *Share the Keys* Program can do so on August 23rd, August 31st, September 7th, and September 20th at 6:00 pm. Parents must also attend.

To view your child's grades, please use the Genesis portal. Access is available through Genesis <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uongQA0SRI4>; please refer to our website under Genesis resources. The best way to contact your student's teacher is via email. If you do not have an email account, you can call the main office to leave a message.

**School Messenger and Genesis are our main forms of communication for the Vernon Township School District. We have transitioned to nearly 100% online forms submitted through the parent portal. Please make sure you have completed the required forms through the portal prior to the first day of school. Forms need to be completed to access parent/student portal once the school year begins.**

**Parent portal:** <https://parents.genesisedu.com/vtsd/parents>

**If you do not have internet access, please contact the main office 973-764-2960.**

Student Attendance has been negatively impacted during the last two and a half years due to the difficult times we have endured as a society. There is a direct correlation between academic success and student attendance. With that being said, a new process for addressing chronic absenteeism will be implemented. Consistent communication will occur in regards to students accumulating excessive absences. Students exceeding our district policy of 18 absences (10% of the school year) will be required to complete an appeals process. After the appeal has been reviewed by administration, a determination will be made on whether or not a student will be required to participate in a seat-time program to avoid a loss of credit at the end of the school year. Opportunities to complete seat-time will be given during unit lunch, after school, or on Saturdays. This will only occur in classes where students are receiving a passing grade.

#### **Updates:**

- o All students need to read and acknowledge our Parent/Student Handbook. Students will be acknowledging the expectations of the VTSD, including the student code of conduct and other district policies and procedures. Please review this with your child through the Genesis parent portal forms page before school begins.
  - Due to safety and communication concerns, **hats and hoods will not be allowed to be worn in the school during the school day.**
  - Earbuds/headphones will not be allowed to be worn during the school day. **One earbud will only be allowed to be worn during unit lunch** so students can hear communication and safety announcements.
  - The **use of cellular devices** will be limited. They may be used by students during non-instructional time only: during unit lunch and study hall. The only other time devices may be used is for learning purposes at the discretion of their teacher. During class, students will have access to place their cell phones in a designated area provided by the teacher.
  - We will continue to refer to our school dress code policy with the expectation that students will adhere to its requirements. **Students not in compliance with our school policy will be referred to administration.** Please read through our Parent/Student Handbook for additional details.
- o **Unit Lunch Update:** Lunch has been converted to a Flex/Lunch period and is no longer an A/B lunch. Students will have the opportunity to meet with staff at any point during the lunch period. There will be a warning bell for labs, as well as a lab bell. Specific locations will be restricted. As for eating locations, students will no longer be able to eat in the upper library or the auditorium. The gym will be available for students to participate in playing basketball/volleyball. The bleachers will not be open.

The following locations will be available for eating:

- Cafeteria
- Senior Cafe
- Faculty Cafe- Quiet lunch space
- The former school store
- The lower library
- The center courtyard
- The outdoor space behind the senior cafe
- Classrooms (teacher discretion)

**\*\*\* The stairwell that runs from the lower library to the upper library will not be utilized by students this year, except for during unit lunch.**

- Safety is our priority. Students shall carry their school-issued ID at all times. Their ID can be utilized to purchase lunch, sign in and out of bathrooms, and for senior sign-out.
- Open Campus for Seniors, which allows our students to leave campus during the Unit Lunch time will not begin until the middle of the marking period. We will be reviewing this program with our Seniors and send out separate correspondence to parents/guardians prior to beginning the program.
- **Please note that there has been a change in some school counselor assignments.** There was a rebalancing in numbers, so your child's counselor may have changed this school year. Please rest assured that our counselors are consistently working together to ensure the success of our students.
- We have recently received some updated state guidelines in regards to health and safety protocols for the opening of the school year. Please know that the health and safety of our staff and students will always be our priority. We will continue to monitor the NJDOE and NJDOH health and safety guidelines and we will continue to update, adjust, and communicate any changes as the school year progresses. Additional information will be sent via Central Office prior to the start of the school year.

Vernon Township High School continues to ensure that every student is offered a world-class education which provides access to 21st Century Learning skills that provide a solid educational foundation. Most importantly, we want to provide each and every one of our students with the opportunity for growth and success. I hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer and that every student returns to school with enthusiasm for the upcoming year.

I am looking forward to serving your educational needs in an exciting learning environment.

Yours Sincerely,

Lindsay Young  
Principal

## Welcome Back! Week 1

	Tuesday-September 6th (A)		Wednesday- September 7th (B)		Thursday- September 8th (C)		Friday- September 9th (D)	
	Student Arrival	7:05	Student Arrival	7:05	Student Arrival	7:05	Student Arrival	7:05
	Homeroom Bell	7:09	Homeroom Bell	7:09	Homeroom Bell	7:09	Homeroom Bell	7:09
	Extended Homeroom	7:10-7:25	Homeroom	7:10-7:15	Homeroom	7:10-7:15	Homeroom	7:10-7:15
BLOCK 1	1	7:28-7:58	2- 9th Gr Class Meeting	7:18-7:58	3	7:18-7:58	4	7:18-7:58
BLOCK 2	2	8:01-8:41	3- 10th Gr Class Meeting	8:01-8:41	4	8:01-8:41	1	8:01-8:41
BLOCK 3	3	8:44-9:24	4- 11th Gr Class Meeting	8:44-9:24	1	8:44-9:24	2	8:44-9:24
BLOCK 4	4	9:27-10:07	1- 12th Gr Class Meeting	9:27-10:07	2	9:27-10:07	3	9:27-10:07
	Science Lab A	10:10-10:35	Science Lab A	10:10-10:35	Science Lab A	10:10-10:35	Science Lab A	10:10-10:35
	<i>Flex/Lunch</i>	<i>10:10-11:03</i>	<i>Flex/Lunch</i>	<i>10:10-11:03</i>	<i>Flex/Lunch</i>	<i>10:10-11:03</i>	<i>Flex/Lunch</i>	<i>10:10-11:03</i>
	Science Lab B	10:38-11:03	Science Lab B	10:38-11:03	Science Lab B	10:38-11:03	Science Lab B	10:38-11:03
BLOCK 5	5	11:06-11:46	6	11:06-11:46	7	11:06-11:46	8	11:06-11:46
BLOCK 6	6	11:49-12:29	7	11:49-12:29	8	11:49-12:29	5	11:49-12:29
BLOCK 7	7	12:32-1:12	8	12:32-1:12	5	12:32-1:12	6	12:32-1:12
BLOCK 8	8	1:15- 1:55	5	1:15- 1:55	6	1:15- 1:55	7	1:15- 1:55
	Student Dismissal	1:55	Student Dismissal	1:55	Student Dismissal	1:55	Student Dismissal	1:55
	Buses Depart	2:00	Buses Depart	2:00	Buses Depart	2:00	Buses Depart	2:00

## VTHS DAILY SCHEDULE 2022-2023

2022-2023 VTHS REGULAR SCHOOL DAY ROTATIONAL SCHEDULES							
DAY 1 (A)		DAY 2 (B)		DAY 3 (C)		DAY 4 (D)	
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3	8:44-9:24	4	8:44-9:24	1	8:44-9:24	2	8:44-9:24
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5	11:06-11:46	6	11:06-11:46	7	11:06-11:46	8	11:06-11:46
6	11:49-12:29	7	11:49-12:29	8	11:49-12:29	5	11:49-12:29
7	12:32-1:12	8	12:32-1:12	5	12:32-1:12	6	12:32-1:12
8	1:15- 1:55	5	1:15- 1:55	6	1:15- 1:55	7	1:15- 1:55
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## August

- 22 – Genesis Portal Open – Student Schedules Available – All HS grades
- 23 – Share the Keys Program - 6pm-8pm – Juniors/Seniors
- 24 – Freshman Orientation – 10:30am-1:00pm – Incoming Freshmen
- 29 – Freshman Parent/Guardian Open House/Informational Session – 5pm-7pm
- 30 – Open House – Self Guided Tour – 10am-2pm
- 31 - Share the Keys Program - 6pm-8pm – Juniors/Seniors

## September

- 5 – Labor Day – District Closed
- 6 – Welcome Back! First Day of School – All Students
- 7 – Share the Keys Program – 6pm-8pm – Juniors/Seniors
- 9 – Senior Portraits Make-Ups – Call Lora for Appointment
- 14 – Back to School Night – 5:30pm-8:30pm
- 16 – SCA Bingo – HS Café – 6pm-11pm
- 20 - Share the Keys Program – 6pm-8pm – Juniors/Seniors
- 27 – Underclassmen Portraits - 7:30am – 1:30pm
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