



Freshman Parent Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Welcome to VHS

- Kim Kindell, Director, Rotary Futures
- Mary Kay Mack, 9th Grade Cornerstone Director
- Brenda Bartlett, Guidance Counselor
- Barbara Farrar, Chair, Social Studies Dept.
- Julie Pinkerton, Rotary Futures
- Nicole Wolfe, Guidance Counselor
- Jack Turgeon, Principal

- Tours of the VHS Campus (optional)

VHS Administration

Jack Turgeon
Principal

Assistant Principals

- **Mike Jennings**
 - 9th Grade Cornerstone, HELP, BIT
- **Bill Mowry**
 - TECH Science & Engineering, Life & Health Science
- **Trisha Allen**
 - Visual Arts, Performing Arts

Dress Code And Cell Phone Policy

On the VHS Website –
www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/venicehigh

DRESS CODE POLICY

Venice High School takes pride in the appearance of its students. The student, with parental guidance, should come to school ready to learn and participate in the instructional program. Venice High will not be placed in the position of ruling on fashion. These basic rules do apply.

The following TOPS are NOT acceptable:

- Exposing the belly or midriff
- Low cut to expose cleavage
- Tube tops
- Spaghetti strap tops
- Muscle shirts

PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, DRESSES are NOT acceptable that:

- Expose the buttocks (MUST BE mid-thigh length)
- Expose undergarments
- Are ripped/torn as deemed inappropriate
- Are Saggy/baggy pants

ALSO PROHIBITED:

PAJAMAS AND SLIPPERS ARE PROHIBITED
 NO HATS MAY BE WORN INSIDE ANY BUILDING
 NO CHAINS, SPIKED JEWELRY OR SPIKED BELTS
 NOTHING may be worn that encourages or advertises:

- The use of drugs or alcohol (Example: Snowman merchandise)
- Gang involvement
- Discrimination or sexual innuendoes



9th Grade Cornerstone

Mary Kay Mack
Cornerstone Director
SGA, Mu Alpha Theta, and Prom Sponsor
(and a Math Teacher, too ☺)

What is Cornerstone?

- **9th Grade Transition Program**
- **Description:** To help ease the difficulties students often encounter as they move from middle to high school. Venice High School places first-year students in their own academy, in a separate building, with extra supports from adults. Teachers form teams across the required core subject and collaborate to personalize the school experience for every freshman

Freshman SGA Elections

- Paperwork is available now
 - Ms. Mack's room, 35-002
 - Will be handing out to students in the Freshman orientation today.
- Due by Wed., Aug. 24th, at 2:15 pm.
- Class Officer elections – August 30th
- Senator elections – September 6th
- Voting will take place in English class

Guidance & Schedules

Brenda Bartlett
Guidance Counselor

Link Crew Freshman Orientation Today's Agenda

- VHS Cheerleaders
- MCJROTC Presentation of Colors
- Introductions
 - Student Leaders
 - Principal and Assistant Principals
- CLUBS
 - Key Club – Student Service Club (coed)
 - Democratic Club
 - Interact – Student Service Club (all girls)
 - Republican Club
 - Student Government

Link Crew Freshman Orientation Continued

- Balloon Pop Race
- VHS Policies Skit
- Break into Groups
 - Icebreaker
 - Policies
 - Class Schedule
 - Tours of Campus

Guidance Staff

- **A – D** > Nicole Wolfe
- **E – K** > Brenda Bartlett
- **L – Q** > Michele Cross
- **R – Z** > Jennifer Mainey

Bell Schedule

(on the website – under “Resources”)

- PERIOD 1 7:30 - 8:17
- PERIOD 2 8:24 - 9:15
- PERIOD 3 9:22 - 10:09
- PERIOD 4 10:16 - 11:03
- **LUNCH A 11:03 - 11:33**
- **PERIOD 5 11:40 - 12:27**
- **PERIOD 5 11:10 - 11:57**
- **LUNCH B 11:57 - 12:27**
- PERIOD 6 12:34 - 1:21
- PERIOD 7 1:28 - 2:15

Sample Student Schedule

0221 VENICE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SCHEDULE DATE: 08/03/11
YEAR: 11 - 12

STUDENT: [REDACTED] TEAM: E2 COUNSEL: WOLFE, NICOLE L
GRADE: 10 SEX: MALE PIN: [REDACTED]

SESSION: 1 DATES: 8/22/11 - 10/24/11

Sec	W	MO	TH	FR	SA	SU	Class	Name	Teacher	Schl	Cred	Blk	Rm	Days
A	0202	1200130	W&L	CHM 1			TR-SCIENCE		TRAM, KATHLEEN	0221	1.00	40-0010		MTWTF
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A	0505	0000110	ROTC	ROTC ED & LEAD					SCALANO JR, PAUL L	0221	1.00	5-002		MTWTF

SESSION: 3 DATES: 1/18/12 - 3/28/12

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Class Schedules

- Should have 7 periods
- Lunch will be before or after 5th period
 - A Lunch: 11:03 – 11:33 (S. Side of Campus)
 - B Lunch: 11:57 – 12:27 (N. Side of Campus)
 - See campus map
- 7 minutes passing time between classes
- **TRIBE** - **T**eens **R**emaining **I**nterested by **E**ngagement—every other week meeting of students with SLC teacher

Corrections to Schedules

- **Missing a Course?**
 - Fill out a **Drop/Add form**, and leave it with us today (in the Guidance Office).
- **Incorrect Course?**
 - Fill out a **Drop/Add form** with the course that should be dropped and what should be added. Leave it with us today.
- **Please remember—**
 - Due to budget concerns, class size amendment and course requests...some courses may no longer be available.
- **We will work as fast as we can to make sure your student's schedule is correct.**

Stay Connected to VHS!

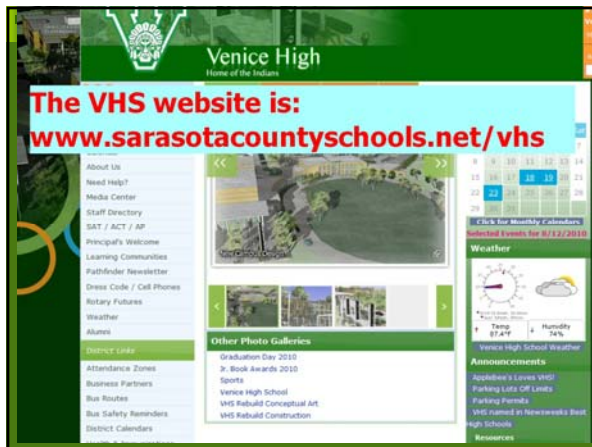
Barbara Farrar

Chairwoman

VHS Social Studies Department
Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Coordinator

CrossPointe

- CrossPointe is the
 - online grading system
 - new to VHS.
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- Students and Parents should have access to grades and attendance
 - in the near future.



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Julie Pinkerton

Rotary Futures

College Resource Center



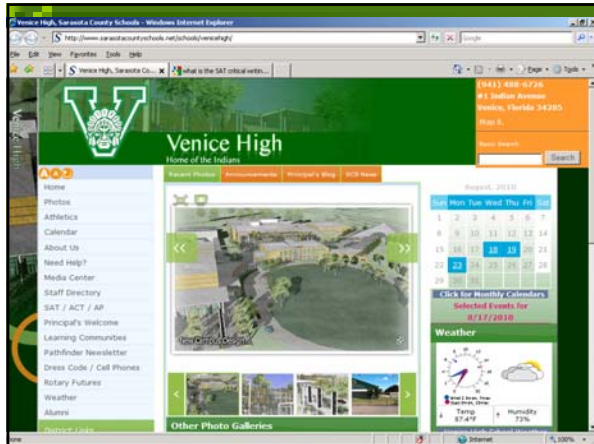
VHS Attendance Policy

- When your student has been **ABSENT**, a note must be turned into the first period teacher within three days of returning in order to be excused.
- When a student is **TARDY** in the morning, they must report to the attendance office before they go to any class!
- Please bring **EARLY DISMISSAL** notes first thing in the morning to the attendance office and return to the attendance office to sign out when leaving. The note must be from the parent and the office will call the parent to confirm the early dismissal.
- Students must obtain a "passport" from the attendance office 48 hours in advance of any planned absence.

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VHS Website

www.sarasotacountyschools.net/vhs



Free or Reduced Lunch

- Contact the Cafeteria Manager
 - Chris Henley
- Applications will be available in the front office
- Criteria is used...
 - Waivers of SAT and ACT fees.
 - Some scholarships

My LunchMoney.com

- www.MyLunchMoney.com
- Provides parents with a secure way to manage school lunch payment
- Transaction Fee - \$1.95
- View meal history for the last 7 days

Student Sports Pass

- \$35 in the Athletic Office
- Admission to all regular season athletic events at Venice High School
- Great deal!

Lockers

- Limited number of lockers are available on campus
- Cost - \$10
- Go on sale today at 11:15 and tomorrow, Thurs., Aug. 18th, 7:30 – 11:30 am in the South Cafeteria

The PAC Peer Assisting & Counseling

Nicole Wolfe
Guidance Counselor
Senior Activities Director
PAC Advisor

The PAC

- Trained students selected for their
 - Leadership potential
 - Compassion for others
 - Willingness to help their peers
- Purpose
 - Mentor incoming freshman
 - Work with exceptional education students
 - Mediate peer conflicts on campus as needed
- Goals
 - Create a more positive school climate by giving students the tools to manage and resolve peer conflicts
 - Bring together regular and exceptional education students to teach social skills and promote literacy through reading
 - Help 9th graders acclimate to the high school environment

Rotary Futures College Resource Center

Kim Kindell

Director



Rotary Futures College Resource Center

- 501(c)3 Non-profit organization supported by the community--in partnership with VHS
- Post-Secondary Resource Center
 - Assists area students of all ages with planning for education after high school
 - School research and applications
 - SAT & ACT testing information and prep
 - Resume and essay writing
 - Community service plans
 - Scholarships and Financial Aid
 - Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Rotary Futures

www.rotaryfutures.org

- Opened in January 2002
- Over 47,000 visits to our program
- VHS Class of 2001
 - Recognized at Senior Awards Night for over **\$585,000** in scholarships
- **VHS Class of 2011**
 - Over **\$2.5 million** in accepted local and institutional scholarships
 - Scholarship offers \$1.5 million
 - Bright Futures scholarships \$2.3 million
 - TOTAL GARNERED BY THE CLASS OF 2010
 - **\$6.3 million in scholarships**

Rotary Futures is on...



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and reminders :-)

Community Service

- Volunteer hours are **NOT** required for high school graduation, BUT they are required for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program.
- Important for many private scholarships, too.
- MUST complete the Sarasota County plan and have the plan approved **PRIOR to beginning ANY volunteer service**
- 75 hours = .5 credit; 150 hours = 1 credit (two .5 credits)
- Hours **MUST** be served with a **NON-PROFIT** organization
- **Completed plan is one of the requirements for NHS**
- Community Service hours look great on your transcript and résumé!

Get your student involved!

- School Activities
 - Clubs
 - Sports, Band, Chorus
- Outside Activities
 - Dance Class, Boy/Girl Scouts, Piano lessons, etc.
 - Internships
 - Employment
- Community Service
 - Volunteering for NON-PROFIT organizations

Recent Headlines



- “Gator Dream Eludes Many”
- “College-bound Fear Rejection as Schools Freeze Enrollment”
- “A Dim View of Bright Futures”

College Planning Workshop

Sponsored by Drs. Ehrlich & Salapudi
and Rotary Futures

- Thurs., September 22nd, 7 pm in the VHS auditorium
- Jane Robbins – “Demystifying the College Admissions Process”
- Changes to Florida Bright Futures program
