

Versailles High School

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Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to getting the 2015-16 school year started. The first day of school for students is Monday, August 31st. Our student day will be from 8:00 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

I am excited about a couple of things that will be new to the high school. We will offer 14 College Credit Plus courses through Edison State and Urbana at the high school this school year at no cost to you. Many of you have attended the orientations and are signed up and ready to go.

We also will be providing our students a Chromebook to support and enhance their learning opportunities. We realize that this is new and will have some challenges but feel the benefits far outweigh them.

We offer many activities and programs which most of our students are active in. It is my hope that each of you will find something that you can connect with. We would also like to remind everyone of two resources for school information. First of all, our school website is a valuable source and can be found at www.versailles.k12.oh.us (click on the high school tab). Another source of information is our Versailles High School Twitter Account @VersaillesHS. We are now up to 325 followers.

I would like to introduce our new high school staff member. His name is Mr. Zach Sudhoff. Mr. Sudhoff will be replacing Donna Wagner as our Intervention Specialist. Zach completed his undergraduate education at Bowling Green State University and grad school at Wright State University. He resides with his wife Amanda, and their daughter, Georgia, in Coldwater. He is also helping coach football.

It is my goal that each student has an enjoyable and productive school year and I am committed to make that happen for each of you. Please feel free to call me with any issues or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger J. McEldowney". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Roger J. McEldowney



EXTRA-CURRICULAR & ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

*No student will be allowed to participate or attend any school activity if they are absent the last half of the school day unless arrangements have been made between the parents, coach and/or advisors, and the office prior to this absence. **Students must be in attendance by 12:30 p.m. to participate that day.** Students are responsible for having the Office and their teachers sign a note prior to the absence. If a student attends a school event without approval, the absence will be unexcused. Any exception to the above takes administrative approval.*

Chromebook Q & A

When will I get my ChromeBook?

Chromebooks will be distributed during first period class on the first day of school.



Will I be able to take them home?

Students that have completed the appropriate forms will be permitted to take them home.

Do I have to take my Chromebook home?

Students may leave their Chromebooks in their last period class. There will be a place for them to be charged.

What will I do with my Chromebook during lunch?

Chromebooks will be left in 5th period class. Students will return to 5th period after lunch to pick up their things and then proceed to 6th period.

What should I do with my Chromebook after school if I have a game or practice?

Just like you are responsible for your cell phones during that time, you will also be responsible to secure your Chromebook.

What should I do if I have a problem with my Chromebook?

See Mike Goubeaux in the Media Center with all technical issues related to the Chromebooks.

How should I clean & care for my Chromebook?

Please refer to the instruction & care sheet that will be distributed on the first day with your Chromebooks.

Mission Statement

The mission for the students, staff, family and community of the Versailles Exempted Village School District is to prepare, educate and challenge each student to demonstrate integrity, responsibility and respect in society.

Vision

The Versailles EVSD will prepare and challenge students to succeed to their full potential by providing the best practices in education that will enable students to demonstrate integrity, responsibility, and respect while adapting to an ever-changing society.

Core Values

Students First - All Students are valued and can learn

Staff - Positive Role Models who support all students in a safe environment

Family – Engaged, supportive, collaborative

Community – A positive partnership

All – Members of the school community demonstrate integrity, responsibility, and respect

Arrival Procedures:

STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN 7:35 AM. ***Doors will be locked until 7:35 a.m.*** as there is no supervision for students prior to this time. Arrangements will be made for those students with scheduled morning review sessions or meetings. **UPON ARRIVAL STUDENTS SHOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE CAFETORIUM UNTIL THE 7:45 A.M. BELL RINGS.** (Students will NOT be permitted to go to their lockers until 7:45.) Parents dropping off students should use the entrance on SR 121. Both walkers and car riders will go directly to the cafetorium.

Dismissal Procedures:

For dismissal, parents picking up their child in a vehicle should use the entrance on SR 121. You may pull up to the curb. When arriving, please utilize the entire “U” shaped curb by pulling up as far as you can. ***Do not park directly in front of the entrances (the area where the cement light posts are located). This area is designated for students and staff to cross to the parking lot.*** Please be patient with this process as there is some traffic congestion that usually clears by 3:10 p.m. Crossing guards are posted at both exits and are on duty from ***3:00 - 3:15 p.m.***

If a Student is Late For School:

He/she must report to the office to receive a class admittance slip. To avoid being tardy, students must be in their classes by 8:00 a.m. If a student arrives between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., he/she is considered tardy and requires a note or phone call from a parent or guardian. If a student arrives between 9:31a.m. and 1:34 p.m. he/she is considered absent ½ day (note or phone call required from parent or guardian) If a student leaves with permission, from parent or guardian between 1:35p.m. and 3:05 p.m., it is considered an early dismissal.

Tardiness to School:

Students are allowed 6 times tardy to school. Any tardy over the 6 tardy limit will be considered unexcused and will result in a 2 hour detention. Two unexcused tardies will equal ½ day of unexcused absence. When a student has accumulated 3 days of unexcused absences (total of absences and/or tardies) a referral will be made to the County Attendance Officer.

What do I do if my child is sick and is going to miss school: If the absence is unexpected, the parents should call the school as soon as possible. If parents do not notify the school before 9:30 a.m. on the day of the absence, school officials will attempt to call the parent in an effort to verify the absence. (note: if you leave for work before our offices open, please remember that you are able to leave a voice mail message. Please include your name, your child’s name, grade, and reason for being absent.)

If Absence is Expected: Parents are asked to notify the school before a student misses that day. This should be done by completing and signing a Pre-approved Absence Form. Forms can be found in the Student Information Center outside the office or on our school website www.versailles.k12.oh.us

Absence Limits: (Page 14 in the Student Handbook)

If a student misses more than 10 days total in a school year, he/she will be required to bring a doctor's excuse for any subsequent absence due to illness.

Medicine Policy:

All medication must be sent to school in the original container and stored in the office. The form “Administering Medicines to Students”, must be completed and on file in the office. These forms are available in the office or on our website.



Student Handbook:

At the beginning of the school year each student is given a copy of the Student Handbook. The handbook can also be found on the high school website. The contents include important information and procedures, as well as the student code of conduct. Both students and parents should read it in its entirety.



Electronic Devices:

Many electronic devices have the potential to be a disruption if students use them during the school day. Therefore, students are not permitted to use electronic devices, other than the Chromebook, during school hours on school grounds without the permission of the administration.

Safe School Environment:

Providing a safe school environment is one of our primary goals. Weapons or potentially dangerous objects of all kinds are strictly prohibited on school property or at any school sponsored event home or away. This includes knives of all types and sizes or any other object that includes a blade of any length.

Online Forms

Listed below are some of the forms that are available on our school website

- Free & Reduced Lunches / Physical Form / Absent Form/ College Visitation Form / Transcript Request/ Driving Permit / Medicine Form / Facility Use Form /Asthma Inhaler Form / Transportation Waiver
- Bus Route Request Form/ Cafeteria Deposit Form/ Pay for it Procedures

First Day of School: August 31st

Report to 1st Period

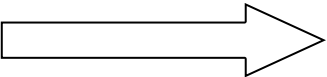
If you are in need of your schedule on the 1st day of school, you can pick one up in the cafeteria beginning at 7:35 a.m.

Dress Code Reminder: (Page 10 and 11 of the Student Handbook)

Personal appearance is a matter of individual choice; however, there are certain standards that should be met by Versailles High School students. Tops must be modest and have at least a **2 inch wide strap over each shoulder**. Sleeveless garments must have a sewn edge and fit closely under the arms. T-shirts with sleeves that have been cut off are not appropriate.

Shorts and skirts that are too short are not permitted. For most students, the length of the short/skirt should not be more than 5 inches above the knee cap, or never be above the fully extended finger tips when the person is standing.

Athletic shorts that have sides that extend higher than stated guidelines are NOT ACCEPTABLE.



NEW —Colored stockings or leggings worn with shorts do not meet the dress code. Students opting to wear leggings, yoga pants, jeggings, or other form-fitting attire must make sure that the sweater or other upper garment extends to the fully extended fingertips.

Cafeteria News:

The Versailles Cafeteria would like to welcome all students grades 9-12 back to lunch. Lunch prices will remain the same as last year. Details can be found on our District Website — <http://www.versailles.k12.oh.us/departments/foodservice/>

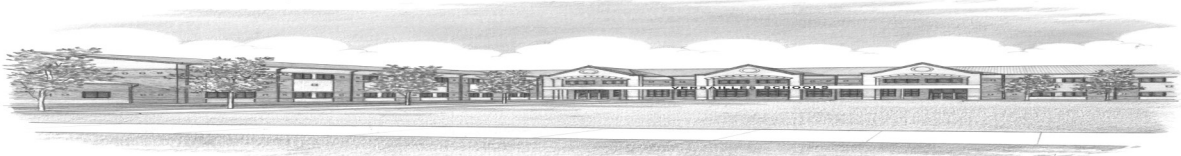
Athletic News / Mr. Giere

Athletic Eligibility: Just a reminder that the GPA requirement has been changed from 1.200 to 1.800.

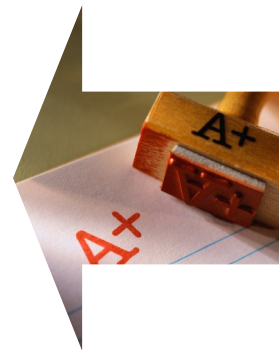
Transportation Waiver: While students are normally expected to use school provided transportation to and from away athletic or club events, it may occasionally be necessary for a student/athlete to be transported by the parent or guardian. In such instances, a Transportation Waiver form needs to be approved 3 days prior to the event. Students are to take the completed form first to their advisor/coach for their approval, and then to the athletic director or an administrator for approval.

Athletic Schedules: Fall athletic schedules can be found on the district website under Athletics.
<http://www.versailles.k12.oh.us>

Reserved and Season Passes: Reserve and Season Sports Passes for Fall Sports will be on sale beginning Wednesday, August 19TH . Contact Athletic Director, Doug Giere for more information. Phone: 937-526-4427 ext. 4005
Email: doug_giere@darke.k12.oh.us



Progress Book: : Progress Book is an integral instrument of communication between the parents and teachers of Versailles High School. Parents have the ability to track the academic progress in each class during a grading period. Although Progress Book is an excellent resource for communication, one must realize there are limitations as to how this information can be used. Grades can fluctuate because of various assignments and weights of each assignment. Due dates for assignments are subject to change for a variety of reasons including, progress of a particular class, interruptions to the school year, etc. You can also receive email alerts notifying you of low grades, missing grades, and missing assignments. Knowing these limitations, it is important for parents to continue to monitor completed work, checking assignment books, and reviewing graded assignments.



You can access Progress Book through our school website. If you need assistance, please call the high school office.

Mark Your Calendar! - Upcoming Dates

August 17th: Schedule Pick-Up 8 to 7 p.m.
 August 18th: Schedule Pick-Up 8 to 8 p.m.
 9th Grade Orientation at 7:00 in
 The Performing Arts Center
 August 31st: First day of school
 September 7th: No School/Labor Day
 September 23rd: Picture Day 9-12
 September 26th: Homecoming Dance 9-12
 October 30th: End of First 9 weeks
 November 2nd: Yearbook Ordering Begins
 November 5th: Picture Retake Day 9-12
 November 10th: Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm
 November 12th: Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm
 November 16th: Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm
 November 25th: P/T Comp Day & Thanksgiving—27th
 December 21st: Christmas Break Begins—Jan 1st

Freshmen Orientation

August 18th—7:00

Performing Arts Center

Get acquainted with the high school at our Freshmen and New Student Orientation. It is an evening that will prove valuable for your child and make their year go smoother.

If you cannot attend Orientation, you may pick up the info in the HS office anytime during business hours.



Principal's Expectations of VHS Students

1. **RESPECT YOURSELF:** Work hard, achieve to your potential, and make decisions that promote your good health, safety, and happiness.
2. **RESPECT OTHERS:** Watch your attitude, language, and gestures when talking with and regarding others. Remember, what the other person hears is just as important as what you said; and these might not necessarily be the same thing!
3. **RESPECT YOUR WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Take care of the building and classrooms. If you see trash on the floor, pick it up and throw it away. This is *YOUR* high school.