



# VERONA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 18, 2020 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

### **COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER #10 AND STAYING SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

From the [Public Health Madison and Dane County News Release](#): “In response to a substantial, sustained growth in new COVID-19 infections throughout Dane County, Public Health Madison & Dane County is issuing [Emergency Order #10 PDF](#) which prohibits indoor gatherings of any size. Outdoor gatherings are permitted with 10 people or less, with physical distancing. The order goes into effect on November 18 at 12:01am... The order is in effect until December 16, 2020 at 12:01am and continues to require face coverings and limit the capacity for most businesses to 50%, along with many other provisions...”

Also, with the 7-day average of COVID-19 positive case count at 433 we remind everyone to be cautious during the holiday season.

[Celebrate Safely.](#)  
[Blog about Understanding Close Contact](#)

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### **SOCIAL JUSTICE YOUTH SUMMIT**

Our annual VAHS Social Justice Youth Summit takes place on December 4, 2020 via Zoom and we are bringing on a speaker named Bettina Love (<https://bettinalove.com>) We need to raise money to have her speak during our summit so we have set up a Classmunity fundraiser. Please donate what you can! Thank you!

[Social Justice Classmunity Fundraiser Link](#)

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### **PSAT**

The PSAT will be held at VAHS on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Due to the pandemic we have a maximum capacity of 100 students and are prioritizing 11th grade students. You may sign up using this link (<https://forms.gle/oSJ87eDLTGq7b8ZS8>). **The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, December 2nd at 5 PM.** Juniors and their parents/guardians should check their emails in the next day or two for additional information. For questions please contact Ms. Streets at [streetsc@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:streetsc@verona.k12.wi.us).

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### **HELPING HANDS 2020 VASD HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE**

Help warm the winter spirits and make a child’s holiday a little brighter. Click on the link below to learn how you can help support the 31st Annual Helping Hands Holiday Gift Drive. Your gift will assist families in the Verona Area School District. [Helping Hands Gift Drive](#)

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### **FRENCH CLUB**

French Club will be starting virtually on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 from 3:30-4:00 pm. For more information please contact Mr. Hair - [hairb@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:hairb@verona.k12.wi.us)

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### **VAHS FOOD DRIVE**

The Food Drive is off to a fantastic start!!! FCCLA (Family Community Careers Leaders of America) meets virtually every Wednesday at noon and all VAHS students are invited. During the first week of collection

(ending on November 4), 9,249 lbs were collected from students independently going to Miller's and Sons grocery store and soliciting donations from the community. The second week of collection yielded 4,663 pounds, for a current total of 13,912 pounds! This doesn't include the cash donations collected. This is the 15th year the school has supported families in and around Verona Area dealing with food scarcity. If a student wishes to be a part of our Food Drive efforts, please email Ms. Wenn at [wennm@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:wennm@verona.k12.wi.us) to join us!  
**We have 4 more weeks to go and are hopeful to meet our 20,000 pound goal!**

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### **BRIDGE THE POND PROGRAM**

The European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington, DC, has started a program called *Bridge the Pond*, where they connect US students with students in an EU member state. As a result of Mr. Knoll's (Social Studies) work, they asked him if he wanted to be the first US teacher to participate.

He has connected with a high school in Espoo, Finland, and they are excited to be partnered with us. For the next five weeks, 14 of our students will be working with 16 of their students on three topics - circular economy; connecting US and European youth after the pandemic; and e-learning after the pandemic. They are going to research the current state of affairs in the topic and come up with possible solutions. On the last day, they will present their proposals jointly to elected officials (hopefully Finnish members of European Parliament and either state or US reps). Awesome job, Mr. Knoll!

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### **CITY BANNER ART PROJECT**

The Verona Area Education Foundation organizes the City Banner Art Project to recognize unique talents of student artists while beautifying our city. Winners of this project will have the opportunity to get their art as a banner on the avenue leading up to the new high school! Their art will be available to purchase on several commemorative items (mugs, t-shirts, etc.) and its proceeds will be used to fund the VAEF grant program. It's a really cool opportunity and all grades K-12 can participate. The theme this year is "Community" and the deadline for submission is January 8th; any artistic medium is allowed. In addition, students, **regardless of grade**, interested in being featured in the high school yearbook can submit progress of their project, and a picture with their project to [VAEFinfo@gmail.com](mailto:VAEFinfo@gmail.com).

Anyone with questions can contact Angela Abongwa at [28433@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:28433@verona.k12.wi.us)

### **[Banner Artist Application 2020](#)**

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