



# VERONA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

## JANUARY 20, 2021 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:**

**Quarter 3 Material Distribution** - Thursday, January 21st - 3:00-6:00 pm and Monday, January 25th - 7:30-10:00 am

**Quarter/Semester Change** - The end of Quarter 2 and Semester 1 is this Friday, January 22, 2021. The beginning of Quarter 3 and Semester 2 is Monday, January 25, 2021.

**First Senior Class Meeting via Zoom** - Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:55 am - 12:15 pm

**Advanced Placement (AP) Information Night via Zoom** - Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:00-7:30 pm

**Course Information Fair via Zoom (link will be available on the VAHS website on the Course Selection Landing Page soon)** - Monday, February 1, 2021 6:00-8:00 pm

**Second Senior Class Meeting via Zoom** - Tuesday, February 2, 2021 11:55 am - 12:15 pm

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### **JANUARY 2021 PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

A SchoolReach was sent out last week that contained a link to an information video from Principal Hammen. Click below to view the video.

[January Video for VAHS/EA Students and Families](#)

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### **SEMESTER 2 BELL SCHEDULE**

An email was sent home today to all families and students with the semester 2 bell schedule. If you would like to see it on our website, click here: [VAHS Semester 2 Bell Schedule](#)

You may also access it here in pdf form:

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### **QUARTER 3 MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION**

We will be hosting a materials/supplies distribution at the new high school on the following dates and times for Quarter 3 classes. Please come with a sign that has your student's first, last name and grade and display this on your windshield.

**How will you know if you need to come pick up materials/supplies for your student?** Your student's teachers will notify you directly if you have materials/supplies to pick up for your student. If you do not hear from your student's teachers, you do not have anything to pick up.

**Dates and Times:** Thursday, January 21st - 3:00-6:00 pm and Monday, January 25th - 7:30-10:00 am

**Location:** The pick up will be in front of the new high school. We will have signs and staff to help direct you to the pick up location.

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## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) INFORMATION NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE**

Families of 9-11 graders are invited to an informational session regarding advanced placement classes on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:00-7:30 pm** [via Zoom](#).

[Please click here for the flyer.](#)

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## **VAHS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSON AWARDS**

The 36th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Outstanding Young Person Awards, organized by the Urban League of Greater Madison, recognized the 2021 VAHS Student Awardees. Next time that you see them on a ZOOM call, give them a shoutout!

Typically, awardees are publicly recognized at the MLK recognition breakfast at Edgewood High School, but as you might imagine, it isn't possible to hold the annual breakfast in person this year. Therefore, the Urban League recognized them via their recognition program virtually last Sunday (1/17/21). **Congratulations!!!**

### **2021 Martin Luther King Jr. Outstanding Young Person Awardees:**

9th Graders: Nana Ampong and Jocelyn Hernandez

10th Graders: Jasmine Connor and Jamesha Crowder

11th Graders: Zephryne Zoungonou and Toritseju Blagooee

12th Graders: Lensa Hamda and Angela Abongwa

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## **RECOGNIZING BILINGUAL STUDENTS**

Students at Verona Area High School are able to earn the Wisconsin Seal of Biliteracy. Eligible students must demonstrate bilingualism, biliteracy, and multicultural competence in and through two or more languages (English and a partner language) by successfully participating in the development of the languages through our schools, their families, and the community. The Verona Area School District is proud to offer multiple pathways for students to achieve the Seal of Biliteracy upon completion of grade 12.

Interested students should watch their school email for information and a link to the Seal of Biliteracy virtual information session on Wednesday, February 3 from 12:00-12:45 p.m.

Email Julie Jenewein if you have any questions. [jenewej@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:jenewej@verona.k12.wi.us)

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## **CONGRATS TO THE ALL-STATE CHOIR PARTICIPANTS!**

The Wisconsin Choral Directors Association hosted its 2021 All-State Choirs on January 16th & 17th!

Singers rehearsed with distinguished conductors & educators over Zoom for two days and made music with their outstanding peers from around the state. During their experience, they submitted videos of their music, which will be professionally edited into a final virtual choir and premiered in March 2021. **Congrats to these students who were selected for this well-deserved honor!**

### **Treble Choir**

Julia Beardsley, Isabella Becker, Abby Elson, Jori Gasser, Ellie Gerndt, Anna Larson, Rachel Neviasser, Eva Perez, Hannah Vandervest

### **Bass Choir**

John Bie, Andrew Bowers, José Chavez, Daniel Christian, Sam Garsha, Elijah Lagomasino, Aimon VanHouten, Jackson Vilker

**>>>AS SEEN IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS<<<**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM STUDENT SERVICES**

**Scholarship Information:** February 1st, the local scholarships will be open to all seniors. All applications must be typed and submitted by March 1st. You will find the application with instructions in your email and posted to the [scholarship page on VAHS website](#). If you have questions, please contact Mr. Williams.

**2nd Semester Schedule Changes:** For schedule changes for THIS year second semester:

- January 19-22 schedule change appointments for all grades

**Scheduling for 2021-22 School Year (more information to come soon)**

- First scheduling advisory January 26 - students will be given information about scheduling
- February 12 - Student deadline to submit schedules

**Course Information Fair:** February 1st, 2021 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Rising 9th graders and families will have the opportunity to learn about courses offered at VAHS and be able to attend Zooms with teachers to ask questions and gather more information regarding course selections for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Community Course Zoomathons:**

Monday February 1: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Monday February 8: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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**\*\*\*SENIORS ONLY\*\*\* GRADUATION ORDERS**

Information regarding ordering graduation supplies (caps/gowns/tassels, graduation announcements, party invitations and senior apparel) can be found by going to Midwest Scholastic's website:

<https://www.mwscholastic.com/copy-of-2021-mg-store> If you would like to order supplies online (you must pay in full for online orders). If you have any questions please email [questions@mwscholastic.com](mailto:questions@mwscholastic.com)

**There will be a \$15 late fee for orders placed after February 1, 2021.**

[Graduation Order Form](#)

[Wildcat Mascot Pack Order Form](#)

[VAHS Catalog](#)

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**THE CAT'S EYE IS BACK!**

The co-editors-in-chief of the Cat's Eye have an exciting announcement to share. In a year full of uncertainty, we are proud to announce one thing FOR certain: we have released our first edition! This year, the newspaper has been turned into a phenomenal website through the efforts of an incredibly hard working team, dedicated to bringing content to a large community of readers. We hope you all enjoy the new format and look forward to all that is to come. Visit [VAHScatseye.com](http://VAHScatseye.com) today!

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**VAHS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Did you know that the VAHS Career and Technical Education (CTE) department has its own Facebook page? Follow the VAHS CTE Facebook page for updates on what is happening in our state of the art learning spaces, job and internship opportunities, exciting extracurricular experiences, and much much more!

<https://www.facebook.com/vahscte/>

Dane County Youth Apprenticeship Information Nights - Learn more about the Youth Apprenticeship Program, entrance requirements, program opportunities, and the benefits of “Jump Starting” your career today.

January 26 - 6:30 pm - Virtual

February 4 - 6:30 pm - Virtual

March 8 - 6:30 pm @ BTC Institute (if possible)

Reserve your seat today - [Youth Apprenticeship Information Night](#)

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