



# VERONA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

## JANUARY 7, 2021 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR VAHS/EA FAMILIES!

### **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 15 - seniors only - schedule change appointments
- January 19-22 schedule change appointments for all grades

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

- First scheduling advisory January 26th - students will be given information about scheduling
- February 1st - Community Course Zoomathon: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (to talk to staff about course selections)
- February 12 - Student deadline to submit schedules

**Course Information Fair:** Feb 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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## **ACT IN FEBRUARY**

The next ACT will take place at VAHS on Saturday, February 6 and Sunday, February 7, 2021. The deadline for registering for the test is Friday, January 15, 2021. Please go to [act.org](http://act.org) for details and to register.

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## **THANK YOU TO OUR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS!**

Special thank you to the VAHS National Honor Society students who spent hours creating a holiday card for all staff of the Verona Area School District. Over 800 cards were made and delivered to all staff!

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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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## **MESSAGE FROM LATINO NATION'S MR. RODRIGUEZ**

During the pandemic I have been very conscious of how Latino Nation would change. Over our Thanksgiving break, I saw a segment on The Ellen DeGeneres Show about a gentleman giving away shoes to the needy. As a staff member who loves shoes, it caught my attention immediately. Rikki Mendias, CEO/Founder of Havasole, spoke about his non-profit organization that he built from the ground up. Being so intrigued about his story, I immediately thought that this could be a topic to share with Latino Nation. After the 15-minute segment, I immediately messaged Rikki Mendias's Instagram page and reached out about my sixth year school club, Latino Nation. Three hours later I received a message from Havasole.

Rikki Mendias was gracious enough to accept an invitation to Latino Nation virtually. On Monday, December 7 at 11 a.m. Havasole was a special guest at Latino Nation. Students had the opportunity to talk to him about his education, passion, interests and business. Rikki was able to share his personal story and being a biracial high-school dropout it opened dialogue with many of our students. Students were intrigued and asked many questions as well as asking him if he could collaborate with Latino Nation on future fund raising events. Rikki Mendias agreed that after the pandemic, he would look into our collaboration. At the end of our hour-long virtual meeting he surprised every student by sending each of them a brand-new pair of shoes as a gift of inspiration and a piece of hope. See Mr. Rodriguez for more on this exciting adventure/opportunity!

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

**POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING - COLLEGE SEARCH AND APPLICATION SUPPORT GROUP**

Please join us weekly on Mondays for Post High School Planning, College Search and Application Support group. All are welcome!

**When:** Mondays from 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm - Starting Monday December 7, 2020 until the end of January, 2021

**Where:** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95527450869?pwd=M24zQzVoYTNXMGxmZ244YTNRdlhuZz09>

**Why:** For any student with any questions regarding the post high school planning process. This group is drop-in. Students can attend every week or any week.

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**CLUB UNIFY!**

Club Unify is a club that started to meet last month. The focus of the club is to work together to create inclusion inside our school and out in our community. It is sponsored through the Special Olympics. From the Special Olympics Website: "Special Olympics Unified Schools empowers youth and educators to be leaders of change. By playing and learning we will create a more inclusive world." The club meets on Thursdays from 12:00-12:45. If you are interested in joining the group, please reach out to Delaney Wepking at

[16189@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:16189@verona.k12.wi.us).

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**MEET WITH THE SOCIAL WORKERS!**

Hi Scholars,

This is Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Bonaparte (School Social Workers), and we hope that you all are well and having a great day! Mr. Zimmerman and I will be hosting a ZOOM session every **Thursday from 12:00 pm- 12:45 pm** starting on **Thursday, Dec 10th**. This ZOOM will be an informal and super fun group and we will talk about a range of topics including but not limited to: current events, relationships, managing money, etc. If you have a question, we will give you an answer. Please join us!

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92562982213?pwd=SmkweVorbExlaFQ3dUZNa1U1UTFsUT09>

Meeting ID: 925 6298 2213

Passcode: SSW Corner

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