



# VERONA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 7, 2020 FALL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families, it is hard to believe we are four weeks into the school year. I have enjoyed hearing about all the wonderful ways that teachers are engaging students and we welcome your feedback. In an effort to provide timely information with all families, we are going to strive to send out a short newsletter every other week. Our first newsletter includes topics around sports, progress reports and NHS and more. - Ms. Hammen

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### Athletic/Sports Update

The WIAA Board of Control approved a one-year alternative season for this school year in the spring for fall sports and reduced the number of weeks for sports during the 2020-21 winter and spring seasons. The revised calendar can be found on the [Big 8 Conference website](#). All schedules are subject to change if conditions warrant following local, state, and national health guidelines.

#### **2020-21 Winter Sports Season Start & End Dates (\*End dates TBD)**

- Basketball-Boys (Monday, Nov. 23 - Week of Mar. 1\*)
- Basketball-Girls (Monday, Nov. 16 - Week of Feb. 22\*)
- Gymnastics (Monday, Nov. 16 - Week of Feb. 22\*)
- Hockey- Boys & Girls (Monday, Nov. 16 - Week of Feb. 15\*)
- Swimming & Diving-Boys (Monday, Nov. 23 - Week of Feb. 1\*)
- Wrestling (Monday, Nov. 23 - Week of Feb. 15\*)

#### **2020-21 Alternate Fall Sports Season Start & End Dates (\*End dates TBD)**

- Cross Country-Boys & Girls (Monday, Mar. 15 - Week of May 3\*)
- Football (Monday, Mar. 8 - Week of May 3\*) - Earliest first game is Wednesday, Mar. 24
- Golf-Girls (Monday, Mar. 29 - Week of May 17\*)
- Soccer-Boys (Monday, Mar. 22 - Week of May 10\*)
- Swimming & Diving-Girls (Monday, Feb. 15 - Week of Apr. 5\*)
- Tennis-Girls (Monday, Mar. 8 - Week of Apr. 26\*)
- Volleyball - Boys & Girls (Monday, Feb. 22 - Week of Apr. 12\*)

#### **2020-21 Spring Sports Season Start & End Dates (End dates TBD)**

- Baseball (Monday, Apr. 19 - Week of June 28\*)
- Golf-Boys (Monday, Apr. 19 - Week of June 14\*)
- Softball (Monday, Apr. 19 - Week of June 28\*)
- Soccer-Girls (Monday, Apr. 26 - Week of June 28\*)
- Tennis-Boys (Monday, May 3 - Week of June 21\*)
- Track & Field - Boys & Girls (Monday, Apr. 19 - Week of June 28\*)

## **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/teacher conferences will be held virtually on Monday, October 19th from 4:00-8:00 pm and Thursday, October 22nd from 7:15-11:15 am. You will sign up for a 15 minute slot. The link to sign up and more information will be sent next week.

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## **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Presentation**

There will be a one-hour virtual workshop happening **Thursday, October 15th at 4pm** for an exciting free virtual opportunity for youth aged 16-24. There will be a presentation from Joselyn Diaz-Valdes from UW-Madison on FAFSA. She'll help the youth navigate the resources and explain what one needs to complete the FAFSA application.

Please contact Linda Gard ([linda.gard@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:linda.gard@verona.k12.wi.us) or ([hodeja@worksmartnetwork.org](mailto:hodeja@worksmartnetwork.org)) with any questions.

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## **Progress Reports**

Progress reports will be available to view online in PowerSchool on Wednesday, October 7th. If you opted in for a paper copy, you will receive that later this week.

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## **From the VAHS Student Services Team:**

- Take a look at the [VAHS House Model](#) to see who is on your student's team
- Our Student Services Canvas course has launched for families/students to find scholarship information along with upcoming Virtual College Visits happening Wednesday mornings at 8am and 9am. Wildcats can check the College Visit module to see the schedule of upcoming visits along with the corresponding zoom link.
- We will be hosting our College Night on October 15th at 6pm and Latinx College Night for Spanish speaking families on October 13th at 6pm. See below.

Verona Area High School Presents:  
College Information Night  
Thursday October 15th  
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm  
Virtually

Juniors and Seniors and your families please join us to discuss:

- General College Admissions and Financial Aid Processes:
  - College Applications & Supplemental Materials
  - Financial Aid Application
  - Scholarships
- College Representatives Attending:
  - Edgewood College
  - Madison College
  - UW Madison
  - UW Whitewater
  - UW Eau Claire
  - UW Milwaukee
  - UW Systems Schools
  - UW Parkside

- UW Platteville

Zoom link provided Closer to the Event

Questions please contact Kelly Knueve [knuevekj@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:knuevekj@verona.k12.wi.us) or 608-219-7078

La Escuela Preparatoria  
del Área de Verona Presenta:  
Una Noche de Información Universitaria  
13 de octubre  
de 6:00 - 8:00 de la tarde  
Via Zoom

Les invitamos a los estudiantes de tercer y cuarto año (Juniors y Seniors) y sus familias para venir a aprender más sobre:

- Los procesos de admisiones universitarias y ayuda financiera:
  - Aplicaciones de Admisión a la Universidad y Materiales Suplementarios
  - Solicitud para Ayuda Financiera
  - Becas
- Habrá representantes presentes de:
  - Edgewood College
  - Universidad de Wisconsin - Madison
  - Madison College
  - Universidad De Wisconsin- Milwaukee

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a Kelly Knueve [knuevekj@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:knuevekj@verona.k12.wi.us) o al 608-219-7078

VAHS Administration

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### **National Honor Society**

Calling all Senior NHS students! Our first NHS Meeting this year will be held from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020. See your email from Mr. Simonini for details! Reminders: 1. Cumulative GPA of 3.60 must be maintained for membership 2. We will be having service opportunities and will be rolling out a new way to keep track of service hours at our first meeting! 3. NHS comes with a requirement for leadership and commitment to the community! Students should be displaying this in our virtual environment!

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### **Silver Cord Program**

**Do you like to volunteer? Have you already been volunteering? Are you a junior (or a senior previously enrolled)? Read on!**

The Silver Cord program is a volunteer recognition program that is open to juniors and seniors. You MUST have joined by your junior year and completed the program requirements in order to continue with this program senior year. It is a two year commitment. Each year, students earn 100 verified hours of community service in order to be awarded the Silver cord distinction at graduation. This program culminates in 200 hours of verified community service over the last two years of high school. We understand that with the current health concerns, volunteering must look different. However, never has there been a more important time or greater need! Seniors who are current Silver Cord participants should keep volunteering, using the same modified guidelines as we used to end last year. Juniors who are interested should keep track of any volunteering they do,

including getting email confirmations or evidence from supervisors. When will we meet? Check your email on the 9th to learn about the upcoming Zoom informational sessions that will be held in the following week! We hope you'll consider joining Silver Cord if you're a junior or continuing with the program for those seniors who completed it last year.

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**Forensics Group Meeting**

Any students interested in joining debate can reach out to debate captain Joe Kyle (17914@verona.k12.wi.us) or coach Benjamin Morris (bmorris@epic.com).