



# VERONA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

## FEBRUARY 4, 2021 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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

- Monday, February 8 - Course Selection Zoomathon from 8-10 am and 6-8 pm (link below)
- Tuesday, February 9 - Senior Class Meeting from 11:55 am - 12:15 pm
- Monday, **February 15** - Parent/Teacher Conferences - **7:30 - 10:30 am** - Parents will register via Sign-Up Genius - a link will be sent to you by your student's teachers
- Monday, **February 22** - Parent/Teacher Conferences - **5:00 - 8:00 pm** - Parents will register via Sign-Up Genius - a link will be sent to you by your student's teachers

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### **FEBRUARY 2021 PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE PART 1 AND 2**

A SchoolReach was sent out earlier this week that contained a link to [Part 1 of Principal Hammen's message](#). Another message was sent to students and families that contained [Part 2 of the message](#). These are chock full of important information. Please take time to review.

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### **SCHEDULING INFORMATION FROM STUDENT SERVICES**

We have begun student course scheduling for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Please visit the [Course Selection Landing Page](#) for the list of resources.
- Check out the [Department Videos and Landing Pages](#) for more information.
  - These videos will give you a glimpse into the new high school and all of the amazing courses we have to offer!
- Come to the [Monday February 8th Community Course Zoomathon](#) from 8am to 10am and 6pm to 8pm to speak with staff about course choices (students and families welcome!)

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### **REMINDER OF THE SEMESTER 2 BELL SCHEDULE**

If you would like to see it on our website, click here: [VAHS Semester 2 Bell Schedule](#)

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### **VAHS BLACK STUDENT UNION**

We, the VAHS Black Student Union Executive Board and Advisors, hope this finds you safe and healthy as we all continue to navigate the "new normal". As you may know, February is also known as Black History Month! This is a time where we pay tribute to the heroines and heroes of U.S. history and recognize the vast contributions they've made to American culture, and we hope that you will also find ways to showcase their stories and join in on the celebration.

Additionally, **we would love to have our entire Wildcat community join us for our BSU meetings on the first Tuesday of each month!** We will meet during the lunch hour from 12:30-1:15pm. If you are interested in attending, please save the link as you will use it (or the Meeting ID) for admission!

<https://zoom.us/j/98043475298> \* Meeting ID: 980 4347 5298

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**AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM**

New Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program at VAHS for 2021-2022! Earn the AP Capstone Diploma or the AP Seminar and Research Certificate! The program consists of two classes: AP Seminar (11th-12th grade elective) and AP Research (12th grade elective; AP Seminar required prerequisite).

Participating in AP Capstone can help students:

- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Develop skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting.
- Develop key academic skills they'll use in college and beyond.
- Distinguish themselves in the college application process.
- Earn college credit: Many colleges offer credit for qualifying scores.

Video: [AP Capstone: AP Paradigm Shift From Content to Skills](#)

Video: [AP Capstone: A Student Perspective](#)

Email Julie Berndt ([berndtj@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:berndtj@verona.k12.wi.us)) or Hope Mikkelsen ([mikklesh@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:mikklesh@verona.k12.wi.us)) with any questions.

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**CAT'S EYE - SECOND EDITION**

The Cat's Eye staff is excited to announce its second edition. Check out the updated [website](#) to see what the kids have been up to these last few weeks. And don't worry, you can still find all of the first edition content posted, too.

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**FORENSICS TEAM LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

The Verona Area Forensics team is looking for aspiring comedians, TED talkers, politicians, and thespians for its spring season. The forensics team represents Verona Area in video-based competitions against schools in the Big 8 conference and throughout the state. Interested? Send an email to Coach Benjamin Morris at [bmorris@epic.com](mailto:bmorris@epic.com). More details are at <https://sites.google.com/view/veronadebate/forensics>.

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**ALL THINGS SENIOR!**

1. A special thank you to the seniors who have signed up to be members of our Senior Advisory Council! These 22 seniors will be sharing ideas and input regarding graduation, senior class trip, homecoming and prom.
2. Seniors have been attending special Senior Class Meetings where they have been learning more about graduation, speaking at graduation, the cum laude system, gold medallions and cords, senior awards night, local scholarships and more. The Zoom invite has been sent to their school email. There is one additional senior class meeting in February which will be on Tuesday, February 9 from 11:55-12:10.
3. If you have not checked this out yet, please feel free to go to the [Class of 21 Button](#) to access all information related to seniors.
4. Our senior challenge day, on February 1st, was a success. More than 40 seniors signed up to learn more about the school and to have the option to help be a tour guide for underclassmen who are coming in to find their classes. The seniors that assisted with the underclass days did an amazing job! We are so proud of our wildcats.

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

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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.

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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