

Sundays for Success #20

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Good Evening Blue Devil Families,

SCHOOL SAFETY

Instead of a Horns Up note this week, I'd like to spend a few minutes on school safety. I know the events of this past week are weighing heavily on our hearts and minds. As the mother of two school-age boys and a public school educator for 20 years, there's not a day that goes by that I don't think about how we can improve the safety of our public schools. While there is no quick fix for this situation, I'd like to offer two suggestions that can make an immediate impact. First, if you have questions or concerns about your child's school, ask the folks who work there. Call us with your questions. We will tell you as much as we legally and safely can. Share your concerns. We will talk through them with you. We don't pretend to have all the answers, but we have a lot of experience and dedication that can support your questions and concerns. Don't rely on social media for your information. Most of the time that information is inaccurate and/or incomplete. Second, tell us if you know about a situation and encourage your students to do the same. If you, or your student, is not comfortable reporting directly to us, use the HCPS anonymous reporting system called "Silence Hurts." There is a link to the form on our website. The submission is immediately emailed to the entire school administration team and the director of school counseling. We are committed to making Varina as safe as we can. Please partner with us to do so.

MAKE-UP DAY TOMORROW

Just a reminder tomorrow, Monday, February 19, was scheduled to be a student holiday. It is now a regular school day in order to make-up for time lost from snow.

SAT GIVEN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

VHS will be offering the SAT during the school day on April 24th. This opportunity is for juniors only and will not include the essay portion of the test. Registration forms and payment are due by Wednesday, February 21st to the School Counseling office. We will only be able to test the first 50 students that sign up.

ONLINE HEALTH/PE LOTTERY

The lottery registration for online Health/PE 9 or 10 is open through March 2nd. If you are interested in your child taking one of these online courses, please sign up for the lottery at tinyurl.com/onlinehpe2018. You will be notified the week of March 5th if your child was chosen from the lottery. Please see attached flier for more information.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT INPUT

Share your thoughts on the next superintendent of Henrico County Public Schools! **Please take a five-minute survey** that will help us find the next leader of the school division. The survey closes March 7:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HenricoCountySearch> For more details including the full timeline of the superintendent search, visit our website: <http://henricoschools.us/search-for-new-superintendent/>

SPRING SPORTS TRYOUTS

Spring Sports Tryouts begin Monday, Feb. 19. This includes Baseball, Softball, Outdoor Track, Boys & Girls Soccer, and Boys & Girls Tennis. All students must have a current VHSL Physical on file with the school in order to participate. In addition - all boys interested in our start-up lacrosse program need to see Mr. Agee or Mr. Jesionka

REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Regional Basketball Tournament begins Monday night at 6:00 at Varina. The girls play first against Matoaca. The boys play at 7:30 against Prince George. Check the VHS Activities Calendar for updates on the rest of the games.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Blue Devil Nation Athletic Booster Club is seeking new members. Anyone interested in supporting Varina Athletics is welcomed to join. This includes students, teachers, coaches, parents, administrators, and community members. The BDNABC meets the first Monday of every month at 6:30p in the school library.

PTSA FAMILY HERITAGE NIGHT

On Thursday, February 22, the PTSA will host Family Heritage Night. The event will take place at 6:30 in the auditorium. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Ann Marie Seely

Principal

Attachments

[PTSA Heritage Night](#)

[SAT Registration](#)

[Online Health/PE Flyer](#)

[Booster Form](#)