

Dear Parents,

In light of the recent tragedy at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center, we know that your children may have questions. As such, we would like to provide you with suggested resources for help in discussing this difficult topic with them:

From the National Education Association: [School shootings and other traumatic events: How to talk to students](#)

From the American Psychological Association: [Helping your children manage distress in the aftermath of a shooting](#)

Counselors are also available at your child's school.

Please find below an overview of school division news, upcoming events and calendar reminders as well as other resources and notes that may be of interest to VBCPS families.

June 5: Final Pre-Kindergarten eligibility application session

Families interested in applying for the school division's Pre-Kindergarten program should make plans to attend the final eligibility application session, Tuesday, June 5, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Plaza Annex next to Brookwood Elementary School. Children must be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 30 of the upcoming school year and reside in Virginia Beach. For more information, visit vbschools.com.

June 6: STEM Trifecta

Hosted by the VBCPS Office of Technical and Career Education, the STEM Trifecta features three student competitions: Robotics Challenge, Maker Challenge and Cybersecurity Challenge. Elementary, middle and high school students work together in teams to successfully complete challenges and earn awards. The STEM Trifecta also features a STEM Playground for participants and visitors to explore a variety of hands-on STEM activities. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the [event website](#).

June 10: Special Education Advisory Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will be Monday, June 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2521 Shorehaven Dr. The SEAC advises the School Board regarding the educational needs of students with disabilities.

June 11-15: High school graduations

This week, the school division will join high school seniors and their families from 11 high schools, Green Run Collegiate and Renaissance Academy, in celebrating their 13 years of hard work and studies. All graduation ceremonies will occur at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. For the full schedule or more information visit vbschools.com.

June 14: Last day of school

Friday, June 14, is the final day of class for all schools and centers. There will be early dismissal for all students.

June 21: Report cards issued

Students will receive report cards for the final weeks of the 2018-2019 school year. Parents also may monitor student grades, assignments and attendance at any time in [Parent Portal](#).

Ongoing reminders

Celebrate the Class of 2019 with VBGradwall

Family members and friends of graduates in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) Class of 2019 may share their congratulations now by posting a message on the VBGradWall. Messages can be shared using #VBCPSGrad on Twitter and Instagram or directly on the [VBGradWall page on vbschools.com](#).

Changes made to the 2019-2020 school calendar

The School Board approved a change to the 2019-2020 school calendar. The staff day, originally scheduled for Monday, March 30, has been moved to Tuesday, March 3. This change was made in order to accommodate schools that serve as polling sites for the presidential primary. The new calendar is available on [vbschools.com](#).

Summer School Registration Available Online

Virginia Beach families may now register their children in middle and high school summer school face-to-face courses offered at Plaza Middle School, Princess Anne Middle School, F.W. Cox High School and Tallwood High School. Families may register online and pay with credit card through [the web store](#). High school courses may be repeated or taken for the first time. To ensure enrollment in appropriate courses, please consult your school counselor and refer to the Guide to Middle School Summer Programs 2019 and/or the Guide to High School Summer Programs 2019 on [vbschools.com](#).

In the News

VBCPS teacher honored with Presidential Innovation Award. [Read.](#)

VBCPS recognized for environmental excellence. [Read.](#)

Princess Anne's Rachel Thompson named Teacher of the Year. [Read.](#)

Two Virginia Beach schools named national models for college and career readiness. [Read.](#)

All 67,000 VBCPS students to receive public library accounts. [Read.](#)

First Colonial High School's debate team wins state title again. [Read.](#)

Green Run NJROTC unit places second at national competition. [Read.](#)

Partnership with Virginia MOCA and VPCPS inspires students. [Watch.](#)

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