

VBCPS Parent Advisory – May 2019

Dear Parents,

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.

Through May 15: Share your opinion about school start times

For the past four years, Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) has been engaging in conversations regarding a possible shift in school start times, which could begin in the 2020-2021 school year. Now we'd like your feedback on four schedule options. Visit vbschools.com to participate in an e-town hall survey, available until May 15. There will also be three community meetings about these proposed changes:

- Monday, May 6 at Bettie F. Williams Elementary School
- Tuesday, May 7, at Landstown High School
- Wednesday, May 8, at Plaza Middle School

All community meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This month: VBCPS pre-kindergarten program accepting applications for 2019-20 school year

Applications are received during sessions at citywide locations from now through June 5 for the upcoming school year. Parents/guardians interested in applying for the 2019-20 school year [must attend one of the division's eligibility application sessions](#).

May 4: Green Run Collegiate Foundation Gala

The Zeiders American Dream Theater will be the setting for the first-ever gala reception to benefit Green Run Collegiate, ensuring all students are given the opportunity to achieve their goals. Tickets will be available at the door Saturday, May 4, for the event that runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., featuring beverages, light hors d'oeuvres, original theater performances, a silent auction, a student art exhibit and a performance of the Green Run High School Orchestra.

May 10: Progress reports issued

Progress reports are issued for all students who are performing below expected levels or who are in danger of failing a course. Parents also may monitor student grades, assignments and attendance at any time in [Parent Portal](#).

May 13: Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education meeting

The Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education (CAC) will host its next meeting Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the School Administration Building. The CAC advises the School Board regarding the educational needs of gifted students.

May 18: Gerry Brooks at Kempsville High School

Motivational speaker, social media influencer, YouTube star and elementary school principal Gerry Brooks is making a stop at Kempsville High School as part of his Celebrate Educators Tour. There are two shows Saturday, May 18, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$40, including a meet and greet before the shows. Please visit www.gerrybrookssprin.com for details.

May 20-May 30: Optional second bus run available for high schools during SOL testing

An optional second bus will be available for high school students taking SOL tests May 20-30. Students have the option to ride their regular bus at the usual time for the SOL testing block from 7:20 to 9:40 a.m. Those students not testing can still ride the regular bus. A supervised study hall will be available. ATC and Tech Center students who are not testing should follow their regular schedule. Please also note that there is no optional second bus run for academy students since the second run is only within the school's zone. Students not testing have the option to ride the second bus which will arrive at school at approximately 9:40 a.m. when testing is over. If you have questions, please contact your school's administrator in charge of transportation.

May 27: Memorial Day holiday

All schools and administrative offices will be closed.

May 28: Summer school registration begins

Virginia Beach families may start registering their students 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 beginning May 28. 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 at www.vbschools.com/academic_programs/summer_school.

Other reminders**Graduation time changes**

Due to ongoing construction occurring at the Virginia Beach Sports Center (adjacent to the Virginia Beach Convention Center) that is causing a loss of parking spaces and traffic congestion, VBCPS is making slight alterations to its 2019 graduation schedule. The new schedule will allow for easier and more expedient access to and from the convention center for graduates, staff and event attendees. For the new schedule, visit vbschools.com.

Teaching Artists Art Exhibition

Artwork by VBCPS teachers will be on display in the Teaching Artists Art Exhibition in the Fleming Gallery at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) through June 4. MOCA's Fleming Gallery annually showcases the work of more than 1,000 regional artists, educators and art students.

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.

In the news

Dr. Aaron Spence honored with leadership award. [Read](#).

All VBCPS high schools earn top student council honor. [Read](#). Brickell Scholarship awarded. [Read](#).

Green Run High School hosts inclusive basketball game. [Watch](#).

Little Feet Meet welcomes hundreds of students to Tallwood High School. [Read](#).

Something in the Water kicked off with Battle of the Bands at Princess Anne High School. [Watch](#).

Twelve students graduate from nursing school. [See](#).

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