

Virginia Beach Middle School

Weekly Update

Information for the Week of December 3 - 7

Parent Portal and Homework Email

If you have not already signed up for parent portal and listserv, please click on the following links.

<https://tinyurl.com/VBMSParentPortal> - Parent Portal helps you stay up to date with your student's progress throughout the year.

<https://tinyurl.com/VBMShomeworkEmail> - Listserv is a homework email service that will update you daily on the homework assignments for your student.

Homework Help Program

Through Homework Help Program, students receive after school assistance from state certified teachers. Homework Help operates from 3-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Students can access Homework Help by using the following City of Virginia Beach website:

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/kids/Pages/homework-resources.aspx>.

VBMS Running Club

Any student interested in joining the running club should plan to meet after school for the first practice on Tuesday, December 4th, in room 103 immediately after school. Bring running clothes and *dress for the weather*. Students will need to be picked up at 5:28 or take the activity bus home.

Practices will be on Tuesdays in December and Tuesday and Thursday after winter break. ALL levels of runners welcome! Members of the running club are encouraged to run the Shamrock student 8K in March!

Contact [Mrs. Collins](#) with any questions!

Student Activities

- We want to wish the best of luck to our academic challenge and basketball teams this winter.
- Rising 6th grade preregistration night will be Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:30p.m.
- The giving tree still has tags on the tree. Let's help our VBMS families for the holiday season.

PTA News and Information

- Thanks to Ben & Jerry's on 25th Street for donating the ice cream for the sundae bar to reward students who achieved their Achieve 3000 goals!
- The VBMS PTA is looking to fill the position of Treasurer. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Kelly at vbmspta@aol.com.
- Please visit the PTA website often - <https://www.vbmspta.com/> - as it is a great resource for all things VBMS!
- The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

STEM Opportunity

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium will offer Grade 8 students a summer experience at ODU designed to increase interest and curiosity in science, technology, engineering, and math. For additional information on this free of charge program, visit <https://blast.spacegrant.org/>. Spaces are limited.

VBCPS Builds the Next Strategic Plan: Get Involved

Virginia Beach City Public Schools is building the plan that will guide the division's work from 2020-2025 and your input is needed. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities made available to you to give input, to share experiences, and to make recommendations for the future of VBCPS. Visit the school division's website to understand the components of the Graduate Profile, to contribute to the Virtual Town Hall, and to examine the timeline for plan development: <http://www2.vbschools.com/compass/beyond2020/index.asp>

ATC Open House

The Advanced Technology Center (ATC) will be holding an Open House & Planning Ahead Sessions on Thursday, December 13th. There will also be a special session for "Girls in Stem." For more information, please see the attached document or visit <https://advancedtechnologycenter.vbschools.com/>.

Academy Open Houses

There will be a Parent Information Night on December 5, at 5:45 p.m. for parents of 8th grade students interested in attending the Green Run Collegiate School. This event will take place at Green Run High School.

Please do not respond to this email address. If you have any questions or problems with my school mail, please contact the school office at 757-648-5050 or Phillip.Friedman@vbschools.com (listserv administrator).