

Virginia Beach Middle School

Weekly Update

Information for the Week of January 7 – January 11

Gifted Visual Arts Program Spotlight Showcase

The Gifted Visual Arts Program will be having a Spotlight Showcase at The Gallery at Pavilion I, 2101 Parks Avenue, beginning January 7th until March 28th. An opening reception will be held on Friday, January 11th from 5:30-7:00 pm. All students and families are welcome! For more information, please see the attached flier.

Beach Girls Rock Seminar Series

The second seminar in this year's Beach Girls Rock series will be held on Saturday, January 12th, at Tallwood High School. Students should register with their counselor. For more information, please see the attached flier.

Rising 9th Grade Orientation

Attention 8th Grade students that will be attending Cox High School next year! You and your parents are invited to the Rising 9th Grade Orientation on January 9, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the Cox High School Auditorium. For more information, please call 757-68-5250.

12th Annual VBCPS African-American Male Summit - 1/26 From 8am-1pm

The VBCPS Office of Opportunity and Achievement will host the 12th Annual African American Male Summit (AAMS) Saturday, Jan. 26, at Green Run High School, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme for this year's summit is "Greatness: The Foundation for Service." The keynote address will be offered by a proud Green Run alumnus and transformational consultant and leader, Dr. Charles S. Corprew. The Summit will commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Season for Nonviolence through the exposure to student leadership, community involvement, physical and mental well-being and relationship building sessions. Students will have access to college and/or university representatives, local businessmen and women and post-secondary opportunities. Parents are invited and encouraged to participate in the Parent Institute breakout sessions that will occur concurrently during student breakout sessions. This summit is open to all HS and MS students. Please see the flyer and permission slip for more information. To register online, visit <http://bit.ly/AAMS2019>.

Algebra Help Sessions

Beginning Monday, December 17th, Algebra help sessions will be available in the Schola during Seahawk prep time to all 8th grade Algebra students requesting additional assistance in understanding the concepts introduced in class. Students will need to sign up for the sessions on the sheet posted outside Ms. Costello's room before 9:30 the day of each session.

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>.

PTA News and Information

- The PTA would like to welcome our new Treasurer, Neviana Bourova!
- Earn 50 Bonus Box Tops on Participating Products at Walmart when you purchase any 5 Participating Products at Walmart starting 12/14/18. Limit 5 per receipt, while supplies last. Scan receipt by 1/31/19.
- The first meeting of the New Year will be Tuesday, January 8th, at 10am.
- Please visit the PTA website often - <https://www.vbmspta.com/> - as it is a great resource for all things VBMS!

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>

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).