



# Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

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## Month at a Glance December 2022

### Academics/Character/Career

#### "Day of Thanks" Giveaway

- Families flooded the foyer to wait for us to open up
- Gave away food boxes, hot meals, diapers, hygiene products, wipes, hats, gloves, clothes, and shoes.
- Guests who shared the Vertus Facebook post were able to win a \$10 gift card instantly (donated by Wegmans), and additional shares were put into a raffle to win a new Air Fryer. The Vertus page was tagged in over 68 posts that day.



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Tournament of Champions

- We had the 1<sup>st</sup> Tournament of Champions event of the year to kick off the basketball season. All students received a free Vertus T-shirt and were able to wear shoes. This was great for student morale, and parents were glad to see their son enjoy a day at Vertus.



#### Family Night

- Fall family night was a success as we closed out the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period. Parents came to meet with preceptors and teachers to discuss student behavior and academic progress. We also offered free chic-fil-a and haircuts courtesy of the REOC barbering program. We had 57% attendance on the day of. Up from our average of 40%.



### **Rochester Education Foundation Donations**

- We received a generous donation of gently used instruments from the REF. Amy Stein made the process extremely easy and wants to continue a relationship to let me know when donations are brought in that fit our needs. We received:
  - 3 Trumpets
  - 3 Trombones
  - 2 Flutes
  - 2 Clarinets
  - 1 Keyboard
  - 1 Upright Bass
  - 2 Electric and 2 Acoustic Guitars
  - 2 Electric Bases

### **Operations & Compliance**

- Facilities
  - The floors will be cleaned and waxed over Christmas break.
  - A video system was installed in the gymnasium, allowing us to live stream home games.
  - We are currently assessing the flooring throughout the building. Tiles in the center hallway are popping up, and the carpet in the back hallway is in less than stellar condition.
  - We are also assessing space issues. With 319 students, more classroom space is needed to offer a full complement of core classes and electives fully.
- Compliance
  - Several mandatory reports have been submitted in the past month. The annual immunization survey, the 2022-23 Consolidated application for ESSA-funded programs, our IDEA grant, and our Program Facts reporting.
  - Due December 30 is our annual ESSAA Fiscal Transparency report.
  - We submitted our single audit to the federal audit clearinghouse with the aid of MMB, and it was accepted.
  - DKB has submitted all the necessary documentation for the filing of our 990, which is due in May.