



Veritas Academy

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Dear Parents/ Guardians & Students of the Veritas Community,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and that each of our families had a joyful and restful summer with their loved ones and friends. As I welcome our community back for the start of the 2021-2022 school year, below are some initial updates and announcements.

Since many of our students and staff have not been in the building for in-person learning for over a year, we are prioritizing the start of the school year to promote a warm and supportive transition for all. This will involve community building activities and initial classroom routines the first 4 days of school. Our goal is to ensure everyone has a smooth adjustment to this school year. As a continuation from last year, all students will have an assigned teacher who will perform wellness check-ins twice a month, every two weeks. This is outside of general academic follow-ups to ensure wellness for each student.

Health and safety remain our top priority for all members of our community. If you have not done so, please visit the DOE Family update link for current health and safety protocols in place for this year: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year/school-year-2021-22>

Important information listed includes vaccination information, COVID testing consent, and many other important updates. All students and staff will need to complete daily health screenings prior to entering the building and masks will be worn at all times when in the building.

Additionally, students will receive their complete course programs in their NYC accounts on Thursday, September 9th. Furthermore, the updated and revised student handbook will be available on the school website by Friday, September 10th. Families of students with IEP's will receive initial contact starting next week on Thursday about services and IEP planning for the school year.

Any current student who still has an unresolved NX from the spring term of SY 20-21 has until January, 2022 to resolve the NX. Individual follow-up will begin after the first week of school to each student/parent & guardians for unresolved NXs to develop a customized plan to resolve incomplete courses during the fall semester.

Next Thursday, September 9th, there will be a virtual family orientation forum welcoming our families back to school on Zoom at 6:00 pm. This meeting will go over opening of school updates, contact forms, health and safety and any general questions families would like to ask. Please see the attached flyer or visit our website to sign up.

We will continue to communicate ongoing updates and any new information regarding the school year. Please ensure routine checking of our school website for additional announcements and updates. I wish everyone a successful and vibrant school year to come!

Sincerely,

Jason Vanderwalke
Principal