

# **VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL**

A 2015 National Blue Ribbon School

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Dear Parents and Students of Voorhees High School,

I hope that you are having a relaxing and rewarding summer. It has been a busy summer at Voorhees in preparation for the new school year. Enjoy the remaining weeks, and we look forward to seeing you.

Please take a moment to review the following information:

## **Opening of School**

All students will report for a regular day of school on Thursday, August 22, which will be an A Day. Course schedules will be published in Aspen, our student information system, later this week. Please check your student schedule again prior to the start of school as changes may have been made due to class balancing. The 2024-2025 rotation schedule showing A, B, C and D Days has been posted on our <u>bell schedules webpage</u>. Please also review the <u>2024-2025 district calendar</u>.

Our counseling staff has made extraordinary efforts to personalize each student's schedule. Long hours have been spent planning, assisting in course selections, and refining conflicts. This process should have effectively addressed any of your scheduling concerns. Please realize the amount of effort already expended and the constraints of course availability, class size, and room availability.

## **Attendance**

Attendance is one of the key factors that contribute to academic success, especially in high school. For information regarding our attendance policy and early dismissal procedures, please visit our Attendance Office website: <u>https://www.nhvweb.net/VHS/attendance/</u>

## **Student Activities**

One of the many strengths of Voorhees High School is the large number of students involved in <u>co-curricular activities</u>. Students who become involved in the school broaden their experiences and increase their enjoyment of high school. Whether it is athletics, theater, music, clubs or student government, I encourage you to participate in one or more student activities. Not only will you find the experience to be rewarding, but you also help make Voorhees High School a better place. Please visit our website linked above to see all the clubs and activities we offer and to contact an advisor if you have any questions. General questions on student activities can be directed to our Director of Student Activities, Mr. Marc McGeehan, <u>mmcgeehan@nhvweb.net</u>.

## **Electronic Communications Policy**

Per Board <u>Policies 3283</u> and <u>4283</u>, staff members and students are prohibited from corresponding with each other through personal email addresses, cell phone numbers or social media sites. The only approved means of communication between staff members and students is through the district-issued email and Google accounts. Students should not give out their personal contact information to staff members. You can read more in the policies linked above.

### **School Administration**

Voorhees High School implements an assistant principal model for supervision of students and subject areas. The following are the areas of responsibility:

Mrs. Kieffer: Class of 2025, Security, Code of Conduct
Mr. Simpson: Class of 2026, English, Business, Fine and Practical Arts, Social Studies, and World Language
Mrs. Komoroski: Class of 2027, Child Study Team and Special Education
Mrs. Cantagallo-Rohm: Class of 2028, Math, Science, and STEM
Mr. Baumann: Athletics, Health and Physical Education

### **Student Parking**

Seniors have already received information concerning registering for parking. Please check your email for the information. You can also view parking permit information on our website, <u>click here</u>. Due to a larger senior class this year, there will be no lottery for juniors.

### Parent/Student Handbook

The <u>Parent-Student Handbook</u> and <u>school calendar</u> are available on the Voorhees website. Most of the information disseminated to you will be online. If you do not have access to the Internet, please inform us so that we may arrange to mail materials to you. We encourage you to become familiar with the information contained in the handbook and mark the dates of important school events throughout the year.

### Media Center/Library

The mission of the Voorhees High School Library Media Center is to:

- encourage students and staff to find, evaluate, and ethically use information and ideas for their educational, informational, and recreational needs.
- promote an appreciation of literature that enables students to become lifelong readers and learners.

If parents wish to have certain books restricted for their student, please complete the Google Form in the following link: <u>Voorhees High School LMC Library Materials Opt-Out Form</u>

#### **Important Dates**

Please access the following link to our Counseling Calendar for important dates throughout the school year: 2023-2024 VHS Counseling Dept. Calendar

## **Required Summer Assignments**

Students are reminded to complete their summer assignments before school begins:

- <u>Summer Math Assignments</u>
- <u>Summer Reading List</u>
- <u>Summer Science Assignments</u>

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Ron Peterson Principal