



Ventura High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

I hope that you and your family are doing well during this historic and challenging time. It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year and thank you for choosing Ventura High School for your educational needs. Founded in 1889, Ventura High School continues to move boldly in preparing our students for the future and celebrating its traditions and accomplishments in the midst of this global pandemic - Ventura High School's second in its 131-year-old history. Staffed with caring teachers, administrators, counselors and support staff, we have been working tirelessly and collaboratively to provide the very best educational experience for all students during this challenging time.

Whether your student is new or returning, we continue to offer many new and exciting courses and programs at VHS such as Medical Chemistry, Information Data Science, and an award-winning Robotics program. Our incoming 9th graders will be included in the VHS Cougar Dens. Inspired by Ivy League residential colleges and houses, our 9th grade students will be immersed in the culture of VHS by connecting them to an upperclassman that will serve as a source of information, encouragement and support throughout their first year. You will receive more information about that in upcoming email. Our returning Cougars can look forward to increased academic support, resources, guest speakers, CTE Pathways and virtual activities to ensure they are getting the most out of their VHS experience. All students should make sure to check with our Career Center Counselor for offsite learning opportunities. This means more community, college, and career opportunities along with extracurricular experiences to prepare our students for success now and after graduation as lifelong learners.

To kick off the new school year, I would like to invite all students to attend their designated Teacher Meets (virtual) and virtual orientation for 9th graders and new students to VHS. Please refer to the enclosed handouts with detailed information for each day of our first two weeks. For your convenience, I have inserted those important dates here as well:

August 17th

- Chromebook distribution for students that do not have a Chromebook (10 am -12 pm & 1pm-3 pm. Main St. Lot)
- Student Schedules available in Q at 4 pm
- Welcome emails from teachers with Teacher Meet Zoom codes sent out

August 18-21

- August 18th - First day of school Teacher Meets (Direct course instruction begins August 31st). All students attend online activities and meetings with their teachers per the schedule below. Please wear appropriate PPE.

Date	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21
Periods/ Times	Chromebook Pick-up if needed 10 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 3 pm	Per. 1: 8-8:20 am Per. 3: 8:25-8:45 am Per. 5: 8:55-9:15 am Per. 7: 9:20-9:40 am ASB Virtual Tour Available at 12 pm	Per. 0: 7:35-7:55 am Per. 2: 8-8:20 am Per. 4: 8:25-8:45 am Per. 6: 8:55-9:15 am	Per. 1: 8-8:20 am Per. 3: 8:25-8:45 am Per. 5: 8:55-9:15 am Per. 7: 9:20-9:40 am	Per. 0: 7:35-7:55 am Per. 2: 8-8:20 am Per. 4: 8:25-8:45 am Per. 6: 8:55-9:15 am

August 24-28 See your school schedule for your assigned time. Teachers understand that you will miss class to go to your assigned Textbook / Chromebook distribution date. Tables will be set up in the Main Street lot for your convenience.

Date	August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28
Periods/ Times	Per. 1: 8-8:20am Per. 3: 8:25-8:45am Per. 5: 8:55-9:15am Per. 7: 9:20-9:40am 12th grade student forms drop off and textbook/Chromebook pickup 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Per. 0: 7:35-7:55am Per. 2: 8-8:20am Per. 4: 8:25-8:45am Per. 6: 8:55-9:15am 11th grade student forms and textbook/Chromebook pickup 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Virtual Orientation for 9th graders and new students to VHS Parent 411 (Google Meet for parents 6:00-7:00pm) 10th grade student forms drop off and textbook/chromebook 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Per. 1: 8-8:20am Per. 3: 8:25-8:45am Per. 5: 8:55-9:15am Per. 7: 9:20-9:40am 9th grade students forms drop off and textbook/Chromebook pickup 8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Per. 0: 7:35-7:55am Per. 2: 8-8:20am Per. 4: 8:25-8:45am Per. 6: 8:55-9:15am

I would especially like to invite all students to participate in the virtual orientation on August 26th. ASB will send out more information through social media and Edulink.

On Chromebook and Textbook distribution days, students must turn in their completed emergency and disaster cards and Household Income form (included in this packet). Please make sure to read the entire mailer and complete all forms so your student has them on these days. They are critical in communicating with you and providing resources. After submitting their cards on their assigned date and time, students will be able to pick up their textbooks and Chromebooks at their designated distribution date.

I will be sending more information soon regarding our extraordinary extra-curricular award winning programs in another email. I would like to encourage you to join our PTSA as it provides many resources to families such as scholarships and relevant parent information. I also want to invite you to attend our **Annual Back to School Night to be held virtually on Tuesday, September 15th, from 6:30 to 8:45 pm. It will be an evening you will not want to miss!**

In closing, welcome back to a new school year. Though this pandemic might separate us physically for the time being, we intend to stay connected socially online with you so please participate in virtual presentations and meetings when offered. We are in this together as we start the school year through distance learning. Please know we are here to support our students and families every step of the way.

I look forward to a very exciting and rewarding year for all students! Go Cougars!

Sincerely,



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