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For the Parents, Students and Community of Venice High School

## Principal's Message

Dear Venice families,

We hope that all of our students will begin this school year with a focus on learning and personal growth. The faculty and administration are eager to work with our students in furthering their education. I hope that everyone had a restful summer. While we just finished a tumultuous school year, I appreciate everyone's hard work. It feels great to have our school year back to normal.

I hope that this return to normalcy will invigorate students learning and desire to achieve success. As the new proud principal of Venice High, I look forward to meeting our students, parents, and community partners. Whether your child is new or returning, please encourage them to take the time to learn about clubs, sports and events they can participate in at our school. One thing I learned from the pandemic was to not take the institution of high school for granted. Students should enjoy meeting friends, teachers, coaches, and learning.

Our first day of school is on August 10th. We will have a Freshmen orientation on August 5th for students A-L and August 6th for students M-L from 9:00am to 11:00am. Please check out our website for more information. Any students new to our school in 10th to 12th grade are invited to an orientation on August 9th from 9:00am to 11:00am.

I look forward to a great year of performances, sporting events, and community outreach programs. Our teachers and staff want to create graduates that are effective communicators, problem solvers, and critical thinkers. We appreciate the commitment of all our students and the help of our families and community. I know we will have a great school year!

Sincerely,  
Zoltan Kerestely  
*Principal*

## Tentative VHS Bell Schedule 2021 - 2022

1st Lunch Schedule				2nd Lunch Schedule				3rd Lunch Schedule			
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes
1	7:30 AM	8:20 AM	0:50	1	7:30 AM	8:20 AM	0:50	1	7:30 AM	8:20 AM	0:50
2	8:24 AM	9:14 AM	0:50	2	8:24 AM	9:14 AM	0:50	2	8:24 AM	9:14 AM	0:50
3	9:18 AM	10:08 AM	0:50	3	9:18 AM	10:08 AM	0:50	3	9:18 AM	10:08 AM	0:50
4th lunch	10:08 AM	10:38 AM	0:30	4	10:12 AM	11:02 AM	0:50	4	10:12 AM	11:02 AM	0:50
5	10:42 AM	11:32 AM	0:50	5th lunch	11:02 AM	11:32 AM	0:30	5	11:06 AM	11:56 AM	0:50
6	11:36 AM	12:26 PM	0:50	6	11:36 AM	12:26 PM	0:50	6th lunch	11:56 AM	12:26 PM	0:30
7	12:30 PM	1:20 PM	0:50	7	12:30 PM	1:20 PM	0:50	7	12:30 PM	1:20 PM	0:50
8	01:24 PM	2:15 PM**	0:51	8	01:24 PM	2:15 PM**	0:51	8	01:24 PM	2:15 PM**	0:51

## Tentative Friday's VHS Bell Schedule 2021 - 2022

1st Lunch Schedule				2nd Lunch Schedule				3rd Lunch Schedule			
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes
1	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	0:60	1	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	0:60	1	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	0:60
2	8:34 AM	9:22 AM	0:48	2	8:34 AM	9:22 AM	0:48	2	8:34 AM	9:22 AM	0:48
3	9:26 AM	10:14 AM	0:48	3	9:26 AM	10:14 AM	0:48	3	9:26 AM	10:14 AM	0:48
4th lunch	10:14 AM	10:44 AM	0:30	4	10:18 AM	11:06 AM	0:48	4	10:18 AM	11:06 AM	0:48
5	10:48 AM	11:36 AM	0:48	5th lunch	11:06 AM	11:36 AM	0:30	5	11:10 AM	11:58 AM	0:48
6	11:40 AM	12:28 PM	0:48	6	11:40 AM	12:28 PM	0:48	6th lunch	11:58 AM	12:28 PM	0:30
7	12:32 PM	1:20 PM	0:48	7	12:32 PM	1:20 PM	0:48	7	12:32 PM	1:20 PM	0:48
8	1:24 PM	2:15 PM**	0:51	8	1:24 PM	2:15 PM**	0:51	8	1:24 PM	2:15 PM**	0:51

## Tentative VHS SEL Bell Schedule 2021 - 2022

Dates: Sep. 8th, Oct. 6th, Nov. 3rd, Dec. 1st, Jan. 12th, Feb. 2nd, Mar. 2nd, Apr. 20th

1st Lunch Schedule				2nd Lunch Schedule				3rd Lunch Schedule			
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes
1	7:30 AM	8:12 AM	0:42	1	7:30 AM	8:12 AM	0:42	1	7:30 AM	8:12 AM	0:42
2	8:16 AM	8:58 AM	0:42	2	8:16 AM	8:58 AM	0:42	2	8:16 AM	8:58 AM	0:42
3	9:02 AM	9:44 AM	0:42	3	9:02 AM	9:44 AM	0:42	3	9:02 AM	9:44 AM	0:42
3 SEL	9:44 AM	10:39 AM	0:55	3 SEL	9:44 AM	10:39 AM	0:55	3 SEL	9:44 AM	10:39 AM	0:55
4th lunch	10:39 AM	11:09 AM	0:30	4	10:43 AM	11:25 AM	0:42	4	10:43 AM	11:25 AM	0:42
5	11:13 AM	11:55 AM	0:42	5th lunch	11:25 AM	11:55 AM	0:30	5	11:29 AM	12:11 PM	0:42
6	11:59 AM	12:41 PM	0:42	6	11:59 AM	12:41 PM	0:42	6th lunch	12:11 PM	12:41 PM	0:30
7	12:45 PM	1:27 PM	0:42	7	12:45 PM	1:27 PM	0:42	7	12:45 PM	1:27 PM	0:42
8	1:31 PM	2:15 PM**	0:44	8	1:31 PM	2:15 PM**	0:44	8	1:31 PM	2:15 PM**	0:44

\*\*Staggered dismissal Announcement: Buses at 2:13, bell will dismiss everyone else at 2:15.

SEL will be with 3rd period teachers, STC student need to be dismissed at 10:15.



### Venice HS Resources

Student and Family Handbook  
Code of Student Conduct

[www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2548](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2548)

### Equity Handbooks for Employees/Applicants & Students

Located on the district website under  
*Human Resources/Equity*

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*Please be patient*



### Student Drop-off

- Please pull as far forward as possible. If everyone stops in front of VPAC, traffic will back up into the road.
- Curb drop off is for students to quickly exit the vehicle. If you need additional time and/or are switching drivers, please pull into a parking spot.
- Please refrain from cell phone use. Keep your eyes alert. Students may be crossing in front of your vehicle.

### Student Pick-up

- There is **NO curb pick up**. All cars will pull into a parking spot.
- At 2:15 (when the bell rings) cars will be restricted from entering the parking area. This allows for students to safely cross the parking lot. Please be in your spot by 2:15. If arriving after 2:15, you will be able to enter the parking lot after the students have safely crossed (approximately 2:25).
- There are two exits: One exit is off of Bahama Street on the westside of the parking lot. This exit remains open the entire time. The second exit is located at the north of the parking lot (near the tennis courts) and will be open at approximately 2:25.



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## Student Parking Permits

Please visit the student parking website at [vhsarking.com](http://vhsarking.com).

Seniors can purchase permits on the website on August 2nd. Juniors can purchase permits starting on August 3rd.

## Lockers

Students can rent lockers for \$5 for the year, which includes the use of a lock. Locker rentals can be purchased in the cafeteria during lunch during the first week of school.

## 9th Grade and New Student Orientation

**Last Names A-L Aug. 5th 9-10:30 A.M.**

**Last Names M-Z Aug. 6th 9-10:30 A.M.**

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### Summer Hours:

Tuesday, August 3, 2021: 9AM-2PM  
 Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9AM-12PM  
 Thursday, August 5, 2021: 9AM-2PM

### School Hours (starting August 9, 2021):

Monday: CLOSED  
 Tuesday-Friday: 7:15AM-3:30PM

### Contact:

Caitlin.Joyner@sarasotacountyschools.net  
 VHS Office Phone: 941-488-6726

Venice High School is very lucky to have a unique program that assists students of all ages in planning for their post-secondary education. Since 2002, the Rotary Futures College Resource Center has assisted students with college and vocational school decision-making, SAT/ACT information, college/school applications, résumés, essays, scholarships, financial aid and much more. All services are FREE! Visit our website at [www.rotaryfutures.org](http://www.rotaryfutures.org). We are on Facebook and Instagram, too!

### **PARENTS OF SENIOR STUDENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TWO IMPORTANT MEETINGS!**

- **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:00PM in the VPAC:** Senior Meeting (for senior students and parents of seniors). This meeting takes place the same evening as Open House, which begins after the Senior Meeting. We will cover important Senior deadlines, college applications, the Bright Futures scholarship, and other important topics relevant to your Senior students!
- **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00PM in the VPAC:** Financial Aid Meeting (for senior students and parents of seniors). We will cover details about how to pay for your child's college education, including the FAFSA, student loans, scholarships, and Bright Futures.

### **College Planning**

Please visit our website (<http://rotaryfutures.org/students/college-planning/>) to open a college planning presentation. This helps to guide you through the steps that your seniors can begin working on this summer!

### **Scholarships for Seniors**

Rotary Futures has a **Scholarship Database** for high school SENIORS ONLY. The database holds approximately 400 institutional and private scholarships totaling more than \$60 million in scholarship dollars. Most seniors begin using this database AFTER they apply to their colleges; by October/November, students should be using our scholarship database!

### **Résumés**

Résumés and letters of recommendation are important tools for seniors as they apply to post-secondary schools--colleges, technical or vocational schools. These are also important when they apply for scholarships. Résumés help to organize your activities during your high school years. They can be sent with college applications and are a requirement of many scholarships. We have a sample résumé to help you get started—come visit us to get some help!

### **Recommendations**

**SENIORS**—Recommendation letters ARE NOT REQUIRED by any of the Florida public universities except New College of Florida and Florida A & M. Private and out of state schools may have other requirements. Please be respectful when requesting letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors. These letters take a great deal of time to write, and you need to give teachers and counselors AT LEAST 2 weeks' notice to complete these important letters. Also, please only ask 2 teachers to provide a recommendation. Do not ask for several and compare to see which you like best! This would be very inconsiderate of the time each teacher takes with your request. Recommendation letters WILL be required for the scholarship process. Scholarships may require different numbers of letters, so we recommend obtaining two from community members (job, church, community service) and two from academic sources (teacher, guidance counselor.) Many counselors and teachers require a résumé or completion of their own form before they will write your recommendation. For scholarship purposes, students may make copies of these letters. Do not wait until deadlines—line up your recommendations now and give your teachers and community references plenty of time to write their letters.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**

Any student wishing to complete their volunteer hours for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship MUST complete the ONLINE Sarasota County School District registration process and have the plan approved. Once approved, the student may print out a log sheet for each organization/activity.

Complete registration instructions are available on the VHS website > Resources > Venice High Downloads > Community Service Hours Info. Also, students may go directly to [www.SarasotaCountySchools.net](http://www.SarasotaCountySchools.net), click on the "Parents & Students" menu at the top of the page, under "Other Resources" follow the link "High School Community Service."

Remember, volunteering helps students build their resume and obtain valuable experience for college essays and scholarship competitions, too.

Important community service information and requirements:

- Do NOT start the registration application until the student knows where they are going to volunteer. The registration application does NOT

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**We need spots filled...**

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“save” and you will be “locked” out if you do not complete the application when you start.

- Each organization/activity must be approved before the student volunteers. Once approved the student will be able to print a unique log sheet at any time. Each organization will have its own log sheet. New organizations/activities may be added for approval at any time.
- Don't wait for an approval email (because sometimes the system has problems with different email servers). You may log in anytime to see if you have been approved. If you can print out a log sheet, you know you've been approved!
- Students **MUST** volunteer in the Sarasota County area.
- **NO MORE THAN 8 HOURS** may be earned each day (due to child labor laws).
- **NON-PROFIT and CHURCH RULES:** All volunteering must take place with a non-profit organization--exceptions include hospitals and assisted living facilities (enrichment/entertainment activities only). Church Community Service must be outreach to the entire community—no religious instruction or activities that take place during church services will count.
- **NEW!** Students may now intern with a local business for community service hours!
- The community service Evaluation Form must be completed for every volunteer organization and must be turned in with the log sheets. The Evaluation form is located on the page where log sheets are printed.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact the Rotary Futures College Resource Center by phone, 941-488-6726 (beginning September 15th) OR by email: [Caitlin.Joyner@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Caitlin.Joyner@sarasotacountyschools.net).

## 2021 - 2022 SAT & ACT TEST DATES

### TEST FEES:

- SAT - \$52.00, with optional Essay\* - \$68.00
- ACT - \$55.00, ACT with optional Writing\* - \$70.00
- Late fees and Test Center change fees will apply.

Students who receive free or reduced lunch are eligible for test fee waivers.

Contact Rotary Futures for the waivers.

*Registration Deadlines are about 1 month before the test date or late fees will be incurred!*

\*No Florida public universities require the optional SAT/ACT essay/writing tests, BUT other colleges may require the essay/writing tests. See specific college websites for their admissions requirements.

### 2021 – 2022 SAT Dates

Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

- August 28, 2021
- October 2, 2021
- November 6, 2021
- December 4, 2021
- March 12, 2022
- May 7, 2022
- June 4, 2022

### 2021 – 2022 ACT Dates

Register at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

- September 11, 2021
- October 23, 2021
- December 11, 2021
- February 12, 2022
- April 2, 2022
- June 11, 2022
- July 16, 2022

**NOT ALL TEST DATES ARE OFFERED AT VENICE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Dates are subject to change. Check websites for up-to-date information.

## Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

**Florida Bright Futures Scholarship requirements are online!** Check out their website frequently to stay updated - [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/)

- **Check your Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility on the Family Access Portal!** Once students begin eleventh grade, their Bright Futures report is available under the Transcript tab of the Family Access Portal!
- **SENIORS—TEST SCORE INCREASES** have greatly reduced the number of students who receive Bright Futures. Check your eligibility status as soon as possible.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to confirm your schedule and compliance with course requirements. It is your job to know and meet the requirements of the Bright Futures Scholarship Program before high school graduation.
- Confirm with the school that all your personal information is correct. Failure to have correct information such as social security number, address, and date of birth can delay your Bright Futures application.
- Bright Futures only calculates GPA based on the core academic areas (check out [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/) for details).
- Bright Futures will calculate GPA using the *highest* grades in each area, i.e. 4 *highest* English grades, 4 *highest* math grades (Algebra 1 and above), 3 *highest* science (does not include Health Science), 3 *highest* social studies, 2 *highest* foreign language (in same language)
- **Community Service hours are required for ALL levels of Bright Futures**—100 hours to 30 hours depending on the scholarship. Check the website for more information.
- **Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship** will ONLY fund technical and vocational degrees and certificates. Three specific classes in a technical or vocational program are required, and your guidance counselor can help you to schedule the three correct classes. For more info. on the Gold Seal award, go to website.
- ONLY Seniors will complete the online application for Bright Futures and other forms of state financial aid. This application will open in October your Senior year. Please do not try to complete the application before your senior year as it may cause problems.
- Remember, failure to meet ALL Bright Future requirements by graduation day will forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact the Rotary Futures College Resource Center. [Caitlin.Joyner@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Caitlin.Joyner@sarasotacountyschools.net).

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## Family Access Portal: Updating an Email Address or Password

Instructions are the same for both Students and Parents

Log into your Portal account. You may get there from the Sarasota County Schools website.  
<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net>

Click on **Parents & Students**, and then click on **Family Access Portal:**  
[Assignments-Attendance-Grades-Schedule](#)



Once in your portal, click **Settings** on the top right of the page

Select **Password** from the list of options

This opens a new screen that shows your User Name, Email address, First Name and Last Name as well as two blank fields to change your password. \*You cannot see your current password.

**To change your Email Address:**

- delete the email address showing in the **Email** box and type in the new email address
- click the **Save** button

**To change your Password:**

- type in the new password in the **Password** box
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For more information contact your student's counselor or email Mrs. Vanore at [mary.vanore@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:mary.vanore@sarasotacountyschools.net).



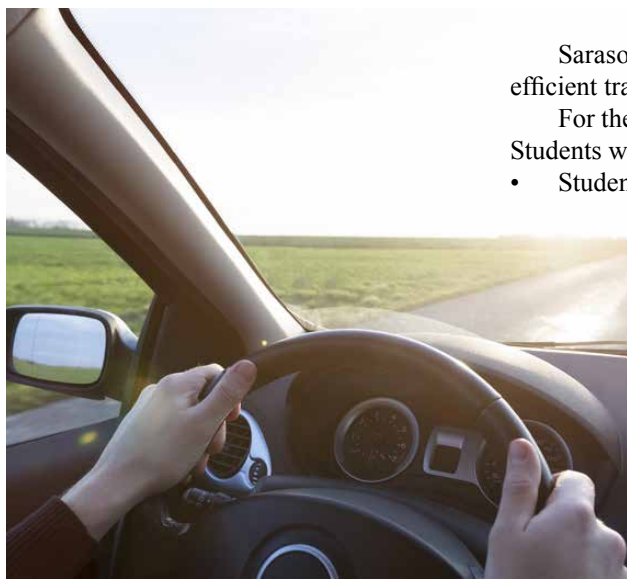
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## Transportation

Sarasota County Schools Transportation Department is committed to providing safe and efficient transportation to our students.

For the 2021-2022 school year, we are asking that families pre-register to use the school bus. Students who qualify for transportation will be assigned a bus stop.

- Students who will NOT be riding a bus should NOT complete a pre-registration form.
  - ESE students who require special transportation as listed on an IEP do NOT need to complete a pre-registration form.
  - Complete a pre-registration form for each student who will be riding the bus individually.
  - **Eligible students** will be assigned to only ONE bus stop, determined by the primary address listed in the Student Information System.
  - Unregistered students waiting at the bus stop without a Parent or Guardian will be transported to school. Parent or Guardian will be responsible for picking the child up from school until the child is registered and assigned a bus stop.

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## National Saturday Testing

Venice High School will be a testing site for the 2021-2022 ACT and SAT exams.

For test dates, registration deadlines, ID or calculator requirements, and to register: visit [act.org](http://act.org) or [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org).

If assistance is needed for registration: visit your guidance counselor or Rotary Futures.

For accommodations on ACT or SAT testing: contact Ms. Alexander at least 6 weeks before the test date.

For questions about test administration: e-mail [barbara.farrar@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:barbara.farrar@sarasotacountyschools.net).

## School Photos

Here are the dates pictures for Fall 2021:

### Senior Portraits:

9/10-11 New Gym Lobby

10/8-9 New Gym Lobby

10/23 New Gym Lobby

11/19 New Gym Lobby

**Underclass  
Pictures:**  
9/15

**Retakes:**  
10/27

## Thank You Darrell's Restaurant

Thank you to Darrell's Restaurant for catering our Staff and Retirement Luncheon. We appreciate your continuous support of Venice High School.



### Welcome to the 2021-22 school year!

If you're interested in joining FBLA this year, our first meeting is Monday August 23 in Ms. Zubyk's room 4-106.

### What is FBLA?

FBLA-PBL inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.

### FBLA-PBL's programs focus on:

- **Leadership Development**—members develop essential soft skills by holding chapter officer positions at the local, state, and national levels; by networking with accomplished business professionals; and by participating in business-focused workshops, seminars, and academic competitions.
- **Academic Competitions**—members demonstrate their business expertise at high-profile regional, state, and national competitive events. The top students are recognized with trophies and cash awards.
- **Educational Programs**—members create career portfolios, enhance their knowledge with world-recognized skills certifications, and have access to select college scholarships.
- **Membership Benefits**—members receive exclusive discounts and enhanced benefits for travel, education, and more.
- **Community Service**—members work with the March of Dimes to help end premature births by participating in awareness campaigns and the March for Babies fundraiser. <http://www.fbla-pbl.org/partner/march-of-dimes/>
- **Awards & Recognition**—members build a portfolio of accomplishments with a wide range of awards programs.

Our first meeting will be held Monday - August 23rd in Ms. Zubyk's room 4-106.



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<i>(Includes Sarasota non-football interscholastic sports coverage)</i>		
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<i>(Includes non-football interscholastic sports coverage)</i>		
<b>Senior High Football</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>
<i>(Includes August tryouts, regular season play and Spring 2022)</i>		
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<i>(During FHSAA 2022 sanctioned Spring)</i>		

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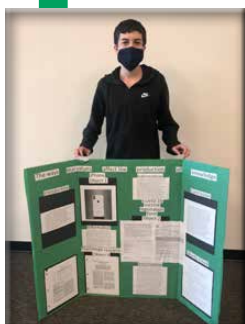
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## TOK

Wrapping up the year in grand TOK style, Ms. Matteini's IB Theory of Knowledge Year One students share some of their observations and take-aways from their Exhibition projects. This assignment was the culmination of many hours dedicated to the study of how we acquire knowledge and understanding through numerous perspectives and disciplines.

*"I am so proud of these caring, inquisitive, and dedicated students that I've had the pleasure to work with this year. Their accomplishments and insights through hard work and a team mindset has been so inspiring and motivating - best wishes for amazing things coming your way!"*

~Ms. K. Matteini

*"I enjoyed how the Exhibition project placed similar emphasis on artistic expression, writing, research, and TOK ideas- it certainly embodied the balance IB and TOK ask of us. It was an opportunity for our class to collaborate by peer reviewing, presenting our projects to each other, and sharing helpful sources of information. The 3-object task required us to apply the lens of TOK thinking to our everyday lives, taking our learning outside of the classroom. While this project is less fact-based than most, it pushed us to examine alternate perspectives on each point that we made..."*

~Alexia King

*"Doing this project helped me realize that every object that is seen and used in everyday life has values that are attached to them. These values could be to support the object in which the production of knowledge is increased, decreased, or halted completely. This project has helped me a lot and I would advise other people to try something like it."*

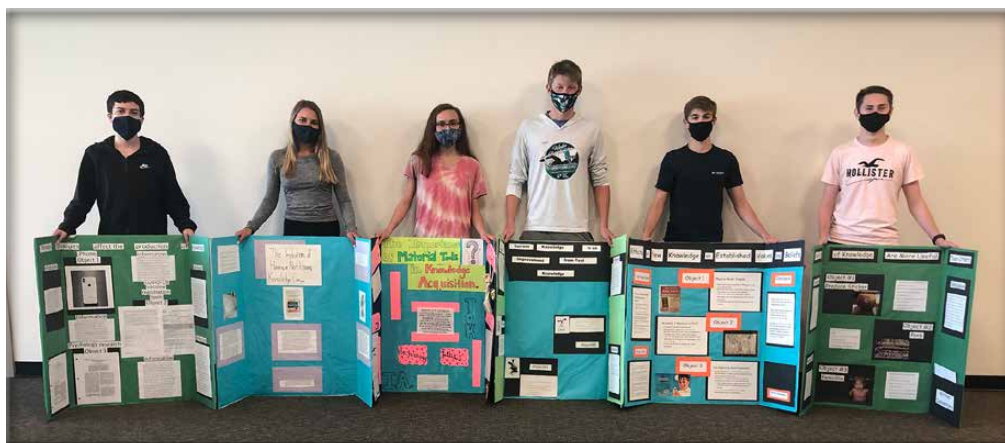
~Gino Olivieri

*"Through this project I was able to explore what constitutes something as being useful. I determined this by ranking how useful things are with how many people are affected by them; 'Some types of knowledge are more useful than others'. I liked how creative I was able to be and how other students answered similar questions."*

~Thomas Danz

*"The Theory of Knowledge Exhibition has challenged me to consider how knowledge affects the tangible world around us and illustrated the great influence knowledge has on our everyday lives."*

~Jack Wardlaw



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JULY 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5th - 9th - 240 Staff Non-Work Days  
20th - 220 Staff Return

AUGUST 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3rd - 196 Staff Return  
10th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

SEPTEMBER 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6th - Labor Day - Students, All Staff

OCTOBER 2021						
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12th - End of 1st Grading Period  
15th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

NOVEMBER 2021						
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22nd - 26th - Thanksgiving Break -  
Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff  
25th - 26th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

DECEMBER 2021						
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22nd - End of 2nd Grading Period  
23rd - 31st - Winter Break -  
Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff  
24th - 31st - Winter Break - 240 Staff

JANUARY 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3rd - 7th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff  
10th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff  
17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

FEBRUARY 2022						
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21st - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

MARCH 2022						
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11th - End of 3rd Grading Period  
14th - 18th - Spring Break - Students, All Staff  
21st - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

APRIL 2022						
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15th - Mini-Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

MAY 2022						
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27th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff  
30th - Memorial Day - All Staff

JUNE 2022						
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1st - Last Day for 196 Staff  
21st - Last Day for 220 Staff

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## Art

*Dr. Jackie Henson-Dacey*

The visual art students had a very successful year despite the pandemic. Students in the Advanced Placement and IB Visual Arts programs were able to secure high levels of achievement on state, national, and international assessments for their portfolios and secured academic scholarships. A total of \$52,000 was awarded to our graduating visual arts seniors for post-secondary study in the arts. These scholarships are merit based and represent the highest level of excellence for Venice High School. Seventy-five of our finest art students showcased their artworks at the Venice Art Center in May and thanks to Jeanette Moore, our department chair, we were able to have a small awards reception at the center to celebrate our students' success. A surprise visit by Dr.

Asplen, our superintendent of schools, rounded out an evening that gave tribute to our emerging art leaders at school. A big 'thank you' goes out to the Venice Art Center, specifically Mary Moscatelli, the center's director for collaborating with our school to raise awareness of the artistic talent at our school and throughout the community. Mary has designed an engaging new initiative, weekly virtual competitions, for teens in the summer. See their website for more information - <https://www.veniceartcenter.com/about/about-us>

Thanks to a generous grant from the Venice High Foundation, students were able to design, create, and install Mosaic stepping stones in our courtyard. A team of students, lead by Kaylee Wesner and Haley Sprague, created this project to beautify the school's campus. Thanks to all of their hard work and creative energy!

Looking to clear out your garage or storage area? Do you have an old (working) sewing machine hanging around, old art supplies, magazines, yarn, or fabric? Drop them off at VHS to the Art Department, we are always looking to recycle and reuse supplies and equipment.

