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For the Parents, Students and Community of Venice High School

## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Our 2024-2025 school year is moving along. During my visits to several classes, I have seen great learning and instruction. We are about to end our first nine-week grading period on October 17th. Please visit your Focus portal for up-to-date information regarding your student's grades and attendance. To begin using the parental portal, please visit <https://scs.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/index.php?skipSSO>.

Our sports teams are offering great athletic games and exciting events for our students and community. Our coaches are working hard to mold our student-athletes to be competitive and outstanding citizens in the classrooms. To see a complete listing of our updated sporting events, check out our athletics schedules on our school website, by clicking on the families icon.

How about volunteering for Service Saturdays? We invite our entire community to join us on September 21st

from 9-11:30am to help beautify our campus. Sign-up is required. More information is available in this edition of the Pathfinder.

VHS truly has something for everyone. If sports are not your thing, how about joining one of our 30+ clubs? Extracurricular activities can add to your student's VHS experience by gaining new friends, giving back to their community, and having some old-fashioned fun. A list of our clubs is available at <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/venicehigh/page/extra-and-co-curricular-activities>.

We want every student to graduate on time, college and career ready. Our mission is to create lifelong learners and engaged citizens. If your child needs extra support, please reach out to your student's teacher and/or your student's school counselor for extra help.

Best Regards,

Zoltan Kerestely  
*Principal*

## Venice High School Resources



**Student and Family Handbook**  
**Code of**  
**Student Conduct**

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/scs/page/student-and-family-handbook>

**Equity Handbooks for Employees/Applicants & Students**  
*Located on the district website under*  
**Human Resources / Equity**

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/scs/page/equity-procedures-for-employees-applicants-students>



# GUIDANCE CORNER



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## Guidance News

September 2024

The school year is off to a great start. Students are beginning to apply to college, prepare for the ACT/SAT tests, join clubs, write resumes, attend sporting events, attend after school events and get in the rhythm of homework. Many students have been meeting with their counselor for assistance with post-secondary planning. Students have also been meeting with their counselor to discuss their VHS 4-year plan.

### \*Reminder to Dual Enrollment/SCF students:\*

If you change your original SCF schedule, please let your counselor know asap. You will need to provide a copy of your detailed schedule to your counselor and you will also need to submit an official transcript of your final SCF grades to your counselor.

PSAT date - October 21-25 (TBD)

PSAT is for all 10th graders and any 11th grader that is competing for the National Merit Scholarship.

11th graders must pay to take the test. Please see Mr. Robertson (4-314) to register for the test. He can only accept checks and they should be made payable to VHS.

FSA-ELA and Algebra 1 EOC retakes for 11th and 12th graders will begin in September.

Students are reminded to please check their transcripts to make sure they have all the classes needed to qualify for the Bright Futures scholarship.

**\*\*Seniors will be visiting with their counselors to ensure they have all credits needed for graduation. Double check your transcript to make sure you have all credits necessary for graduation!! Please remember the Class of 2025 graduation requirements are:**

- English-4 credits
- Math-4 credits (1 must be Algebra 1 and 1 must be Geometry) Science-3 credits (1 must be Biology)
- World History-1 credit American History-1 credit Economics-.5 credit
- American Government-.5 credit HOPE-1 credit Practical/Performing Art-1 credit Electives
- 26 credits total
  - » Passing Score on FSA ELA
  - » Passing score on Algebra 1 EOC
  - » 2.0 GPA

Students who are requesting testing accommodations on the SAT or ACT for college purposes will need to see their guidance counselor for the appropriate forms.

### Student Athletes

You will need to register with NCAA clearinghouse and then speak with your counselor to send your transcripts. Please be aware of the 16 core credits needed for eligibility (there has been a change with the math courses that qualify). Please refer to the NCAA website or meet with your counselor if you have any questions. Also, remember on August 1, 2016 NCAA eligibility requirements changed. Please visit the NCAA Eligibility website for details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your counselor. The students are paired with a counselor based on the student's last name.



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# Student Counselors

- A-Co Nicole Wolfe—1st floor administration suite
- Cr-G Nancy Hopper-1st floor administration suite
- H-Le Mike Bartlett-3rd floor administration suite
- Li-O Brenda Bartlett-3rd floor administration suite
- P-Sk Mia Slaton-2nd floor administration suite
- Sl-Z Lori Barton-2nd floor administration suite

**SERVICE SATURDAY**  
MEET IN OUTSIDE CAFETERIA

SEPT. 21ST  
NOV. 9TH  
FEB. 1ST  
MAR. 29TH

9:00-11:30  
ARRIVE ON TIME  
9:00 WELCOME AND TASK LIST  
9:15-10:00 "BLAST TASKS"  
10:00-10:15 BREAK  
10:15-11:15 BIG WORK  
11:15-11:30 WRAP-UP



## DRESS CODE GUIDE 2024-25

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Minimum standard of dress code is expected. The principal's decision or principal designees on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Please check with your school for all additional dress code guidelines.

### SKIRTS, DRESSES & SHORTS

**✓** Must be worn above the hips/Rips are allowed below mid-thigh

**✗** No excessively short skirts, shorts, or dresses that at anytime expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner

### SHIRTS & TOPS

**✓** Straps must be minimum of 1 inch  
No low-cut tops  
No see-through clothing  
Gap below armpit must not be larger than 3 inches

**✗** Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally

### JEANS, PANTS, LEGGINGS & EXPOSED UNDERGARMENTS

**✓** No exposed undergarments  
No pajamas or slippers

**✗** Rips are allowed below mid-thigh

Students are not to wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990 or as outlined or provided by Chapter 874, Florida Statutes. Students are also not to wear items that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination.

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## DRESS CODE GUIDE 2024-25

The Sarasota County School District has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with School Board Policy 5.37.

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Schools are encouraged to obtain input from school stakeholders, including School Advisory Councils, parents, staff, and students as they establish a school dress code policy.

The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school's dress code policy is an infraction under this code.

Students have a RIGHT to:

- Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school setting, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Learn without a disruption to the school or classroom environment.

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to: Comply

- with the school dress code.
- Wear their current/valid student ID (visible at all times).
- Be respectful of their peers at all times regardless of what they are wearing.
- Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.
- Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:
  - At all times, no:
    - exposed undergarments
    - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants worn below the hips
    - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with rips above the mid-thigh
    - excessively short skirts, shorts, or dresses that at any time expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
    - pajamas or slippers
    - excessively low-cut tops
    - see-through clothing (includes mesh material mid-thigh and above) clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature
  - Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally
  - Sleeveless shirts must have straps with a minimum width of one inch (about two fingers) and the gap below the armpit cannot be excessive of three inches (about four fingers)
  - Not wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
  - Not wear items which encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination on account of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, veteran or military status, marital status, pregnancy, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law or School Board policy.



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### OPERATING HOURS:

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Open Tuesday – Thursday, 8:30am – 3:00 pm; Friday,  
9:20am – 3:00pm

The Rotary Futures College Resource Center is a non-profit, community-based organization that is located in Heritage Hall directly across from the main Administration office. Rotary Futures assists Venice High students with college and technical school decision-making, school admissions applications, résumés, essays, scholarships, financial aid and much more. All services are FREE!

VHS students are welcome to visit at any time during our operating hours. Encourage your children to visit us when they have a free period, lunch, after school, or permission from a classroom teacher.

### Community Service

Community Service/Employment Hours is coordinated by the VHS College & Career Advisor, Michele Tippman, NOT Rotary Futures.

- » Pre-approval is no longer required for log sheets, and the log sheet can be found at the bottom of this webpage: <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/scs/page/high-school-community-service-volunteering-hours>
- » Students may not log more than 8 hours per day for community service or employment.
- » If students plan to use employment hours for their Bright Futures requirement, they must submit paystubs that total 100 hours.

Students should turn in community service log sheets to Mrs. Tippman's classroom (4-241) or email her your completed log sheets: [Michele.Tippman@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Michele.Tippman@sarasotacountyschools.net).

### Important Upcoming Meetings and Presentations

If you missed the Senior Class of 2025 Family Meeting on August 27, you

can access the PDF of the PowerPoint presentation on our website: [rotaryfutures.org](http://rotaryfutures.org) OR on the school website under the Resources Tab (then navigate to the Downloads section of the page to the Senior Fall Meeting Class of 2025).

On Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00pm in the VPAC, we will have a Junior Class of 2026 Student and Parent Informational meeting to discuss preparing for college, scholarships, Bright Futures, the SAT/ACT, and upcoming Senior milestones.

On Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00pm in the VPAC, we will have a Freshmen/Sophomore Class of 2027-2028 Student and Parent Meeting to discuss preparing for college, different academic pathways, and Bright Futures.

Senior Families, stay posted for announcements and updates about the FAFSA opening (date TBA). We will offer FAFSA Help Nights to Senior Class of 2025 families (most likely in December/January). We will be available to assist families with the beginning steps of this overwhelming process.

### College Representative School-Day Presentations and College Fair at VHS

Colleges are now coming to present to our students in Rotary Futures (or the TEL lab: 4-262, depending on the popularity of the school)! Take advantage of these presentations to learn more about the college and their admissions process. Students MUST have permission from their teacher to attend the college presentations AND also need to register for the visit on SchoolLinks. Students should stop by Rotary Futures to see the College Visit Calendar!

As of now, our planned visits are as follows:

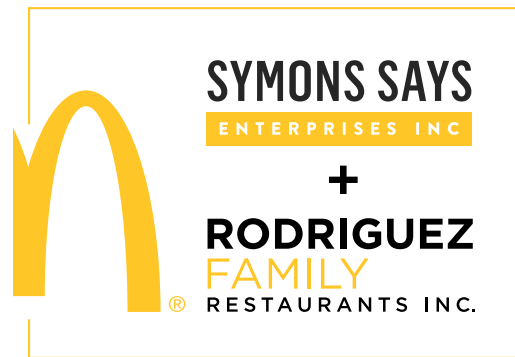
- Thursday, September 5: Florida State University, 9:30am (TEL Lab 4-262, Admissions Ticket Required; pick up by September 4 from Rotary Futures)
- Friday, September 6: Boston University, 10:20am (Rotary Futures)
- Thursday, September 19: Stetson University, 10:20am (Rotary Futures)
- Tuesday, September 24: University of Florida, 11:05am (TEL Lab 4-262, Admissions Ticket Required; pick up by September 4 from Rotary Futures)
- Tuesday, September 24: Embry Riddle, 12:15pm (Rotary Futures)
- Thursday, September 26: University of South Florida, 11:15am (TEL Lab 4-262, Admissions Ticket Required; pick up by September 25 (Rotary Futures)
- Tuesday, October 8: FL Southern College, 9:45am (Rotary Futures)
- Wednesday, October 16: University of Alabama, 10:20am (Rotary Futures)

Stay posted with our visitation schedule on our website and by visiting Rotary Futures! More visits are added each week!

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### College Night at Venice High: All students/parents welcome!

South Sarasota County College Night at Venice High School: Mark your calendars: Monday, February 24, 2025 for our FREE College Night event. Over 70 schools will be in attendance!

### Bright Futures Scholarship Requirements for the Class of 2025

Seniors MUST complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (not to be confused with the FAFSA) to receive Bright Futures.

- Only Seniors may complete the application, and we encourage Seniors to do so ASAP after October 1, 2024. The application must be completed so the Senior is in the system to be evaluated.
- The first evaluation is done in January, and the FINAL evaluation for the scholarship is done in July 2024 after high school graduation. Students have until graduation to meet all requirements.
- Seniors may take the SAT or ACT through July of their Senior year to qualify for Bright Futures.
- To complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) (Seniors Only) go to: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org> Under First-Time Applicants, click on Create Student Account AFTER OCTOBER 1 (The application doesn't open until then). This is only step 1 of the process.

After submitting the student account, you must click on a link to finish completing the Florida Financial Aid Application. After submitting the student account, the student will receive an email with their log in and initial password. After submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application, the student will receive an email in 2-3 days with instructions for logging in and tracking their evaluations.

Bright Futures criteria are subject to legislative changes. Check the Bright Futures website for the most up-to-date information: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SSFAD/bf> for test scores and community service hours / employment requirements.

### School Bus

**BUS PASSES**

**YOUR PARENT / GUARDIAN MUST SEND AN EMAIL BEFORE 9AM TO ONE OF THE EMAILS BELOW, BASED ON THE 1ST LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME.**

A-G 1st floor  
[christine.pomerleau@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:christine.pomerleau@sarasotacountyschools.net)

H-O 3rd floor  
[sara.miller@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:sara.miller@sarasotacountyschools.net)

P-Z 2nd floor  
[kelley.jones@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:kelley.jones@sarasotacountyschools.net)

**EMAILS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9AM & INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**

- PARENT / GUARDIAN PHOTO ID
- STUDENT NAME & N#
- DATE(S) REQUESTING TO RIDE
- PARENT CONTACT NUMBER
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## Commencement Ceremony Accessories

New this year, **student will only be permitted to wear school issued accessories at the commencement ceremony.**

- Graduation caps and gowns cannot be modified in any way.
- Students wearing any unauthorized items will be asked to remove them, and if they do not, they will be excluded from the ceremony.
- No stoles, cords, leis, or other items not certified by VHS are permitted.

More information on which items are permitted will be provided through the VHS student organization's sponsor.

If you have a cultural or religious items you would like to be considered for exception, please complete a written request on 2nd floor in January 2025.

**Deadline is April 1, 2025.**



## Equity Policies and Procedures for Students and Employees for 2024/2025

The Equity Policies and Procedures for students and for employees/applicants in place for 2024/2025 are located on the district website; <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/scs/page/equity-procedures-for-employees-applicants-students> under Human Resources/Equity



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**JULY 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

1st - 5th - 240 Staff Non-Work Days  
 15th - 220 Staff Return

**AUGUST 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

5th - 196 Staff Return  
 12th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

2nd - Labor Day - Students, All Staff

**OCTOBER 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

17th - End of 1st Grading Period

18th - Professional Day, Students, 186 Staff

**NOVEMBER 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

25th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break -

Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff  
 27th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

**DECEMBER 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

20th - End of 2nd Grading Period

23rd - 31st - Winter Break - Students, All Staff

**JANUARY 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

1st - 3rd - Winter Break - Students, All Staff  
 6th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff  
 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

**FEBRUARY 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28

17th - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

**MARCH 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

13th - End of 3rd Grading Period  
 14th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff  
 17th - 21st - Spring Break - Students, All Staff

**APRIL 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

18th - Mini Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

**MAY 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	

26th - Memorial Day - Students, All Staff  
 28th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff  
 30th - Last Day for 196 Staff

**JUNE 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

12th - Last Day for 220 Staff

\*Orange highlighted days will be used as inclement weather makeup days if needed

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## Senior Dates to Remember

### Senior Apparel Order . . . . . Sept 25th

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### Homecoming . . . . . Week of Sept 30th

- September 30th Powder Puff Volleyball \$5
- October 2nd Powder Puff Football Game 6pm \$5
- October 3rd Venice Has Talent \$5
- October 5th Homecoming Dance \$30

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### Senior Class Group Picture

- November – Date TBD

### Cap & Gown Package Payment . . . . . Dec 20th . . . . . [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com)

- Cost is \$60 until December 20th
- Package includes cap, gown, diploma cover and tassel

### Senior Prom . . . . . April 5th

- Saturday, April 5th at the Hyatt Sarasota
- Cost includes appetizers, photo booth, dinner, dessert, games, and dancing.
- Invited guests from outside of Venice High School must complete a guest approval form.
- Venice High students in grades 9-11 may attend if invited by a senior.
- Each senior may purchase one guest ticket.

### Grad Bash 2025 . . . . . Trip date April 25th

- Friday, April 25th Depart VHS at 2:25pm. Event 7pm-2am. Return to VHS by 4:30am
- Ticket includes admission to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure and transportation.
- Permission slip packet available January 16th. Tickets on sale week of January 27th ONLY.
- Cost is \$175

### MANDATORY Senior Class Meeting May 12th

- Seniors will receive a "Ticket Out" on Monday, May 5th. The ticket must be completed and returned to the meeting on May 12th to pick up cap/gown. All textbooks must be returned and any outstanding fines paid prior to the meeting
- Cap/gown distribution and Graduation information

### Grad Walk . . . . . Tentatively May 15 or 16

- Seniors wear cap/gown and participate in walk with classmates through Garden, Taylor Ranch or Venice El. Event takes approximately 20 minutes. Transportation is on your own. Event is optional.

### **MANDATORY** Rehearsal . . . . . May 16th 11am

### Commencement Ceremony . . . . . May 17th

- Saturday, May 17th at 8pm Graduation in Powell-Davis Stadium (VHS football field). Gates open at 7pm.
- No coolers, airhorns or noise makers.
- Graduates must arrive at 7pm and check in with school counselor in the new gym.
- Dress code for graduating seniors is business. No jeans
- This is NOT a ticketed event. All are welcome
- Handicapped seating is first come, first serve.
- **Graduates will be seated in alphabetical order on the field for graduation with the exception of Graduation speakers. Boys are seated on the visitor side and girls on the home side.**



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When? .....	What?.....	Who ?
Sep 12 – 27 .....	Curriculum Common Assessments. . .	US Hist (12-17), Bio/Geo (16-21), Alg 1 (23-27)
Sep 23 – Oct 4. . . .	Fall FAST/BEST/EOC Retakes . . . . .	Students as needed for Graduation or Credit
Oct 10 – Oct 16. . . .	Curriculum Common Assessment . . . .	US History
Oct 16 . . . . .	CLT – Classic Learning Test . . . . .	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
Oct 21 – Nov 8 . . . .	Curriculum Common Assessments. . . .	ELA 9/10 (21-25), Bio (28-1), USH (30-5), Alg 1/Geo (4-8)
Oct 22 – 25 . . . . .	PSAT...Computer-Based . . . . .	All 10th Graders; Juniors who sign up
Oct 29 . . . . .	ACT NCR (Non College Reportable)	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
Nov 7. . . . .	CLT – Classic Learning Test . . . . .	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
Nov 12 – 15. . . . .	PERT – Post Secondary Ed Readiness	Students interested in Dual Enrollment
Dec 2 – 5. . . . .	FAST PM2 . . . . .	Freshman & Sophomores in 2027 & 2028 Cohorts
Dec 2 – 6. . . . .	FCLE – Florida Civic Literacy Exam	All students in Government
Dec 9 – 12. . . . .	Winter FAST/BEST/EOC Retakes. . . .	Students as needed for Graduation or Credit
Feb 20 . . . . .	CLT – Classic Learning Test . . . . .	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
Feb 25 . . . . .	Modified Bell . . . . .	ACT State Testing A 1 1 Juniors in the 2026 Cohort
March 25. . . . .	ACT NCR (Non College Reportable)	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
March 31 – Apr 3 . . . .	BEST Writing . . . . .	ELA 9 and 10
April 10. . . . .	CLT – Classic Learning Test . . . . .	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
April 16. . . . .	SAT NCR (Non College Reportable)	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
May 1 – 16 . . . . .	FAST/BEST/EOC's . . . . .	All students enrolled in related Courses

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- Set an initial career goal & major/ training goal(s)



### Explore Careers

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### Find the Right College

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- Favorite colleges and majors
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## Guardian: How to Create an Account and Claim a Student



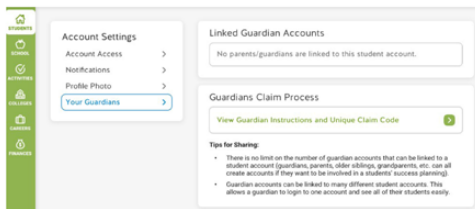
### Students must "invite" their guardian to create an account in SchooLinks

To create a guardian account (or to claim additional students), you must have a claim code. Your student will need to provide you with their unique claim code (instructions below) for you to create and link your account.

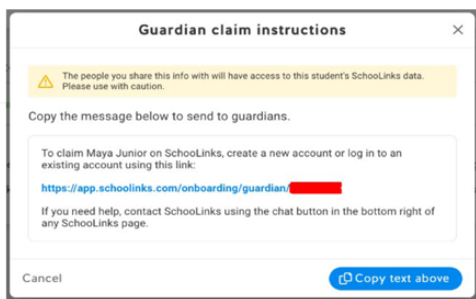
### Inviting your guardian to create an account in SchooLinks:

When logged into your student account (MySCS → SchooLinks tile), click the **Gear icon** in the top right-hand corner, then click **Account Settings**.

From here you will see and click on the section called **Your Guardians** pictured below:



Click on the **View Guardian Instructions and Unique Claim Code**, this will show a window like the one below, with instructions to send to your guardian. Copy the information and share it with the guardian who you're trying to add to SchooLinks. See the example below:



Your guardian simply needs to enter the link into their browser and they'll be taken to a page where they can claim you as their student.

As an alternative option, at the end of the link, there's a code. Your guardian could go to [app.schoolinks.com/claim-student](https://app.schoolinks.com/claim-student) and follow the onscreen steps to enter the code there.



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## Interact Club 2024/2025

As we embark on a new school year, the Interact Club is eager to start Quarter 1 with engaging in community service and demonstrating leadership. We welcome the new 2024-2025 board members, Tara Merritt as President, Miranda Miller as Vice President, Maika Kwek as Secretary, Isabel Abarintos as Treasurer, and Macyn Rawlinson as Parliamentarian. We have had a strong start to the new school year, such as having a great turnout for our first Prospective meeting. Additionally, Interact drew a lot of attention at the club walk through during the open house. Students who are interested are more than welcome to join us on our meeting on 9/3 to go over more information on the club. This year, we are focusing on local community outreach, such as our new service initiative Mothers Helping Mothers to provide essential support

and resources to mothers and families in need. We're excited to offer numerous service opportunities to our soon to be prospective members, such as both our annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast and our Bogeys Car Wash on 9/14 from 9:30-11:30, we hope to see you there! Together, we're committed to making a difference and living by the motto: "Service Above Self." Interact has a lot planned for this year and we are excited to induct our new members later in October during our induction ceremony. Together we can make a lasting impact on our community. Stay tuned for more updates and thank you for your support of the Interact Club!

