

Volunteers of America High School Newsletter

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4th Quarter & Summer

Days to Note:

June

- 4 Qtr 4 PBL Share 11 am
- 7 Graduation 5:30 PM Wilder Auditorium
- 12 Last day of school for students
- 13 Summer School Boundary Waters Trip leaves
- 17 VOA HS Summer School Begins
- 28 VOA HS Summer School Ends

July

VOA school office is closed

August

- 19 - 23 Open Registration week for new students
- 21 Teachers return to school

September

- 2 Labor Day
- 3 First day of school

A Culture of Learning at VOA HS

Our second full year of school-wide Project Based Learning (PBL) has been a positive journey for students and staff at VOA High School. We entered into the PBL programming change two years ago with faith that we could all grow and change our mindset about how education looks in our building. This change has slowly been shifting our school and classroom culture from that of only credit-earning to a culture of learning. Be assured the credit earning is there too, in fact our students are earning more credit during this quarter (Q4) than they have during previous 4th quarters at VOA HS. A remarkable change in students' awareness has occurred over the past two years as well. Students have taken the lead in managing their credit accounting. They know what they need to meet graduation requirements and how they are going to do it. Students are choosing to use FOCUS time to recover missed class content and credit, get help with their coursework and build relationships with staff who can help them stay on track. They are seeing how their actions and efforts translate to skills, knowledge and more opportunities. We are looking forward to a successful summer school and the 3rd year of PBL is just around the corner with the up and coming 2019-2020 school year! VOA HS would like to thank our students and their families for being a vital part of our journey to improve.



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VOAFIRE

Enrollment for the 2019—2020 School Year

If students end the school year with VOA HS in June 2019, they are automatically enrolled for the next school year! There is no need to re-register, however, filling out a new lunch form and new learning plan for the school year will be requested in September.

If you know of someone who is behind in credit earning and is interested in attending VOA HS, it is important they work with their current MPS school counselor to discuss a referral. If they are coming from another school district, they should stop at the MPS Placement Center first.

During the week of August 19th - 23rd, during open registration, our VOAHS guidance counselor will meet with families who have taken these steps to enroll.

Student Placement Services
1250 W. Broadway Ave., 55411
Ph: 612.668.1840 Fax: 612.668.1841





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Summer School at VOA HS

Summer School at VOA HS begins on June 13th with our yearly Summer School Experiential Learning trip. Students going on the trip this year will be going to the Boundary Waters and will learn about No Trace camping while earning PE or Health credit. Regular classes begin on June 17th and run through June 28th. There are classes held on Fridays during VOA's Summer School!

Students will have opportunities to recover Math, Social studies, English, Health, and Science credit. Bri Sauter, VOA High School's Guidance Counselor will meet with each student who signs up during the 4th quarter and make them a schedule that meets their personal credit needs. Hours for summer school are 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday - Friday. A free breakfast and lunch are available to all students during the following meal times:

Breakfast 8:30 - 9 am

Lunch 12:00 noon - 12:30 pm

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about Summer School. 612-375-0700

Would you like to get more involved at VOA HS ?



HOW? We are looking for VOA HS parents or guardians to be a part of our School Improvement team (SIP team).

WHEN? We meet about 4 times during the school year, starting in September. The meetings are typically about an hour and we always have good snacks!

WHY? To make plans to improve our school and students' learning, monitor our plans and make adjustments.

WHO? We like to include as many stakeholders as possible, teachers, administrators, students and family members.

If you are interested or would like to hear more about this opportunity, please contact Wendy Smith.
wsmith@voamn.org 612-278-4235



Information about SUMMER MEALS from the MN Dept. of Education:

Summer Eats Minnesota serves free healthy and delicious meals during the summer. It's open to children up to age 18 and no registration is required.

Download the free "Summer Eats Minnesota" app from your smartphone's app store and find serving sites nearby.

OR

Text "summer meals" to 97779

TEST RESULTS

This year VOA HS students took part in district and state required testing. We know that our students' progress is demonstrated by so much more than test scores but our licensed teaching staff uses results from these tests to understand where our students need more academic support. We appreciate our students being present and on time for testing days. If you did not receive your student's test scores during conferences or in the mail, please contact the school, and we will schedule a time to meet with you to review them. To re-cap which tests were offered this year: 10th grade students took the NWEA MAP Growth Math and Reading tests in the fall and spring. 11th grade students took both MCA Math test in March and the ACT in April. Some 12th grade students took the Accuplacer in the Fall and if they missed the ACT last year, they were offered an opportunity to take it with the 11th grade class. All EL students were scheduled to take the ACCESS test during the 2nd semester. We are proud of all of the effort our students put forth for testing throughout this school year!

**HAVE A SAFE
AND RELAXING
SUMMER**



**SEE YOU IN
SEPTEMBER**