



THE

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AUGUST 2023

A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Vicksburg Community Schools Families,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer break and making memories with family and friends while taking time to recharge before the new school year begins.

We have once again been very busy working at many of our schools this summer. Construction is underway at the middle and high school, thanks to the bond passed by our wonderful community. Many of our students have also been busy at summer services, thanks to the teachers and staff who

dedicated their time to make summer school possible for those who needed it.

This school year I am very excited to unveil our 5 year strategic plan. We have been working since last year to plan for the future of Vicksburg Community Schools. Our goals will help make sure our students receive the best possible education and preparation for their futures, no matter what path they decide to take. We also hope the plan will help us become a regional leader in education that attracts

and retains the best teachers and staff to help lead our schools.

I look forward to welcoming you all back for the 2023-2024 school year in a few short weeks. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer.



Regards,
Keevin O'Neill, SUPERINTENDENT

Thanks to Doctors



Thank you to doctors for volunteering to perform the VHS and VMS sports physicals for the 2023- 2024 school year!

Dr. David Schriemer, MD
Bronson Family Medicine-
Vicksburg

Dr. Matthew Miller, MD
Bronson Family Medicine-Vicksburg

Dr. Stacy Majoras, DO
Bronson Sports Medicine

Heather Sjoquist, PA-C
Bronson Sports Medicine

Alex Flach, PA-C
Bronson Sports Medicine

Danielle Libiran, PA-C
Bronson Sports Medicine

Jon Vick, PA-C
Bronson FastCare Clinic

And a reminder: all middle and high school athletes for the 2023-2024 school year need an updated sports physical uploaded to planeths.com in order to participate.



**JOIN US FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION
SAFETY CARNIVAL!!**



**Thursday, August 17, 2023
VAB parking lot & side yard
5:30pm to 7:30pm**

**LEARN SCHOOL BUS
AND FIRE SAFETY!**



- Free hot dog & water for each child
- Visit the Big Read Machine
- Get a free book

Free Games, Prizes and More!

All elementary school students are invited!

Having Fun in Elementary Summer School

Our elementary summer school students had a great summer with lots of activities and chances to learn.

For one of their special days, they traveled to Clark Park where they got to play various games thanks to the Vicksburg District Library.



VHS Students Take Trip to Spain

15 Vicksburg High School students, along with two accompanying Spanish teachers, took a 12-day trip to Spain this summer!

There was not a dry face in sight as the students said goodbye to their Spanish “families” and friends— it was definitely the highlight of the trip!

The group visited Madrid and Granada before participating in a five day homestay with a Spanish family in the city of Aljaraque, Huelva, Spain.

The students had an unforgettable experience using their Spanish language skills and learning more about Spanish culture.

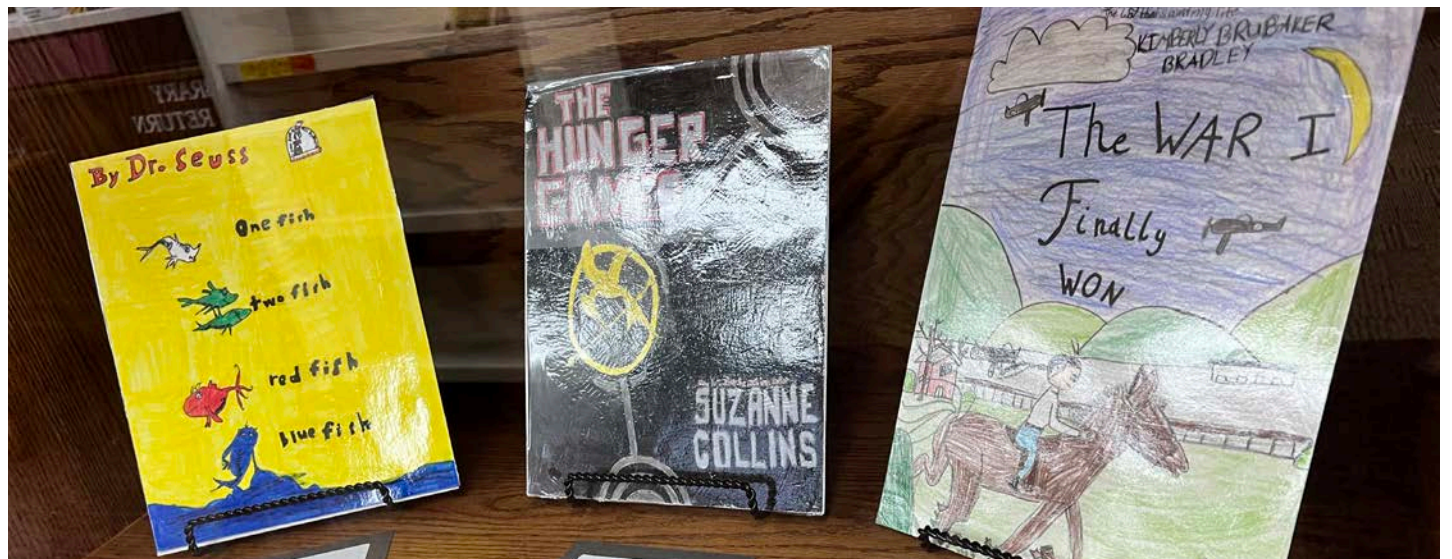


Tobey Book Cover Art on Display

This summer, 4th graders from Tobey Elementary have had their artwork on display at the Vicksburg District Library.

Students from Mrs. Holladay, Mrs. Malito and Mrs. Walter's classes designed and created a dust jacket/book cover for their favorite books as part of March is reading month. This summer the art work went on display at the library.

You can check out their work through the month of August.



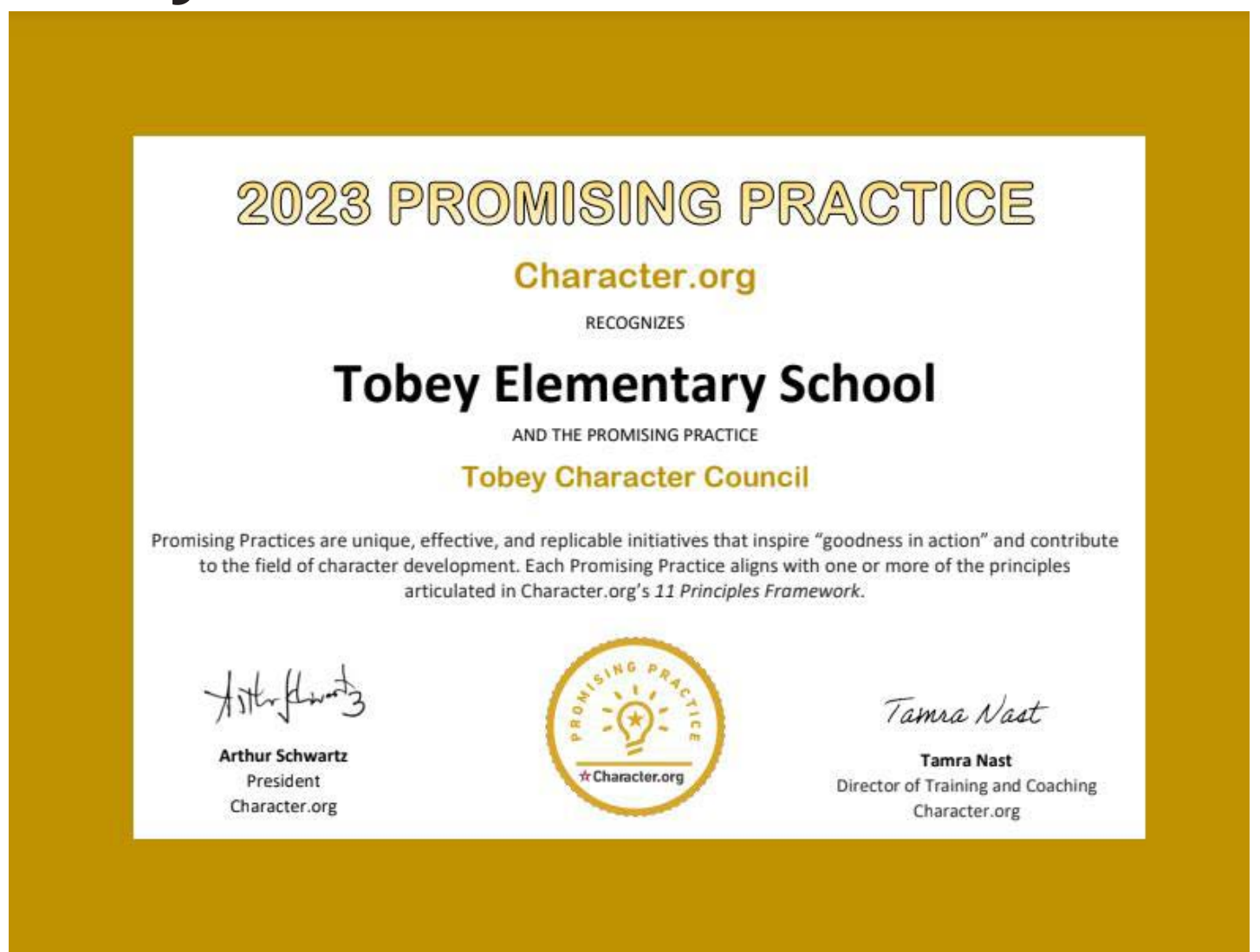
Tobey Elementary Wins Award

Congratulations to the Tobey Tigers!

Character.org named Tobey Elementary a 2023 Promising Practice school!

They recognize that the Tobey Way and the Tobey Character Council have a significant impact on students and align with Character.org's guides to creating good character.

Great job to all the students and staff at Tobey!



Science Teachers Attend Conference in GR

Six of our awesome middle and high school science teachers spent part of their summer attending the Science on the Grand conference in Grand Rapids.

They learned new ways to integrate STEAM into their classrooms and had some fun along the way.



Grant Buys New Athletic Equipment

This Spring, one of our VHS senior athletes, Molly Young, along with athletic trainer Natalie McGuire applied for a grant for two stationary bikes and four sets of recovery compression boots to assist our student athletes with recovery and training.

They gave a presentation to the Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation and were

awarded a grant to purchase the equipment.

Many of our spring athletes were able to use the equipment and this fall it will be available to the others.

We would like to send a huge thank you to the foundation for making a difference for our student athletes!



Vicksburg Schools Construction Updates

This summer, a lot of work has been happening at the middle and high schools.

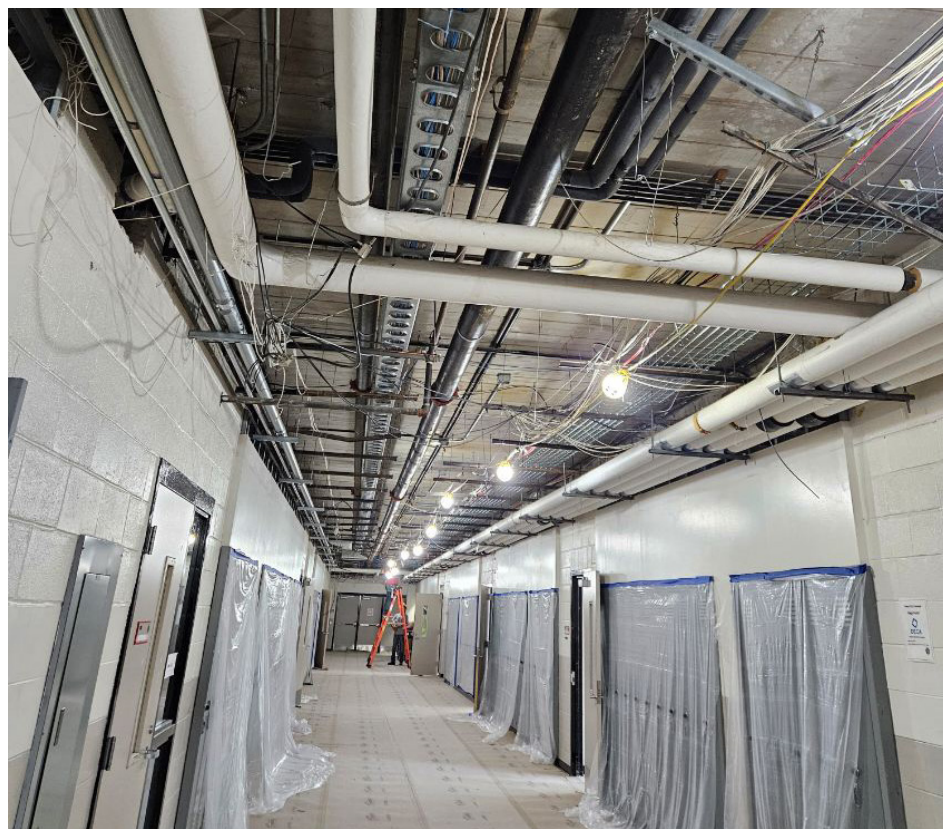
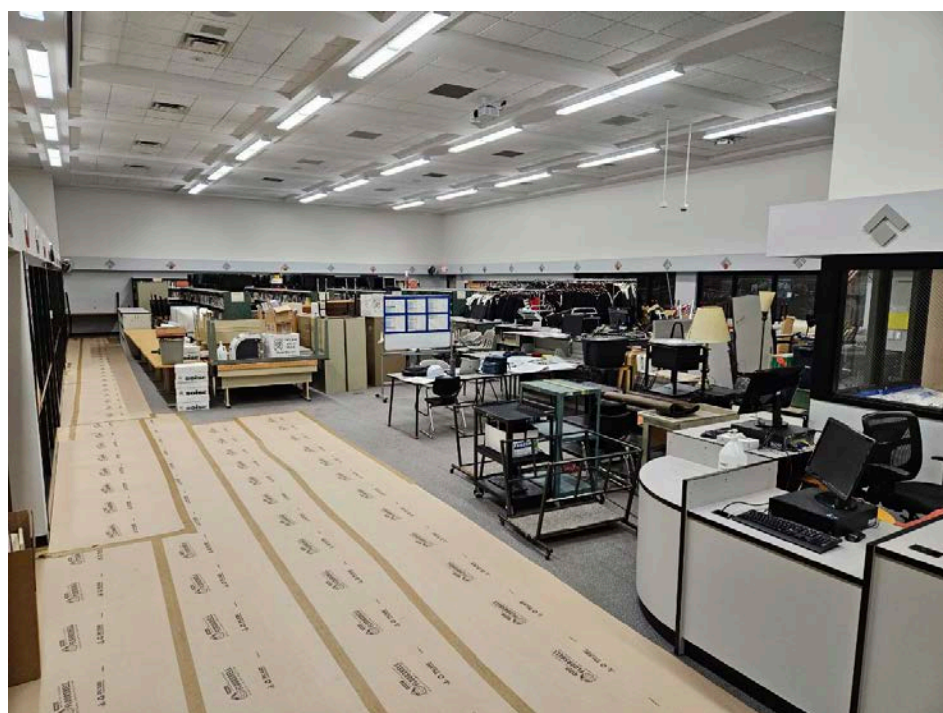
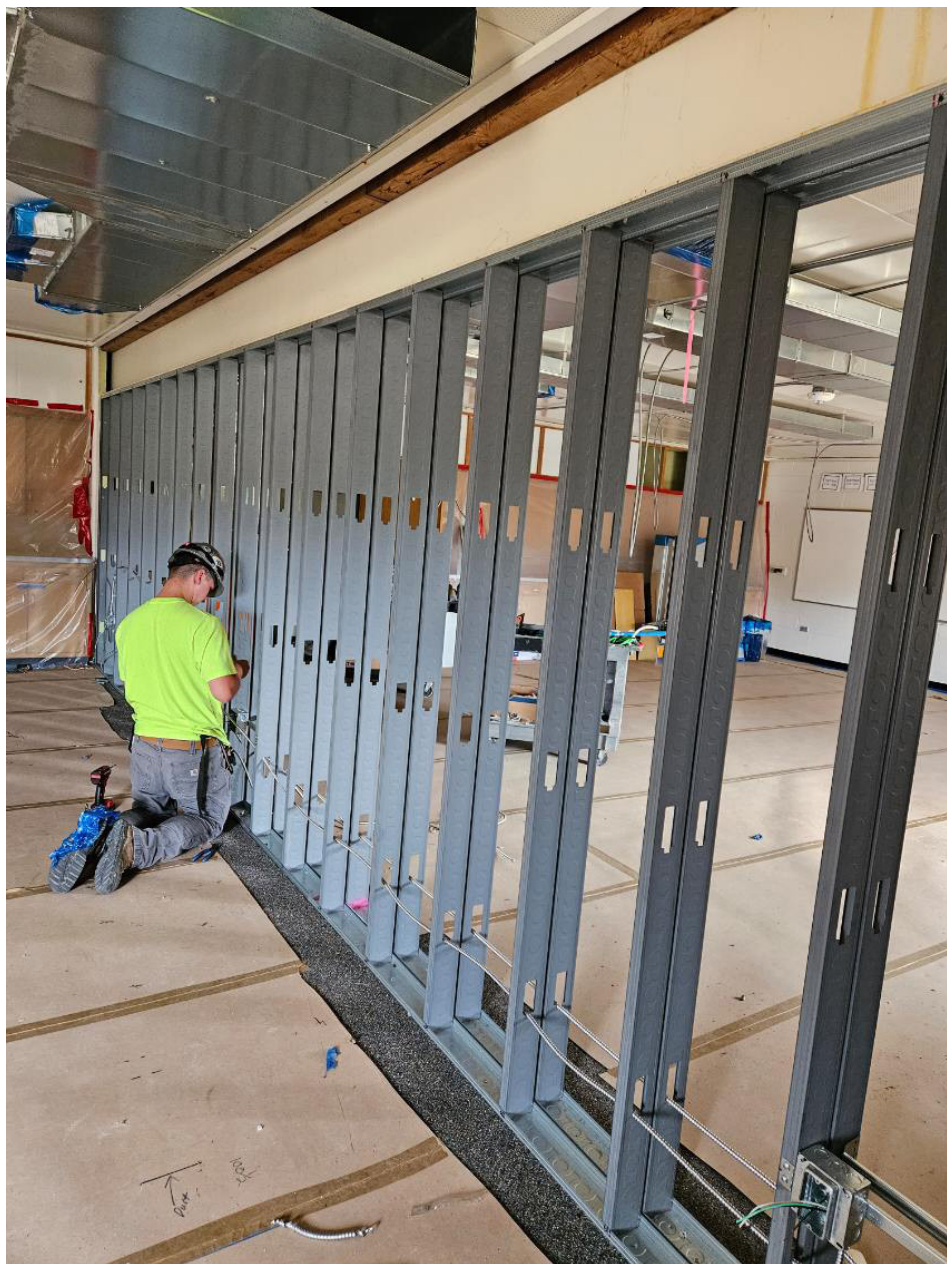
Half of each building is currently under construction. The other half of each will be done next summer.

The schools are getting new HVAC, lighting, ceilings, some new windows and

flooring, among other things. Once complete next year, both buildings will have air conditioning.

The construction is part of our 2020 bond project.

Thank you to all of our partners and the community for supporting these important upgrades!



Clay Target Team Plays at Nationals



Congratulations to the Bulldog Clay Target team members who completed at the USA Clay Target National Championships in Mason, Michigan this summer.

Members competed in both team and individual events. While they did not advance to the finals, the Bulldogs had a great showing at the event.

Individual scoring:

- Bryce Sherwood - 94/100 - 8th grade
- Greyson Young - 94/100 - 10th grade
- Jager Luegge - 91/100 - 12th grade
- Xavier Cleveland - 89/100 - 10th grade

All scoring is based on shooting 100 targets in the prelims. Based on final results, to advance, a score of 96/100 was required. There were 1,800 participants with 400 advancing to the finals!

25 straight rounds shot in the individual event:

- Bryce Sherwood
- Greyson Young

50 straight rounds shot in the individual event:

Greyson Young

Team Competition:

- Xavier Cleveland - 94/100 - 10th grade
- Bryce Sherwood - 94/100 - 8th grade
- Jager Luegge - 91/100 - 12th grade
- Kevin Francisco - 90/100 - 7th grade
- Brayden Dugray - 86/100 - 10th grade

All scoring is based on shooting 100 targets in the prelims. There were 240 teams at the nationals with 80 advancing to the final round.

25 straight rounds shot in the team event:

- Bryce Sherwood
- Xavier Cleveland

Vicksburg Community Schools Presents:

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY TAILGATE!

Please join us in welcoming VCS families and students to a new school year

September 8, 2023

Contact Vicksburg Community Education for booth availability: 269-321-1022

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Transportation: (269) 321-1070
 Food Service: (269) 321-1033

Indian Lake Office & Attendance: (269) 321-1400
 Sunset Lake Office & Attendance: (269) 321-1500
 Tobey Office & Attendance: (269) 321-1600

VMS Office & Attendance: (269) 321-1300
 Vicksburg High School Office: (269) 321-1100
 VHS Attendance: (269) 321-1150
 Vicksburg Pathways HS Office: (269) 321-1024

Vicksburg Administration Building: (269) 321-1000

Vicksburg Community Schools

2023-24 District Calendar



2023

July					August					September				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4					1
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15
24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22
31	28	29	30	31	25	26	27	28	29					

October					November					December						
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	9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	
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	30	31	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29					

August

- 22 1/2 day work in room/ 1/2 day bldg. PD
- 23 Full day district PD
- 24 Half day district PD (a.m.)
- 28 **First day of school**

September

- 1 Labor Day Holiday, No School
- 4 Labor Day, No School

October

- 13 1/2 day students (a.m.) 1/2 day PLC

November

- 3 Records Day - No Students
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 1 1/2 day students (a.m.) 1/2 day PD
- 25-29 Winter Break

2024

January					February					March						
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
1	2	3	4	5				1	2					1		
8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	4	5	6	7	8		
15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16	11	12	13	14	15		
22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22		
29	30	31	26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29					

April					May					June				
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22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	27	28	29	30	31								

January

- 1-5 Winter Break
- 12 1/2 day students (a.m.) 1/2 day PLC
- 22-25 Exams
- 26 Records Day - No Students
- 29 1st Day of 2nd Semester

February

- 23 Mid Winter Break

March

- 1 1/2 day students (a.m.) 1/2 day PD
- 21 1/2 day students (a.m.) 1/2 day Records
- 22-29 Spring Break

May

- 3 1/2 day students (a.m.) 1/2 day PLC
- 23 VHS Graduation Day
- 27 Memorial Day Holiday

June

- 7 Last Day of School, 1/2 day for students

- No Students or Staff
- First Day of School
- ▲ Student Half Day
- Staff/ No Students
- ★ VHS Graduation Day
- ▲ Last Day of School, Half Day

School Days = 180 Teacher Days = 188.5

1st Semester Days: 93 2nd Semester Days: 87