



Vanderpoel Humanities Academy
9510 S. Prospect Ave, Chicago, IL 60643

August 10, 2019

Dear VHA Family and Friends,

I am more than excited to begin another great school year with you all! As we are all finishing up another rejuvenating summer, I just wanted to take time to greet old friends and welcome new friends to our school community.

We had an amazing 2018-2019 school year and we are eager to build upon our success. We finished last year with increased test scores, successfully implemented new social emotional initiatives, new community partnerships, and an AWESOME end-of-the-year fine and performing arts production - Lion King, Jr. As such, students will return to an environment where they can expect to achieve to their maximum potential. Our high standards for every student will be maintained this year, while also providing a safe and nurturing student-centered community that fosters respect for individual differences. At Vanderpoel, we make the learning process a positive and rewarding experience for all.

We are also very excited about working with our active and involved parents who help to make VHA a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow. We look forward to furthering our collaboration and hope you will visit our website often to learn how we set and achieve the Standards of Excellence.

Our affirmation this year is **#WEARETHEMOVEMENT**. We welcome you all to join us in our forward motion.

Please know that we are always available to discuss any questions or concerns related to serving you.

Sincerely,

Kia Banks
Principal

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2019 -2020 School Year Upcoming Dates to Save:

First Day of School - September 3, 2019

SY 2019 -2020

Third Baptist Church of Chicago FREE	August 11, 2019	12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Back to School Extravaganza		
Kindergarten Orientation: New Student (1st -4th grade)	August, 29, 2019,	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Middle School Orientation:	August 29, 2019,	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Football/Basketball Camps	August 21-23, 2019	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Cheerleading Camp	August 21-23, 2019	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fine & Performing Arts Academy Auditions	September 9 - 13, 2019	After School
Dance		
Drama		
Band		
Choir		
Tech/Stage Crew		
Visual and Creative Arts		
Digital Arts		

VHA Student Fees

Vanderpoel Student Activity Fees (For All students) \$75.00; \$25.00 per sibling - Due before October 4, 2019.

- Technology Maintenance and Repair
- Beginning of Year and End of Year Activities
- Classroom and Individual Website Subscriptions
- General Student Supplies, etc. Including Student Planner

8th Grade Graduation Fees (Mandatory)

- \$140.00 - Facility, Cap, Gown, Diploma Cover and Pin/Ribbons
 - *Anticipated 8th Grade Trip Fee: between \$400.00 - \$600.00 (Tentative)
 - *Luncheon (TBD)
 - *Yearbook \$30.00
 - *T-Shirt \$25.00

Kindergarten Promotion Activity Fee

- \$100.00 - Cap, Gown, Diploma, 2 Tickets to Awards Dinner, T-Shirts and Flowers
 - *\$20.00 - Additional (2) Awards Dinner Tickets
 - *\$20.00 - Yearbook

* Students may purchase a chromebook for school use (**\$189 payable in installments**) or students may bring their own device. (See Mr. Williams - School Technology coordinator for details)

***Vanderpoel Athletic Fee: \$100.00**



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- Uniforms
- Transportation
- Tournament Participation and Fees
- Supplies, Equipment and Materials

***Fine and Performing Arts Academy Activity Fee \$100.00**

- T-Shirt
- Costumes
- Performance materials, supplies, and equipment
- Support Staff
- Stage maintenance, Lights, Microphones, sound
- Instrument maintenance, repair and replacement
- Transportation

****Indicates optional Fees***

The Vanderpoel Humanities Academy Local School Council hosts 2 annual fundraisers to help defray the general costs applicable to all students. Other VHA organizations may sponsor other fundraisers to help make optional fees more manageable.

Other Important Dates:

1. VHA Local School Council Meeting	September 10, 2019	5:30 p.m.
2. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual Meeting Notice	September 13, 2019	7:30 a.m.
3. 8th Grade Parent Meeting	September 18, 2019	6:30 p.m.
4. VHA 2019 Annual Open House and Local School Council Meeting	October 1, 2019	5:30 p.m.
5. Annual State of the School Address	November 5, 2019	6:30 p.m.

Students and Parents can visit the school website for announcements and updates

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