



From the Principal's Desk **MR. CHRIS SMITH**

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a great holiday break and is excited about all of the wonderful possibilities for the New Year. I am truly thankful for the wonderful students that attend the VLA and the investment that NNPS has made in this innovative program. We will continuously look at ways to improve the delivery and quality of instruction while providing a safe environment with social-emotional support. Please take time to reach out to your teachers and show your appreciation for their contributions to this program. We all need love and support as we move forward into 2023. The first semester ends on January 26th and our students have work to complete before this date. Please make sure that assignments, Zoom meetings, and exams are completed on time. We see success at the end of the semester but we must finish strong in order to obtain this goal.

We all **STAND** for Richneck!

Thank you for your continued support at the **BEST** school in the Commonwealth...the VLA!



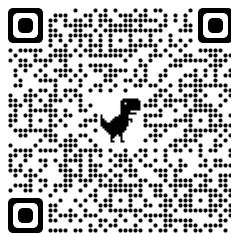
COUNSELING CORNER: MIDDLE & HIGH



All rising 6th-12th graders (current 5th-11th graders) need to complete their course requests for the 2023-24 school year. Middle schoolers will request their electives while high schoolers will request all courses by **February 24th!** Students will also be able to complete course requests during in-person support days.

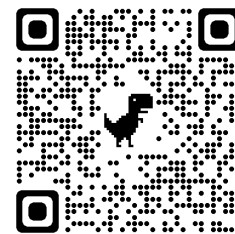
HIGH SCHOOLERS MUST MEET WITH MRS. SPEAS TO COMPLETE THEIR COURSE REQUESTS!

HIGH SCHOOL:
Meeting with Mrs. Speas for course requests is **REQUIRED.**



To schedule a course request meeting with Mrs. Speas, scan the QR above or use the link: bit.ly/course2324

MIDDLE SCHOOL:
Meeting with Mrs. Horrigan-Smith for course requests is optional.



To schedule a course request meeting with Mrs. Horrigan-Smith, scan the QR above or use the link: bit.ly/horrigansmith



New Horizons will be at Point Option on Thursday morning (Jan. 12) to meet with VLA & Point Option students. Applications can be found on the New Horizons website.

SEE PAGE 2 FOR THE SEMESTER 1 EXAM SCHEDULE





MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

January is a whirlwind month including our end-of-semester exams. Check out the calendar below and ensure you are at school/online to take your test at the time set by the district listed below.

- This schedule applies to all students taking high school credit courses. Exams are **required**.
- Point Option students will take their exams in person at PO.
- VLA students will take their exams on Zoom while being monitored. Check your teachers' course announcements for additional information.
- There will be no regularly scheduled Zooms during exam week for VLA high school, only the Zooms for testing during the times listed below.

16 NO SCHOOL: MLK JR. DAY	17	18	19	20 7th Period Exam 12:00-1:30
23 2nd Period Exam 7:30-9:00 4th Period Exam 9:00-10:30 Point Option: 10:30 AM dismissal	24 3rd Period Exam 7:30-9:00 5th Period Exam 9:00-10:30 Point Option: 10:30 AM dismissal	25 1st Period Exam 7:30-9:00 6th Period Exam 9:00-10:30 Point Option: 10:30 AM dismissal	26 TEACHER WORKDAY Students do not report	27 TEACHER PROF. LEARNING DAY Students do not report
30 SEMESTER 2/QUARTER 3 BEGINS	31			

Students and families: be sure you are checking StudentVue/ParentVue for your most up-to-date grades. If you have questions, reach out to your teacher(s).