

# The VMA Howl

October 2020



## Important Information



## From the Principal Mr. Ventura

Dear VMA Families:

It is my pleasure and privilege to work with our VMA youth and staff. I was hired in August of this year as the Principal of the school. I am a native Michigander and have been in the education field for 20 years. I have also worked and lived abroad and have a very diverse and, I feel, somewhat unique if not unorthodox background. I live in Dearborn Heights, and have worked with 'our' kids in the Detroit, Inkster, Westland, Dearborn and Livonia area for over 13 years.

I must apologize for the lateness of this introduction... as you know there is much that has changed in education last year and this year. I have been working diligently along with my excellent staff to keep up with the changes needed to open the school and the protocols needed to remain safe and in compliance with the CDC and State of Michigan. All of our compliance information and assurances are posted on the school website if you would like to read through the latest iteration. Please feel free to call the school and speak with me directly if you would like a more detailed explanation or if you simply would like to talk with me. My hope, and prayer, is that we are able to open fulltime with a full school roster in January... at this time there has been no decision made and we will continue to follow the state guidelines and the board recommendations.

I hope to speak with each of you over the next few weeks and at least begin opening up lines of communication. If you have moved, changed phone numbers, not updated your email or mailing address with the school, please call or email Mrs. Robertson (Dail), with the new information. This is very important so we can update our records and it will also allow me a much better chance of reaching out to you and communicating with you. Thanks you for all you do, stay healthy, stay strong, stay at peace,  
Mike Ventura M.Ed.

## IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday November 3rd, Election Day-VOTE!

Friday November 6th, Qtr. 1 Progress reports go home (for in school students only)

23rd - 27th NO SCHOOL, staff Professional Development


Thursday November 26th, Happy Thanksgiving!

**Vista Meadows Academy's mission is to engage our students in a safe, innovative learning environment that will enable them to graduate and function as productive citizens of society.**

Please check the Academy's website to see the revised 2020-2021 Student Handbook.

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Please go to our virtual online media and 'Like' our school page. We are posting daily.

October 7th count day and count month for virtual students.

Please tell your students to contact their teachers at least 3 times a week.

October 14th, SAT/PSAT testing at the school site.

October 20th, Fire drill