



Welcome to VPA Homecoming Spirit Week!

Spirit Week, October 22nd-26th, is a time of festivities and pageantry to celebrate our shared home of Veritas, building up to Friday's Homecoming football game and Saturday's dance (see the next page for an outline). The theme for the week is drawn from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream". As we make our way through the week, we invite you to read and reflect on the following lines of Shakespeare below and prepare for the Homecoming festivities at the end of the week!



A Midsummer Night's Dream William Shakespeare

I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine:
There sleeps Titania sometime of the night,
Lull'd in these flowers with dances and delight;
And there the snake throws her enamell'd skin,
Weed wide enough to wrap a fairy in:
And with the juice of this I'll streak her eyes,
And make her full of hateful fantasies.

Take thou some of it, and seek through this
grove:

A sweet Athenian lady is in love
With a disdainful youth: anoint his eyes;
But do it when the next thing he espies
May be the lady: thou shalt know the man
By the Athenian garments he hath on.
Effect it with some care, that he may prove
More fond on her than she upon her love:
And look thou meet me ere the first cock crow.



Homecoming Spirit Week 2018: October 22-27

“Wonder on, till truth makes all things plain.”

Celebrating our home of Veritas and preparing for Homecoming, let's remember Shakespeare's words. Imagine: at our Homecoming game, that "all... had got safely home" and have come together: our families of all ages, alumni who have graduated before, those about to graduate this year, those just starting their journey.

Outline of Spirit Week

The spirit of Spirit week is one of celebration and elevation. We elevate our appearance with well-chosen bows and bow ties, with a classy pair of socks--but most importantly with the spirit of building each other up in celebrating the home we share.

ENCHANTED MONDAY BREAKFAST:

Students will arrive to school Monday morning greeted by the nymphs and fairies from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. A light breakfast will be generously provided by the VPSO in the courtyard starting at 7:10 am. Student-athletes will be commemorated with a special recognition on their lockers, which may be displayed during Spirit Week.



TIE and BOW TUESDAY: Celebrate the community that "ties" us together! Students may wear any colored or patterned bows in their hair, as well as bow ties or regular ties. Students may wear **either** a button-down Oxford shirt or the normal polo uniform shirt this day to accompany their ties and bow ties.

If you need help with your tie, stop in before school at the lunchroom today for a "tie check-in" with faculty! Ties must be standard size (at most 2.5" high, 5" wide) and can be worn with EITHER a button-down Oxford shirt or the normal uniform polo. No lights or attachments. No logos, brands, or pop culture references.

CLASSY SOCK WEDNESDAY: Classy Sock Day! Students are welcome to show their school spirit with a variety of colors and patterns on their favorite socks. Need ideas? You can represent your house by incorporating your house color! (House colors are below)

Socks are the only uniform exception; no other hosiery included. Socks must be no higher than the knee. No lights or attachments. No logos, brands, or pop culture references. Other uniform rules still apply.

Joan of Arc: Black
Newton: Purple
Homer: Teal

Washington: Maroon
Charlemagne: Navy (Dark Blue)
Da Vinci: Green

SPIRIT-WEAR THURSDAY: On this day, students may wear a VPSO-purchased spirit shirt or Veritas-issued T-shirt (such as a house shirt, freshman retreat, Veritas 5K, Veritas club, etc.) Note that shirts must be tucked in and other uniform rules apply.

Today is a day to show your school spirit! All VPA spirit wear shirts must be tucked in and other uniform rules apply. Game day jerseys are reserved to be worn on Friday; please do not wear today.

FALCON FRIDAY: This is a day to show your Falcon Pride and celebrate our student athletes! On this day, students may wear the 2018 Homecoming Shirt (shirts must be tucked in and other uniform rules apply). Student athletes may wear their game-day jersey on this day (other uniform rules apply). There will be a pep rally honoring student athletes at the end of the school day.

HOMECOMING TAILGATE PARTY (5:00 PM), PREGAME EVENT (6:30pm) and FOOTBALL GAME (7:00 pm):

All ages welcome! There will be food trucks, crafts for the kids, alumni and student-athlete recognition at halftime, and more!

SATURDAY - HOMECOMING DANCE: Further info on our website

<http://veritasprep.greatheartsacademies.org/academy-life/homecoming-2018/>