

# Welcome Back
# The Upper School Experience 26-27

**Dear Upper School Families,**

**I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer filled with opportunities to relax, travel, and simply enjoy time together. Summer always seems to fly by, but I am grateful for the memories we made as a family. We spent time exploring parts of New England, celebrated my youngest daughter's fourth birthday with a unicorn-themed party (which was every bit as magical as she had hoped!), and enjoyed a few peaceful days in beautiful Maine. It was a wonderful chance to slow down, recharge, and reflect before another exciting school year begins.**

**Now that I'm back on campus, things have certainly picked up! The halls may still be quiet, but there is so much happening behind the scenes as we prepare classrooms, finalize schedules, welcome new faculty, and get everything ready for our students. It has been a busy start, and I couldn't be more excited to welcome everyone back.**

**This year promises to be another exciting one for our Upper School. We continue to expand opportunities for students through accelerated math pathways, internships, experiential learning, and meaningful programs that challenge students to grow not only academically, but also as leaders, servants, and young people of character. Our commitment remains the same, to ensure every student is known, nurtured, and loved while helping them discover their passions and prepare confidently for what lies ahead.**

**Student schedules will be released on August 13th. If you have any scheduling questions or would like to discuss a possible schedule adjustment, please reach out to Mrs. Sue Zumstein (szumstein@tvsnaples.org), our Director of College Counseling. She will be happy to help with any scheduling needs.**

**A few additional reminders as we get closer to the first day of school:**

- **There is no Upper School supply list. Teachers will communicate any course-specific materials or supplies during the first week of school or within their course syllabi. To start the year, students simply need the basics, pens, pencils, notebooks, folders, and a willingness to learn!**
- **Please be sure to check the Summer Work page if your student hasn't already. Any required summer assignments should be completed before the first day of school so students are ready to jump right in.**

**Thank you, as always, for your partnership, encouragement, and trust. It is truly a privilege to work alongside your family and support your students throughout their high school journey. I cannot wait to welcome everyone back to campus and look forward to another wonderful year filled with learning, growth, and meaningful experiences together.**

**With kindness,**

***Mrs. Erin Kołakowski***
***Head of Upper School***







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# UPPER SCHOOL SCHEDULE



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## MONDAY / TUESDAY / THURSDAY / FRIDAY

| TIME (US) | A DAY | B DAY |
|---|---|---|
| 8:10 – 9:30 AM | A Block | E Block |
| 9:30 – 10:00 AM | Advisory / Club | Advisory / Club |
| 10:00 – 11:20 AM | B Block | F Block |
| 11:20 – 11:35 AM | Break | Break |
| 11:35 AM – 12:05 PM | Lunch | Lunch |
| 12:05 – 1:25 PM | C Block | G Block |
| 1:25 – 1:35 PM | Break | Break |
| 1:35 – 2:55 PM | D Block | H Block |

X BLOCK: 2:55 – 3:30 PM
Office hours, time for independent support, and 1:1 with teachers.

## WEDNESDAY (CHAPEL DAY)

| TIME (US) | A/B DAY |
|---|---|
| 8:10 – 9:30 AM | A/E Block |
| 9:30 – 10:15 AM | Chapel<br>*Chapel takes place every Wednesday from 9:30–10:15 a.m. as part of our Upper School community experience.* |
| 10:15 – 11:35 AM | B/F Block |
| 11:35 AM – 12:05 PM | Lunch |
| 12:05 – 1:25 PM | C/G Block |
| 1:25 – 1:35 PM | Break |
| 1:35 – 2:55 PM | D/H Block |

## SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

**ALTERNATING DAYS**
A day and B day alternate throughout the week.

**CHAPEL DAY**
Chapel is every Wednesday during the 9:30 – 10:15 AM time.

**BALANCED DAY**
Built-in breaks and lunch for student well-being.

**FOCUSED LEARNING**
Extended class time supports engagement, rigor, and growth.

**SEMESTER ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE:** Upper School students will complete midterm and final assessments at the conclusion of each semester.

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# SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR & SENIOR SEMINAR CLASSES

For 30 years, Quest has worked with Collier County students throughout their college application process. As part of the TVS experiences, Quest staff lead seminar classes designed to make the transition from high school to higher education a streamlined, manageable, and successful experience.

**We don't just help students apply to college; we help them find their future.**



## 1 COMPREHENSIVE TEST PREPARATION

Standardized testing is a key part of the puzzle; consequently, your child will receive rigorous, personalized preparation for both the SAT and the ACT.

- **Tailored Strategies:** We teach the logic behind the tests.
- **Our Coaching:** Students receive feedback to conquer their weak points and maximize their scoring potential.



## 2 THE APPLICATION

The college application is the student's story. We help them tell it with clarity and impact.

- **College Essays:** From brainstorming unique hooks to final polishing, we assist students in crafting authentic personal statements.
- **Application Management:** We provide oversight of the Common App and individual university portals to ensure students stay on task with their deadlines.



## 3 THE PERFECT FIT: SELECTION & DISCOVERY

Success isn't just about getting in—it's about thriving once you arrive.

- **College Matching:** We work closely with students to identify "best-fit" institutions based on academic interests, campus culture, and career goals.
- **Strategic List Building:** We help curate a balanced list of reach, match, and safety schools to ensure appropriate outcomes.



## 4 FUNDING THE FUTURE

Quest guides families through the complexities of college costs:

- **Researching Scholarships:** We identify local and national scholarship opportunities tailored to the student's profile.
- **Financial Aid Guidance:** From navigating the FAFSA and CSS Profile to understanding award letters, we provide the clarity needed to make informed financial decisions.

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# From the Desk of Math Department

## Accelerated Mathematics Program

Our Accelerated Mathematics Program is designed for our Upper School students who are ready for a faster-paced and more rigorous math experience. This program provides opportunities for students to engage deeply with mathematical concepts, strengthen problem-solving skills, and prepare for advanced coursework, including honors, AP, dual enrollment, and college-level mathematics, but is also available to students in College Preparatory level courses to ensure ACT and SAT readiness.

Students in the accelerated pathway move through course content at an increased pace, often completing 2 math courses in an academic year, and are expected to demonstrate strong independence, consistent effort, and a readiness for challenging material.

## Who Qualifies?

Placement into the Accelerated Mathematics Program is based on multiple measures, which may include, but are not limited to:

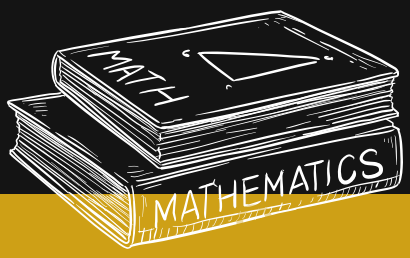
- Strong performance in current and previous math courses
- Demonstrated mastery of grade-level standards
- Teacher recommendations
- Standardized or placement assessment data
- Work habits, motivation, and academic readiness

Because the program serves to accelerate coursework for both advanced and intermediate students, students should be comfortable with maintaining consistent study habits and working independently when needed. Families will be notified of placement recommendations during course selection.

We encourage students and families to carefully consider both academic readiness and overall balance when choosing an accelerated pathway.

Respectfully,

*Mrs. Karolina Figlesthaler, Math Department Leader*
*kfiglesthaler@tvsnaples.org*



# Accelerated Math Program Tree

*Tracks can be adjusted at any time. Starting Junior year, students can opt to take one math course per year. Effectively all students have the potential to take 6+ math classes during their Upper School journey.*

**12th Grade:**

- Calculus(H/AP) &/or AP Statistics &/or Dual Enrollment
- AP Statistics &/or Dual Enrollment

**11th Grade:**

- Precalculus (H/AP) &/or Dual Enrollment
- Calculs(H/AP AB) & Calculus (AP BC) or Dual Enrollment

**10th Grade:**

- Algebra 2 (CP/H) & Math for College Algebra
- Math for College Algebra &/or Precalculus (H or AP)

**9th Grade:**

- Algebra 1 (CP/H) & Geometry (CP/H) *(Incoming TVS Students)*
- Geometry (CP/H) & Algebra 2 (CP/H)

**8th Grade: Algebra 1** *(Current TVS Students)*



## New Course Offerings

**Computer Science & Coding**

This course utilizes Boot.dev, an interactive platform designed for programming education. Students will write code directly in their browsers, tackle challenges, and create hands-on projects, acquiring skills in Python, Linux, object-oriented programming, and application development. By showcasing completed projects and certificates, students can enhance their resumes and portfolios, which will be beneficial for future classes, internships, and careers in tech. This course is perfect for individuals interested in coding, robotics, engineering, cybersecurity, AI, or game development. No prior coding experience is required, but students should be willing to embrace problem-solving and learn from their mistakes.

**AP Business and Finance**

AP Business with Personal Finance is an introductory, college-level business and personal finance course. Students explore the business disciplines of entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, accounting, and management through real-world business application, case studies, and project-based learning. In addition, students learn and apply all the National Standards for Personal Financial Education created by the Council for Economic Education and the Jump$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

## New Faculty & Staff

- Andrei Ghelman (Mr. G), Dean of Students
- Veronica Garib (School Counselor K-12)
- Anindya Basu,  Math
- Wilson Lubin, Math
- Christina Marchak, Science
- Cris Gillen, English

## AP Platinum & Dual Enrollment Opportunities

- We are one of two schools in SWFL that are designated AP Platinum
- Offer 20+ AP Courses
- Dual Enrollment Opportunities with University of South Florida (USF)
- Florida Gulf Coast University
  - Entrepreneurship Program (Students can earn ENT 2000 & ENT 3004, total 6 college level credits)

Reach out to Sue Zumstein for further details
szumstein@tvsnaples.org

**These courses are dependent upon enrollment**

## Student Mentorship and Peer Support

Beginning next school year, the high school will be offering a Peer Math & Writing Lab before school from 7:30–8:00 AM each morning. This new opportunity will allow students to receive extra support from students in a relaxed, student-friendly environment. Whether you need help understanding a lesson, reviewing for a quiz, or working through a homework problem from the night before, peer tutors will be available to help.

Students who volunteer as peer tutors will also have the opportunity to earn service hours while building leadership and communication skills. We are excited to create another layer of academic support and collaboration within our high school community! More details to come on how to sign up to be a Peer tutor!



## Student Life

Quarterly celebrations and food trucks, grade level challenges, faculty vs. student games, and weekly assemblies on Mondays. We will start each week together on Mondays with a prayer, the pledge and annoucements for the week.

## Clubs

- Chess Club
- Global Affairs Club
- Spanish Club
- Writing Club
- Thespians
- Sports Analytics
- Bible Study
- Kindness Club
- Student Government (SGA)
- National Honors Society (NHS)

## Advisory

As we look ahead to next year, we are excited to further strengthen the advisory experience in the Upper School. More than just a time in the schedule, advisory is at the heart of student life. It is a place to build meaningful connections, strengthen voice and leadership, receive academic guidance and support, and feel known and valued within our community. Rooted in our mission, advisory invites students to take greater ownership of their experience, growing in confidence, navigating Upper School life with purpose, and making the most of the opportunities ahead. We are excited about what this next chapter of advisory will make possible for our students.

## Experiential Learning Trip

### Costa Rica Trip: October 4–10

Students participating in the Costa Rica trip will travel October 4–10th. Students who are not participating are expected to attend school as usual during that week, as classes will remain in session.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the trip, please contact Melissa Jasczak at mjasczak@tvsnaples.org.

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# INTERNSHIP & SHADOWING PROGRAM

## YEAR THREE



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## PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS

- **RevsEd Program (Revs Institute):** Our first cohort is completing year one. We plan to continue our participation next school year and beyond.
- **Southwest Florida CEO Initiative:** A county wide entrepreneurship program serving public and private schools. Our students have emerged as some of the top talent in the program and have been invited to take on additional opportunities in the community based on their entrepreneurial ability. Four students are already enrolled for next year's cohort.
- **Arthrex Medical Track:** A cohort of eight students will participate in a shadow experience on the medical track.
- **FGCU Business Ethics Competition:** Students participated on May 9.
- **Business Olympian Program (EVOC):** Led by Veljko Pavicevic and the EVOC hospitality group (Sails, Butcher Private, Omasava, and Sava). One of our students has been in the program for over a year, and two additional students are now starting.
- **EVOC Culinary Immersion Program:** Two of our students have been selected as candidates for a culinary immersion program, also offered through EVOC and Mr. Pavicevic.
- **Soaring Eagles Program:** We are entering year two of this summer program, put on by the City of Naples Police Department.
- **Journalism Mentorship:** A student has been in communication with the publisher of North Naples News and Old Naples News about a journalism mentorship opportunity.

## CURRENT INDIVIDUAL INTERNSHIPS

- Kim Alvord, Luxury Real Estate
- Naples Family Orthodontics, Office Operations
- Gulfstream Homes
- Naples Art Institute
- Naples Global Advisors and HBK Financial Consultants
- A Local Family Law Firm
- Naples FC (USL), now in year two; this relationship began as an internship

## NEW FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

**FGCU School of Entrepreneurship Dual Enrollment Partnership:** We are partnering with Florida Gulf Coast University and their School of Entrepreneurship to offer a dual enrollment opportunity for our students. The program works in direct conjunction with the FGCU School of Entrepreneurship, with coursework based on our campus while also providing students with opportunities to engage at FGCU and throughout the broader community as part of the experience.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The program has evolved to the point where parents and students can clearly see its focus and the meaningful ways it enhances both academic and professional growth, during their time at our school and well beyond.

**REAL EXPERIENCE**
Students gain hands-on experience through meaningful internships and shadow opportunities.

**REAL GROWTH**
Building skills, confidence, and leadership for academic and professional success.

**REAL CONNECTIONS**
Strong partnerships and networks that open doors for future opportunities.

**REAL OPPORTUNITIES**
Creating pathways for undergraduate and postgraduate internships and early careers.

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# WHAT'S AHEAD

## IN THE UPPER SCHOOL



## MONDAY AUGUST 17

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT & NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| 3:30 – 4:00 PM | Registration \| Sanctuary Lobby |
| 4:00 – 4:30 PM | Welcome for All New Parents & Students (And Students New to Their Division) \| Sanctuary |
| 4:30 – 5:00 PM | New Family Orientation & Breakouts by Division |
| 5:00 – 5:30 PM | New Families Visit Classroom |
| 5:30 – 6:45 PM | Open House for All Returning Families (PreK3–12th Grade) |

**ONGOING RECEPTION**

for New & Returning Families with informational tables on activities, services, and ways to get involved.

- Ambassadors meet students and families

### INFORMATION TABLES & ID BADGE PHOTOS

Location: Wesley Gym

Stop by the Wesley Gym at any time to have your Photo taken for your ID badge (grades 4–12), to drop off your laptop device for set up (grades 4–12), and to learn more about FACTs, The Learning Center (TLC), Athletics, Arts, and more!

### EXTRAS

- Spirit Store will be open

## TUESDAY AUGUST 18

### ENJOY THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER!

No scheduled activities – students are out of school and our faculty are in pre-planning. We encourage families to enjoy the last day of summer! Technology support will be available as needed.

## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

### WELCOME BACK!

- Faculty & cheerleaders welcome students at car line
- Big welcome at morning car line with music, coffee cart & donuts
- All school chapel
- Connect with your teachers and learn about important expectations for the year

## THURSDAY AUGUST 20

### JUMP AHEAD FOR SUCCESS!

**8:00 – 9:00 AM | Parent Coffee in the Quest Center**

Join Sue Zumstein and the Quest Team to explore College and Career Planning and how our Seminar curriculum supports your student's journey.

- Students will review syllabus, get to know their teachers, and focus on setting goals, study skills, and preparing for a strong semester.

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## FRIDAY AUGUST 21

### UPPER SCHOOL COMMUNITY: CELEBRATING YOU!

**LUNCH TIME | Welcome Back Picnic (catered lunch)**

Bring your lunch and enjoy lawn games, time to connect with classmates and families, and meet our amazing Upper School faculty.

- Back to School Pep rally and faculty vs student game
- Spirit day – jeans and TVS gear

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# UPPER SCHOOL
## DRESS & APPEARANCE EXPECTATIONS

Our appearance reflects who we are—faith-infused, purpose-driven, and world-ready.

*Express your individuality while dressing for a college-preparatory learning environment.*

- FAITH-INFUSED
- PURPOSE-DRIVEN
- WORLD-READY



## STUDENT STYLE EXAMPLES

*There are many ways to meet our dress and appearance expectations.*



## EVERYDAY EXPECTATIONS

### TOPS

**ACCEPTABLE**

- ✓ Professional collared or school-appropriate non-collared shirts
- ✓ Plain colored shirts or appropriate designs accepted
- ✓ Tucked in or neatly worn
- ✓ Sleeves required
- ✗ No crop tops
- ✗ No spaghetti straps
- ✗ No off the shoulder tops
- ✗ No graphic tees

### BOTTOMS

**ACCEPTABLE**

- ✓ Chinos
- ✓ Dress pants
- ✓ Khakis
- ✓ Appropriate dress shorts (no athletic style shorts)

**NOT ACCEPTABLE**

- ✗ No regular jeans through the week
- ✗ No leggings
- ✗ No athletic pants

### FOOTWEAR

**ACCEPTABLE**

- ✓ Closed-toe shoes
- ✓ Dress sandals with secure heel strap

**NOT ACCEPTABLE**

- ✗ No slides
- ✗ No Birkenstocks
- ✗ No Uggs
- ✗ No casual flip flops

### EVERY DAY

**ACCEPTABLE**

- ✓ Student ID visible
- ✓ Phones & smartwatches in lockers
- ✓ Dress for a college-preparatory learning environment

## NOT ACCEPTABLE

Representative examples—not an exhaustive list.



✗ No Crop Tops



✗ No Crop Tops / Midriff Showing



✗ Sleeveless Shirts



✗ No Casual Athletic Shorts



✗ Off-the-Shoulder Tops



✗ Spaghetti Straps



✗ Pajama / Lounge Pants



✗ Hoodies (Except Spirit Hoodies on Friday)



✗ Jeans with No Rips (Friday Only)




✗ No Graphic Tees




✗ No Political Messages




✗ No Shirts Repping Other Schools



✗ No Slides, Birkenstocks, Uggs, or Casual Flip Flops



✗ Inappropriate Waistbands

## ALL OTHER DAYS

SWEATERS & JACKETS ARE APPROPRIATE





- ✓ Sweaters, pullovers, cardigans, and jackets are appropriate
- ✗ No hoodies (except Spirit Hoodies on Friday)

## FRIDAY EXPECTATIONS

SPIRIT DAY!




- ✓ Spirit shirts or school-approved tops
- ✓ Blue jeans or other colored jeans without rips accepted on Fridays
- ✓ Spirit hoodies allowed on Fridays only
- ✗ No slides, Birkenstocks, Uggs, or casual flip flops

## QUESTIONS?

*When in doubt...*

Choose something else or ask first.

## EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT MET

Reminder → Change Clothes → Disciplinary Action → Parent Conference

## FINAL DETERMINATION

The Dean of Students and Head of Upper School reserve the right to determine whether a student's attire reflects the professional expectations of The Village School and may require a student to change clothing that does not align with those expectations.

**TVS branded tops are not mandatory for everyday wear; however, if you wish to purchase TVS branded apparel, please visit the school store by clicking here.**

# STUDENT ABSENCE AND TARDY INFORMATION

## (239) 593-7686

**UPPER SCHOOL HOURS**

**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:10-2:55PM**
**EXTRA SUPPORT AND OFFICE HOURS 2:55-3:30**

SCAN ME

**USE TO EMAIL MS. STACEE DIRECTLY**

EMAIL OR CALL MS. STACEE BY THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY IF YOUR STUDENT WILL BE ABSENT OR NEEDS TO LEAVE EARLY FOR A MEDICAL OR OTHER APPOINTMENT.

ANY LATE ARRIVAL OR EARLY DEPARTURES MUST SIGN OUT THROUGH THE WESLEY ENTRANCE. PARENT NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED. FOR STUDENTS THAT DRIVE, THEY WILL NEED TO SIGN THEMSELVES OUT FOLLOWING PARENT PERMISSION.

***NO STUDENT WILL BE DISMISSED WITHOUT PARENTAL APPROVAL PRIOR. MUST HAVE DOCTORS NOTE OR PARENT PHONE CALL/EMAIL TO BE EXCUSED.***

## EXCUSED ABSENCES

***THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED EXCUSED ABSENCES:***

ANY MEDICAL OR HEALTH RELATED APPOINTMENTS
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, FLAT TIRE
PERSONAL ILLNESS OR INJURY
RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY, FAMILY EVENT, BEREAVEMENT, OR FUNERAL

## SCHOOL CLINIC AND NURSE INFORMATION



IS YOUR STUDENT SICK? DOES YOUR STUDENT NEED TO TAKE MEDICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS??

PLEASE CONTACT NURSE STEPHANIE DEVITO TO ARRANGE AUTHORIZATION OF MEDICATION, SUBMIT MEDICAL PAPERWORK, AND SET UP ASTHMA OR ALLERGY PLANS.

**EMAIL: SDEVITO@TVSNAPLES.ORG**

**REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND FOR MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR ACADEMIC SCHEDULE. WE KINDLY ASK THAT FAMILIES AVOID SCHEDULING VACATIONS OR OTHER NON-ESSENTIAL APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. AS OUTLINED IN OUR HANDBOOK, STUDENTS MAY NOT MISS MORE THAN EIGHT CLASSES PER SEMESTER.**



# Summer Work 2026-2027

**Final grades for Mod 6 will be posted on Friday, June 5th.**
Please complete all assigned summer work and return assignments to the designated teachers on the first day of classes, as this work will be the foundation as you start your courses in the fall. These assignments will count as a formative grade based on accuracy and completion.

While we understand that final class placements have not yet been confirmed, students should complete the summer work to the best of their ability based on current course recommendations. Final course placements will be sent prior to the start of the school year to allow ample time for completion of all assignments before classes begin. For any scheduliung related questions, please reach out to Sue Zumstein, szumstein@tvsnaples.org.

English I
English II
English III
English IV
AP Language
AP Literature

Algebra I
Algebra II
Geometry
Math for College Algebra

AP Psychology
AP World History
AP European History

AP Government/Economics
AP US History
AP Human Geography

AP Science (For all AP science courses)
AP Biology
AP Environmental Science

AP Calculus AB/Calculus H
AP Precalculus/Precalculus H/

AP Spanish

**Please save the link to this document. Any updates or revisions to summer assignments will be updated in this digital PDF. This digital PDF can be found in the TVS App under More and in MyTVS.**