To Out of District
Eighth Grade Students and Parents,

As you move through your last year as an eighth grade student, it is time to begin thinking about next year and high school. Listed below is general information about a new program at Verona High School called the Verona High School Shadowing Program. This program is designed to give out of district students an opportunity to spend the day at Verona High School and experience a typical day in the life of a Verona High School student. It is our hope that this program will assist you in the high school decision process. It is our pleasure to show potential Verona High School students all of the wonderful opportunities that await them as a proud member of the Verona High School community. We look forward to the opportunity to work with both you and your child and hope that you make Verona High School your school of choice.

What is the Verona High School Shadowing Program?

The VHS Shadowing Program is an opportunity for out of district or private school students in the 8th grade to visit Verona High School and experience firsthand what it's like to be a member of the Verona High School Family. Students that participate are paired with a Verona High School student for the day to attend classes, go to lunch and get a true feel for student life at Verona High School. The shadowing program will pair 8th students with Verona High School 9th grade students so they will get a sense of school climate and classes. We invite 8th grade students to stay for the entire day so they may see a complete day in the life of a Verona High School student. Shadowing provides an opportunity that can help both you and your child decide where you want to spend the next four years of your academic lives. Parents should make shadowing arrangements utilizing the following information:

Shadowing opportunities are available on Tuesdays beginning February 4th and ending on Tuesday March 18th.* The attached Registration Form details the information that you must provide when scheduling an appointment. Please read the information carefully before attempting to schedule your appointment.

<u>*Please Note: No Shadow visits may be scheduled on March 4th due to HSPA testing at VHS.</u>

Shadowing FAQs:

1. **Is shadowing a half-day or a full day?** The 8th grader will visit for the duration of the day. The all-day visit will be from 7:45am to 2:33pm. Visiting students may bring a bag lunch or they may purchase lunch in our cafeteria

2. **Is there a dress code for students who visit?** Visitors are asked to dress appropriately and follow the guidelines outlined in the Verona High School Student/Parent Handbook which can be accessed directly on the Verona High School Website.

3. **How do I schedule a shadow visit?** To schedule a time to visit fill out the registration form on line located on the Verona High School web site.

4. **How far in advance do I need to call to schedule a shadow visit?** We recommend that a parent schedule the visit at least one week in advance. Many days do fill up so the sooner a visit can be scheduled the better

5. **Does a prospective student shadow a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior?** In most cases, the 8th grade students will be paired with a freshman. All attempts will be made to accommodate all requests. Members of the Verona High School Honor Society are available for pairing if your child does not know any member of the Verona High School student body to be paired with. Please make your request when you register for your shadowing visit.

6. **Where should I bring and pick up my child for his or her visit?** All 8th grade visitors and their parents will come to the main entrance in the front of school. Enter through the main doors and walk straight ahead to the main lobby. This is where the 8th grade students and the Verona High School student guides will meet and where you will pick your child up at 2:33 p.m.

7. **Does a parent need to come into the school building when dropping off or picking up his or her child?** It is necessary that a parent or other designated adult accompany the student into Verona High School when dropping off and picking up. There is a sheet that the parent/adult will need to sign. At the beginning of the visit the parent or adult will need to leave an emergency contact number. At the end of the visit, the parent or designated adult will sign his or her child out so that Verona High School knows that the prospective student is no longer on campus. If students come together and a parent is not present the parent or designated adult bringing the students needs to sign both students in and out.

8. **How do I register my child?** Please e-mail Mrs. Diane Newman at dnewman@veronaschools.org the following information:

Student's name
Student's current school
Home address
Parent's name
Parent's cell phone number
Emergency contact name and phone number
Name and grade of person you wish to shadow (if available)
Three (3) shadow date requests