



Vashon High School

*From where you are
to where you want to be*



EXPECT BETTER

Be a part of a St. Louis city tradition.

At Vashon, you'll be surrounded by:

- Students who take pride in their school and form friendships for life
- Teachers who care for you both academically and personally
- Administrators who are devoted to making our school stand above the rest
- Alumni who are active in the school and dedicated to keeping the tradition alive

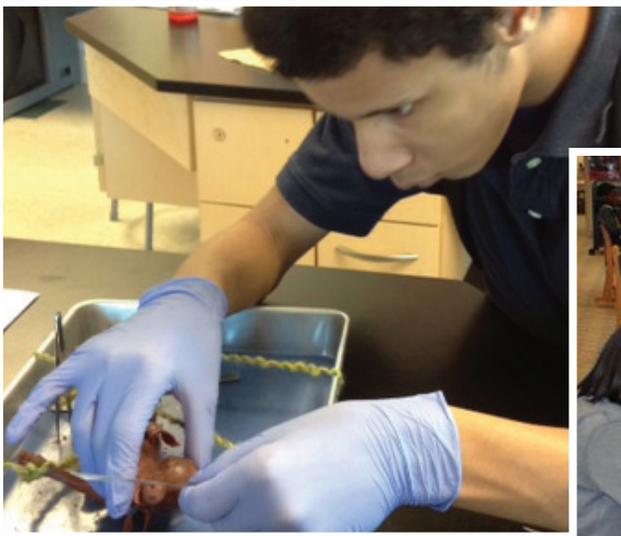
Our graduates go on to be successful in college, sports and business.
Set yourself up for success by joining "The V."



Partnering for success

Vashon has partnered with Wells Fargo Advisors, a financial services company in our neighborhood, and the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation to help our students succeed. Together we're making a long-term commitment to help each student live the life they want by forming a step-by-step program that encourages learning and rewards efforts through:

- Tutoring in reading and math
- Financial literacy
- Workshops for parents and teachers
- Incentive programs to mark progress



Focusing on academics

Our faculty is dedicated to preparing you for life after high school. Many of our teachers come from our neighborhood and are Vashon graduates. They are invested in your success, the school's success and our community's success. They will be there for you academically and personally – to push you to achieve more and support you when you stumble.

Vashon has a block schedule for classes with four, 90-minute classes a day. This gives you more time to focus on fewer subjects per semester but still graduate with all the requirements you need. Our classes are interactive to keep you engaged, whether through performing a play in English class, designing computer or art projects, or producing your own video.

Electives:

- Advanced Microsoft
- AVID video production
- Ceramics
- College Summit to help students transition to college
- Computer networking
- Desktop publishing
- Fashion and apparel
- Marketing
- ROTC

College credit:

Upperclassmen can participate in college classes at the St. Louis Community College branch across the street as well as take some courses, such as English and U.S. history, for AP credit.

Academic clubs:

- Future Business Leaders of America
- National Honor Society
- Skills USA
- Student Government
- Venturing Program

Tutoring support from Wells Fargo Advisors and other groups will give you the extra attention you need to stay on top of your studies.

Discovering your talents

Continue improving talents you already have, or try something new outside of the classroom:

- Book Club
- Color Guard
- Concert Band
- Drumline
- Flagline (dancers)
- Gentlemen's Club
- Ladies of Success
- V-Cetts (dancers)
- Yearbook
- Sports:
 - Baseball
 - Basketball
 - Cheerleading
 - Cross country
 - Football
 - Soccer
 - Softball
 - Tennis
 - Track & Field
 - Volleyball
 - Wrestling



Building on a tradition

Founded in 1927, Vashon High School was one of the first high schools for African-Americans west of the Mississippi. Vashon now draws all students from across the St. Louis area, enrolling approximately 820 students. Moving to a new, state-of-the-art facility in 2002, the school includes a swimming pool, theater, competition and practice basketball courts, and practice field.

We want each student to grow academically, socially and morally to become a caring member of the community. We are committed to providing quality instruction to all students so they attain the knowledge and skills to secure meaningful employment or further their education. Our staff is dedicated to preparing our students to become good citizens, productive employees and life-long learners.

Set yourself on the right path for long-term success.



***Contact us to learn more,
set up a visit to the school,
or to enroll:***

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Strengthening our community

As a full-service school, Vashon is always open to the community. We encourage you and your family, friends and neighbors to take part in the many activities we offer, including:

- Before and after school activities help you build on your classroom experiences, expand your horizons, contribute to the community and have fun.
- Parent/infant program. Vashon has a daycare on site and offers parenting classes for students.
- A family support program to help with raising children, employment, housing and other issues.
- Medical, dental and mental health services.
- Community service opportunities.



Our school is the hub for college faculty and students, business people, youth and family members to come together to ensure your academic, interpersonal and career success.

Notable alumni

We have a distinguished group of alumni who are an inspiration to our students. They continue to be very active in our school and their communities.

- **Devon Alexander:** World champion boxer
- **Henry Armstrong:** World champion boxer
- **Hillman Allen:** Professional baseball player
- **Rick Baker:** Professional baseball player
- **Butler By'not'e:** Professional football player
- **Will Franklin:** Professional football player
- **Donny Hathaway:** Singer, songwriter
- **Elston Howard:** first African-American baseball player for the New York Yankees
- **Jimmy McKinney:** Professional basketball player
- **Theodore McMillian:** Missouri Supreme Court and U.S. District Court judge
- **Clark Terry:** Jazz musician
- **Morris Towns:** Professional football player
- **Maxine Waters:** United States House of Representatives
- **Andy Watson:** Professional baseball player
- **Chuck White:** Professional baseball player



George and John Boyer Vashon

Vashon High School was named in honor of educators George Boyer Vashon and his son John. George – an attorney, poet and educator – fought for the emancipation and education of African-Americans in the mid-1850s. He was the first African-American graduate of Oberlin College and professor at Howard University. His son John came to St. Louis in 1887 to be principal of Colored School No. 10 and went on to spend 34 years working for the St. Louis public schools.

