

POINTER UPDATE

April 12, 2024



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Important News:

- **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are accessing this newsletter through Peachjar, hyperlinks will not work. You can click the "Learn More" button to go to the VBSD website or visit the high school website to be able to click the links directly. The Pointer Update is posted on the high school home page under "News and Announcements." Go to www.vbsd.us > Schools > Van Buren High School
- **Congratulations to the VBHS Winter Guard** for winning the Silver Medal at the A.M.A.A. Winter Guard Championships at Cabot last weekend.
- **The ACT is TOMORROW!!** Room assignments are posted in the office window. You need to arrive by 7:45 that morning. You will need to have your admission ticket, photo ID, and a calculator. The admission ticket cannot be used as a form of ID. The calculators will not be provided. Check a calculator out from a teacher or get one from a friend.
- **Prom tickets will be on sale starting April 22nd.** You can purchase your tickets in S204 before the end of 4th hour. Tickets will be \$20 each and will be on sale until May 3rd. Prom will be on May 4th in the Commons from 8 pm-midnight. The theme is Purple Rain. Please see Mrs. Mohr-Robertson if you have any questions.
- **Students! Want to Improve your ACT score??**
Our summer ACT prep class is a quick and focused way to boost your score. The classes are just 7 short days (May 30-June 7).
 - Classes meet Thursday, May 30 after school from 3:00-7:00 for a practice test, Friday, May 31 from noon - 4:00 to go over the test, and then from 8:00am - 1:00pm the next week to work to improve your score. We focus on the main question styles, content, trends, and strategies to take the ACT.
 - All work is completed in class. Our only goal is the test, and our class has had great success in improving scores. It is a great way to raise your ACT scores and then go on to your summer break!
 - The cost is \$25 per applicant payable to VBHS (cash or check - please put ACT prep class in the memo section of the check).
 - You can pick up an application from Mrs. D. Dunn, Mr. Porter, or any English teacher.
 - **The deadline to apply for our class is May 3rd (the same day the deadline is to sign up for June ACT test).**
 - If you have any questions, email Mrs. D. Dunn at ddunn@vbsd.us
- **Are you interested in trying out for the Pointer Golf team?** Golf tryouts will be held this summer July 8th-12th at Eagle Crest. Information on what's required and deadlines to sign up have been sent out through the school Remind and Peachjar. You can also email Coach James Lemley if you're interested. (James.Lemley@vbsd.us)
- The Theatre Department will present *Beauty and the Beast* April 18 at 9am for the high school students. Students who would like to attend need to bring \$2.00 to your 2nd-hour teacher.
- **FCA Leadership Camp** is around the corner. Don't miss out! If there are any questions, please let Coach Mosby know. mosby@vbsd.us See the graphics below for more details.

- Pointer Volleyball **4th annual Peachfuzz volleyball tournament** will be Saturday morning, April 27th, at Freshman Academy. If you are interested in playing, see one of the volleyball girls. Cost is \$15 (shirt included). The deadline to guarantee a shirt is April 22nd.
- **Revised School Calendar Announcement:** School will dismiss at 3:16pm for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year in order to make up for missed days due to inclement weather.
- **SENIORS:** Need help filling out the FAFSA? Click the link for a video to help with the process. <https://bit.ly/3uCsok5>
- **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Graduation has been scheduled for Friday, May 17 at 7:30pm at Blakemore Field. If the weather is bad that evening, the ceremony will be pushed to Saturday with the time to be determined. The ceremony will continue to be pushed to the following day until weather permits. Please do not schedule any trips around this time to ensure you will be able to attend this important event.
- **Reminder about ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:**
 - **A written note or an email must be given to one of the secretaries in the office within 5 school days for an absence to be excused by parent permission (no doctor's note).** christie.murders@vbsd.us
 - **Any student who misses over 10 minutes of any class will be counted absent for that class.**
 - **Students who accumulate more than 10 unexcused absences in an individual class during the semester may be denied course credit. Students will be allowed 6 excused absences (without doctor's note); any absences after the 6 excused absence days will be counted as unexcused.**
- Follow us on social media! **Twitter:** @VanBurenHS @PointerUpdate @VBHS_Counseling @VBSDPointers

Facebook: Van Buren High School, VBSD,

Van Buren High School Counselors

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Applications can be picked up in Mrs. Nelson's office in the Counseling Center.

SCHOLARSHIP	DEADLINE
Eva Allen Scholarship	April 18th
Van Buren Chamber	April 19th
2024 Ana	April 30th
Lincoln High Alumni	May 15th

Friday, April 12

Happy Birthday, Ms. Jeannie Phillips!
College Project Trip to AR Colleges of Health Ed.
4:00pm Soccer @ Greenbrier (JVB/VB/VG)
4:00pm Track Hosts Pointer Relays
4:30pm Baseball @ Alma (V-DH)
5:00pm Softball vs. Vilonia @ Home (V/JV)

Saturday, April 13

ACT
Choir Solo and Ensemble @ Conway
Senior High Quiz Bowl State Tournament

Sunday, April 14

Happy Birthday, Mr. Chambers!

Monday, April 15

4:30pm Baseball @ Gentry (V/JV)

Tuesday, April 16

ATLAS Reading Test for Sophomores
4:00pm Soccer vs. Greenwood @ Home
(JVB/VB/VG)
4:30pm Baseball vs. Harrison @ Home (V-DH)
4:30pm Softball vs. Harrison @ Home (V-DH)

Wednesday, April 17

EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME

5:00pm JV Baseball @ Alma

Thursday, April 18

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Porter!
State Festival in Conway

EVENT - *Beauty and the Beast* Performance

3:30pm Track @ Southside

Friday, April 19

State Festival in Conway
4:00pm Soccer @ Mountain Home (JVG/VG/VB)
5:00pm Baseball @ Huntsville (V/JV)
5:00pm Softball vs. Lincoln @ Home (V/JV)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Saturday, April 13	ACT
Tuesday, April 16	ATLAS Reading Test (10th gr.)
Monday, April 22	Top 40 Banquet in Commons
Wednesday, April 23	ATLAS Biology Test (10th gr.)
Monday, April 29	CTE/PLTW/STEM Completer Ceremony 6pm in FAC
Tuesday, April 30	ATLAS Geometry Tet (10th gr.)
Friday, May 3	Last Day for ACT Regular Registration
Saturday, May 4	Prom
Monday, May 6	Senior Semester Exams AP US Government Exam (AM) AP Chemistry Exam (PM)
Tuesday, May 7	Senior Semester Exams AP Statistics Exam (PM) 6:30pm Scholarship Night
Wednesday, May 8	AP English Lit Exam (AM) AP Computer Science (PM) Baccalaureate
Thursday, May 9	AP Psychology Exam (PM)
Friday, May 10	AP European History (AM) AP US History (PM) Project Graduation 6-9pm
Monday, May 13	AP Calculus Exam (AM)
Tuesday, May 14	AP English Lang Exam (AM)
Wednesday, May 15	AP World History Exam (AM)
Thursday, May 16	AP Spanish Lang Exam (AM)

	AP Biology Exam (PM)
Friday, May 17	AP Physics Exam (AM) VBHS Graduation
Monday, May 27	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Saturday, June 8	ACT



Arkansas FCA Camp
ArkansasFCAcamp.org

JR High Camp
June 2-5, 2024
Grades 7 - 9
*Based on grade going into next year

SR High Camp
June 6-9, 2024
Grades 10 - 2024 Graduates

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Arkansas FCA Camp
Spring Lake Camp, Lonsdale, AR

FCA Camp is a time of "inspiration & perspiration" for students who want to reach their potential through comprehensive athletic, spiritual and leadership training. Campers are mentored by college leaders, premier coaches & FCA staff.

TWENTY-FOUR / SEVEN **24** |

Athletes say: "FCA Camp is the best week of my summer!"

COST
\$300 per camper
Limited scholarships
from local FCA staff

QUESTIONS
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