

POINTER UPDATE

April 26, 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 new 2024-2025 Student Senate officers:** *President - Brynlee Henry; Vice President - Eli Davis; Secretary - Brady Perkins; and Treasurer - Aspen Cone.*
- **Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the state track competition:**
 - **Girls**
 - *Abbigail McCarty - 3200m run*
 - *Kinley Jeffcoat - Pole Vault*
 - *Kyla Jeffcoat - Pole Vault*
 - *Brynlee Henry - 100m Hurdles*
 - *Aspen Cone - 300m Hurdles*
 - *Jaylin Woodard - Shot Put*
 - **Boys**
 - *Jackson Myers - 400m dash*
 - *Drew Brasuell - Long Jump*
 - *Boys 4x100 - Toray Wilford, Andy Theplama, Talen Jones, Micah Hendrickson*
 - *Boys 4x200 - Toray Wilford, Andy Theplama, Talen Jones, Micah Hendrickson*
 - *Boys 4x400 - Jackson Myers, Talen Jones, Ty Cobley, Jacob Brown*
- **Congratulations to all of our CTE career pathway students who are "completers" in the Engineering, Computer Science, Biomedical Science, Agriculture Science, or Robot Automation programs!** You and your family are cordially invited to attend our 6th annual CTE / STEM / PLTW Completer ceremony on Monday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the FAC. We are very proud of you for taking and passing at least 3 years in one of these career elective pathways, and we look forward to recognizing you with graduation cords, medallions, lab coats, and other mementos that represent all of your hard work. We also have our first-ever triple completer here at VBHS... so come find out what that means and who it is! An RSVP is not required, but you may email Dr. Joe McLean (joe.mclean@vbsd.us) to let us know you will be attending or to verify if you are a completer... and see you there!
- **The yearbooks are in**, and we still have a LOT of pre-ordered books to pass out. Please check your email from Ms. Allen to see if you're on the pre-order list and still need to come get your book. We will not be passing out books or selling until Monday.

Yearbook will start selling the remaining books starting Monday, April 29 at 8:05AM. You can bring \$55 cash or check. They will be sold first come first served. We expect them to sell quickly.

- **Scholarship night for seniors is Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m.** If you have received any type of scholarship or enlisted in the military and have not yet let Mrs. Nelson know, please do so by Friday, April 26th. You can still complete your senior information sheet by going to her office. Invitations will be going out soon.

- **Seniors, our baccalaureate service** is only two weeks away! *Where:* VBHS FAC; *When:* Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:30; *What:* wear your graduation gown; *Why:* to participate in traditional service; *Who:* family, friends, and youth groups are welcome to attend!
- **Prom tickets are on sale!** 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)
- **FCA Leadership Camp** is around the corner. Don't miss out! If there are any questions, please let Coach Mosby know. bmosby@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.
- **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

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

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

SCHOLARSHIP	DEADLINE
Lincoln High Alumni	May 15th

Friday, April 26

4:00pm Soccer @ Harrison (JVG/VG/VB)
5:00pm Baseball vs. Northside @ Home (V/JV)
5:00pm Softball vs. Southside @ Home (V only)
SENIOR NIGHT

Saturday, April 27

Peachfuzz Volleyball Tournament

Sunday, April 28

Monday, April 29

5:00pm 9/10 gr. Baseball vs. Greenwood @ Home
6:00pm PLTW Completer Ceremony in FAC

Tuesday, April 30

ATLAS Geometry Test for Sophomores
4:30pm Baseball/Softball vs. Russellville @ Home
(V-DH)
5:00pm Soccer vs. Siloam Springs @ Home (JVG/VG/VB)
7:00pm Band Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 1

Thursday, May 2

State Track Meet
5:00pm Baseball @ Southside (V/JV)

Friday, May 3

Regular Registration Deadline for June ACT
4:00pm Soccer @ Russellville (JVG/VG/VB)
5:00pm Softball vs. Bentonville-West @ Home (V/JV)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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
Tuesday, May 28	Semester Exams - Odd Hours
Wednesday, May 29	Semester Exams - Even Hours
Saturday, June 8	ACT

UPCOMING PROJECTS

TEACHER	COURSE	DUE DATE	ASSIGNMENT	MORE INFO
Carlson	AP Bio	Monday, Apr 29 Wed., May 1 Thurs., May 2	Genetic Crosses Probability Lab AP Lab Notebook	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	HBS	Fri., May 3, 2024	3.1/circulatory & respiratory quiz	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	PBS	Tues., Apr. 30 Fri., May 3, 2024	2.2.2 Quiz 2.2.3 Quiz	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us



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

Arkansas FCA Camp
#FCA247

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 24/7 |

ArkansasFCAcamp.org

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

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

QUESTIONS
Text or Email Devin
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