

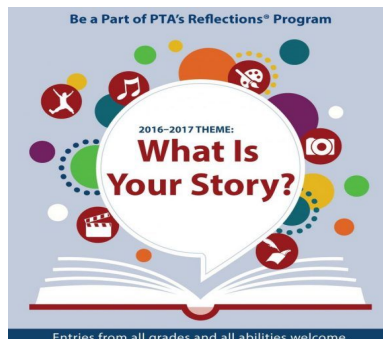
# POINTER UPDATE

December 9, 2016



## Important News:

- **Attention Parents of Football Players:**  
Please click [HERE](#) for important information about the upcoming Football Banquet.
- Please click the following links to take a survey about our school:
  - Parent Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QYMLZXH>
  - Student Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L9FCKQ3>
- Congratulations to the HOBY Winners! Nicole Tankersley and Owen Chenoweth were selected as primary and Madison Corbit and Micaiah Barnett as Alternates for the 2017 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar. They will have the opportunity to participate in unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences at John Brown University in Siloam Springs next summer.
- There will be auditions for the play *The Giver* on Wednesday, December 14 beginning at 4:30pm sharp in the Fine Arts Center. You must have a 1 minute serious monologue from a play prepared. If you do not have a monologue memorized, you may not audition. Auditions are open for any student. Make sure you are available for rehearsals right after school starting in January, 3:30-5:30pm, or do not audition.
- The VBHS Art Club will have artworks for sale at the Center for Art and Education's Holiday Market. The money raised will go towards an art museum field trip. See [www.art-ed.org](http://www.art-ed.org) for more information or click [HERE](#) for the flyer.
- Share your holiday spirit! You can donate needed items to the Children's Emergency Shelter in Fort Smith. The list of needed items can be found [HERE](#). Bring your items to the library by December 15. Any questions? See Kayla Ho or Kelsey Estrada.
- FCA/T412 will be accepting coats for the Current Christmas Coat Drive through Monday, Dec 12th. You may bring your CLEAN/GENTLY WORN or NEW coats, gloves, or blankets to library, Mrs Porter's or Mrs. Hammond's rooms through that Monday for those in need this winter.
- Schedule Change Requests for second semester classes will be accepted beginning December 8th in the counselor's office. Schedules will be changed based on necessity, such as failing a class or meeting a graduation requirement.
- The 2017 *Pointer Yearbook* will be offering weekly sneak peeks of yearbook photos and pages on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Follow them at  
*Instagram* - vbhs\_yearbook2017  
*Twitter* - VBHS\_Yearbook  
*Facebook* - VBHS Pointer Yearbook
- Current scholarship information can be found by clicking [HERE](#) or by following the Van Buren High School Scholarship Facebook page..
- The 2017 *Pointer Yearbooks* are now on sale. Students may obtain a yearbook order form from their English teachers or from Mrs. Moose in room S211. Orders also may be placed online at [www.Community.Pictavo.com](http://www.Community.Pictavo.com) Yearbooks are \$47. Yearbooks with personalization are \$53. Yearbooks with Personalization and up to four icons are \$55. **The deadline to order a yearbook is January 20, 2017.**
- Have a business that would like to include an ad in this year's yearbook? We have a [form](#) for that!
- Did you know? Any *senior* student OR *parent of a senior* student purchasing a PTA membership is eligible to submit an application for a PTA scholarship. Fill out a membership form [HERE](#) and send your money (\$5/membership) to the front office.
- Click on the picture if your student would be interested in entering the Arkansas PTA Reflections contest.



### **Friday, December 9**

Wrestling VB Duals @ Home  
5:30PM Boys Basketball vs. Russellville in Cyclone Classic (in Russellville)  
7:00PM Lady Pointers vs. Northside @ Southside in Tournament of Champions

### **Saturday, December 10**

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Wrestling VB Duals @ Home

### **Sunday, December 11**

Happy Birthday, Marcus Koch!

### **Monday, December 12**

VBHS Swim @ Clarksville

### **Tuesday, December 13**

#### **\*MORNING EVENT-CLUB MEETINGS\***

8:45-9:05AM - FBLA, FTA, TARS, HOPE  
9:05-9:30AM - Partners, HOSA, Quill & Scroll  
5:00PM JV/V Lady Pointers @ Ozark  
5:30PM School Board Meeting  
5:30PM Wrestling vs. Northside/Southside @ Home

## **Upcoming News/Events**

- **WATC IMPORTANT DATES**  
WATC final exams are scheduled from **Thursday, December 8 through Wednesday, December 14.**
- **Semester Exam Schedule** is as follows:
  - Wed., Dec. 14th - 2nd, 4th, and 6th hours
  - Thurs., Dec. 15th - 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th hours
  - Fri., Dec. 16th - Make-up Exams for anyone who couldn't make it to the 14th or 15th
- School will be dismissed for Winter Break December 19 through January 2. Students will return to school on January 3, 2017.
- **Seniors:** Help determine this year's Prom theme. Sign-up for the Prom Google Classroom using code v7mhq91. If you have any questions or issues, see Ms. Mohr in room S204.

### **Wednesday, December 14**

Semester Exams for periods, 2, 4, and 6  
4:30pm Audition for *The Giver*

### **Thursday, December 15**

Happy Birthday, Rod Ray!  
Semester Exams for periods 1, 3, 5, and 7  
11:30AM - Title I meeting for parents in FAC  
4:00PM Bowling vs. Bentonville-West @ Midland  
5:30PM Wrestling @ Sallisaw

### **Friday, December 16**

Make-up Day for Semester Exams  
Boys Basketball in Conway Classic Tournament  
Wrestling @ Poteau Border Battle  
7:00PM Choir Christmas Concert in FAC (Free admission)

- **Semester Exam Exemption Policy:**  
Students who have an A, B, or C in a class and have only (3) excused absences (these include medical) or less in that class have the option of being exempt from the semester test in that class. Any unexcused absence, out of school suspensions, or ISS will make a student ineligible for the exemption. School business will not count as an absence. If a student who is exempt chooses to take the test their grade may not be lowered from the result of that test.
- **Juniors:** The deadline to apply online to Arkansas Governor's School is January 16, 2017. The online application can be found at [www.hendrix.edu/ags](http://www.hendrix.edu/ags). Need more information? See Mrs. Hall in the counselor's office.

## Projects and Assignments

Course	Teacher	Assignment	due Date	More Info
AP Biology	Carlson	Semester Final	Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 12-14	<a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a>
English 12	Abbott	SERIAL Project	Thursday, Dec. 15	<a href="mailto:chelsey.abbott@vbsd.us">chelsey.abbott@vbsd.us</a>
Pre-AP Biology	Carlson	Mitosis Test	Tuesday, Dec. 13	<a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a>
Principles of Engineering (2nd hour)	McLean	Quiz on Materials Testing Formulas	Monday, Dec. 12	<a href="mailto:joe.mclean@vbsd.us">joe.mclean@vbsd.us</a>
Principles of Engineering (4th and 5th hours)	McLean	Quiz on Fluid Power and Gas Laws	Monday, Dec. 12	<a href="mailto:joe.mclean@vbsd.us">joe.mclean@vbsd.us</a>
Robotics Automation	McLean	Final Exam	Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 12-13	<a href="mailto:joe.mclean@vbsd.us">joe.mclean@vbsd.us</a>



**For information, tools and resources to help a friend (or yourself) who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide, download the FREE app -- "A Friend Asks" from the Apple App Store or the Android Market.**

**Dealing with Bullying: Helping Bullied Kids & Teens - [HelpGuide.org](http://HelpGuide.org)**

Do you know someone who would benefit from the Pointer Update? Pass along these instructions to sign up for the weekly newsletter and it will go straight to their email inbox!

- 1) Go to <http://www.vbsd.us/schools/van-buren-high-school>
- 2) Scroll down and look for "All Pointers Update" on the left hand side.
- 3) Enter your email address and hit subscribe!

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