

POINTER UPDATE

February 2, 2017



Important News:

- **Basketball Homecoming is next week!** The theme for the week is Seniors vs. Juniors vs. Sophomores. At the end of the week, one class will be the overall Homecoming winner. There are three ways to earn points for your class:
 1. **Participate in Spirit Week Days.** Monday- Mathletes vs. Athletes, Tuesday- Country vs. Country Club, Wednesday- Boys vs. Girls (boys wear blue and girls wear pink), Thursday- Rockers vs. Rappers, Friday- Color Wars (seniors wear white, juniors wear black and sophomores wear green). For each member of your class that dresses up, your class receives 5 points. In order to earn your points, you must post your photo on Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #VBHomecoming2018. Be sure to tell if you are a senior, junior or sophomore to receive points. Your outfit must follow school dress code!
 2. **Participate in a GooseChase Scavenger Hunt.** Download the app and search "VBHS Spirit Week" to play. The game will run Monday-Friday.
 3. **Decorate a spirit poster to show your support for the Pointers.** On your poster, put on the back if it is a senior, junior or sophomore poster and bring it to Mrs. Ross or Mrs. Rogers' room. Each decorated poster will receive 500 points for your team. You may use your own supplies or get supplies from Mrs. Ross or Mrs. Rogers.
- **FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS ARE COMING UP SOON.** PLEASE BRING YOUR REGISTRATION MONEY TO MS. GOOD OR MRS. WING ASAP. The two contests that cost money are the Alumni Events (Feb. 17 in Hot Springs) and Wild Hog Events (Feb. 24 in Fayetteville). They are \$10 apiece and lunch will be provided.
- **National FFA Week is this month!** It will be Feb. 20-23. We will honor this week by having a Chapter FFA Meeting on Tuesday, Feb 20 at 6PM in Ms. Good's classroom. Our activity that night will be The Amazing Race: Agri Edition! Get your teams of four ready to compete! Please see Ms. Good for more information and to sign up a team!
- **Boys bowling** finished the regular season 8-3-1. The boys' and girls' teams will compete in the conference match Feb 9 in North Little Rock.
- **Seniors:** Don't forget to order your cap and gown for graduation. You need to go online to www.jostens.com or call 1-800- Jostens to place your order.
- **Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher,** please check your school email (this afternoon) for your invitation to apply for membership in the National Honor Society. See Mrs. Dunn in S103 or Mrs. Bailey in T1 if you have any questions about the process.
- February 5-9 has been proclaimed **National School Counselors Week.** Go by and tell the counselors thanks for all of their hard work!
- The **PTA Scholarship** applications are available! Only PTA members (either a parent OR a student) are eligible to apply. Buy your PTA membership today for just \$5 to be able to apply for this scholarship opportunity! For a PTA membership form, see Mrs. Hurst in the library.
- **VB FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB MEETING** will be held on Tuesday 2-6-18 @ 5:30 in the Field House Meeting Room @ Blakemore Field. We invite parents of all players- grades 7-12. NO membership fee - everyone invited. SONIC fundraiser starting and lots of great things planned for the 2018 season. Regular monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month.
- **Congratulations to the following FFA students** for placing in recent competition:
 - *Nicole Houck* won 1st place in Prepared Public Speaking.
 - *Elaina Knight* won 2nd place in the Farm Bureau Discussion Meet.
 - *Taylor Dunn* placed 3rd in Extemporaneous Speaking.
 - *Parker Goff* placed 4th in Extemporaneous Speaking.
 - *Kylee Lynch* placed 4th in Creed Speaking.
 - *Breanna Tuck* placed 5th in Creed Speaking.
- **Senior students (and parents),** Mrs. Nelson has been putting several **scholarships** on the Van Buren High School Scholarship Facebook page lately. Most applications are in Mrs. Nelson's office or she has posted the website where you can access the applications.
- Any student interested in creating a 5-15 minute **documentary about a historic place in Arkansas** should submit their entry by March 30. For more information, click [HERE](#).

- The **VBHS Cultures In Action Club** students will be leading **multicultural/lingual storytimes at the VB public library** every Saturday in February from 10 am to 11 am. It is free to the community and is geared toward elementary students; however, children of ALL ages are welcome. We present stories, crafts, songs, and more! We hope to see some of your own children there and would appreciate your help in spreading the word! The flyer is attached [HERE](#).
- Applications for summer **jobs at the Alma Water Park** are in the counselor's office and are due back by March 15th.
- On February 16th and 17th, **JROTC will be attending the Northside High School Drill meet** held at Ft. Chaffee. Cadets need to be at the JROTC building by 1000 hrs for the bus.
- **1st Annual JROTC Tri-City Skating Tournament** will be held on the 10th of February. The tournament begins at 10:00 PM and ends 6:00 AM, at the "Wheels In Motion" skating rink in Van Buren. There will be lots of door prizes and awards!
- The **Van Buren High School JROTC Military Ball** will be on April 8, 2018 at the "Barn at Payton's Place" on 1820 Oak Grove Rd in Van Buren. Tickets for guests cost \$25.00 per ticket. Guest tickets must be purchased no later than March 1st, 2018.
- **Several JROTC cadets** went to Butterfield Middle School for a recruiting assembly with the 8th graders on February 1st to try and raise the Butterfield Middle School student's interest in JROTC. It went great and they were great hosts!
- **To order an FFA t-shirt**, click [HERE](#).
- **Art Club is hosting an Art Showcase** to benefit Almost Home Dog Shelter on April 14. We are in need of talented performers and artists! Poets, musicians, singers, actors, comedians, visual artists, and more are needed. If you are a VBHS student, alumni, faculty, or staff, please fill out the following form to apply: <https://goo.gl/Ua6Ecu>
- **Van Buren FFA Evaluation Schedule**...Click [HERE](#)
- **Interested in joining law enforcement after high school?** The 3rd annual Future Agents in Training for the FBI in Fort Smith, Arkansas will be held on March 30, April 6 and April 13. See Mrs. Nelson for more information.
- Any sophomore or junior who is interested in **trying out for the VBHS Cheer and Dance teams** will be required to attend an informational parent meeting Sunday February 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the Van Buren High School Library. If you are not able to attend, please talk to Mrs. Ross or Mrs. Rogers BEFORE the meeting date.
- **Miss VBHS** is on February 24th at 7:00 pm. Applications will be in the front office. Applications are due back by February 1. To see the flyer, click [HERE](#).
- **Art Club and FCCLA** are asking their members to bring the following canned goods to donate to Empty Bowls: Potatoes, Tomatoes, and Carrots. Canned goods can be dropped off with Mrs. Ross or Mrs. Holland.
- **ALL Juniors** will take the **ACT** on February 27, 2018. If you would like to request Accommodations based on a documented disability or English Learner Supports, you must see Ms. Parkerson in the counselor's office ASAP to pick up a Consent to Release Information. The required documentation must be returned to Ms. Parkerson no later than December 18th!
- **Seniors** - Project Graduation will be putting together a slideshow for the PG after graduation party. When you post pictures of anything Senior related on social media, use #SEN18R so we can get your pics added to the slide show.

Friday, February 2

Happy Birthday, Fran Hall!
4:30pm Basketball @ Bentonville-West
(JVG/JVB/VG/VB)

Saturday, February 3

VBHS Robotics Competition in Fayetteville
8:00-11:00am Saturday School

Sunday, February 4

Happy Birthday, Gilberto Hernandez!
9:00am Wrestling in Dual State @ Fayetteville
High School
2:00pm Cheer/Dance Tryout meeting in VBHS
Saferoom

Monday, February 5

Happy Birthday, Michael Kinney!
Homecoming Spirit Day - Athlete vs. Mathlete
3:00pm Faculty Meeting
3:30pm Quiz Bowl vs. Mountainburg @ Home

Tuesday, February 6

Happy Birthday, Velvet Clifford!
Homecoming Spirit Day - Country vs. Country Club
4:30PM Basketball @ Bentonville (JVG/JVB/VG/VB)
5:30pm Football Booster Club Meeting @ Fieldhouse

Wednesday, February 7

Happy Birthday, Diane Hicks!
Homecoming Spirit Day - Girl (Pink) vs. Boy (Blue)
MORNING EVENT - CLUB MEETINGS
8:45-9:05am - NHS/Chess
9:05-9:30am - CIA/FCCLA/Art Club

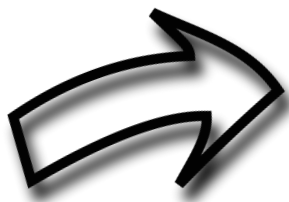
Thursday, February 8

Homecoming Spirit Day - Rockers vs. Rappers

Friday, February 9

Homecoming Spirit Day - Seniors (White) vs.
Juniors (Black) vs. Sophomores (Green)
MORNING EVENT - HOMECOMING PEP RALLY
1:30pm Wrestling in Big West Conference @
Fayetteville High School
3:30pm Pointer Basketball vs. Rogers-Heritage
@ Home (JVG/JVB/VG/.VB)
HOMECOMING

UPCOMING SPRING DATES:



Tuesday, February 13	ELPA 21 Testing
Thursday, February 15	ELPA 21 Testing
Monday, February 19	Professional Development for Teachers; No school for students
Thursday, February 22	ELPA 21 Testing Make-up
Tuesday, February 27	All juniors take ACT
Friday, March 9	VBHS Talent Show
Wednesday, March 14	Student vs. Faculty Basketball game
Monday thru Friday, March 19-23	Spring Break
Tuesday, March 27 Thursday, March 29	Early Dismissal 2:00pm P/T Conferences 3:30-6:30pm
Friday, March 30	No School
Monday, April 16	Arkansas Scholars Banquet
Friday, April 20	No School
Monday, April 23	No School
Thursday, April 26	Top 40 Banquet
Tuesday/Wednesday, May 1 and 2	ACT Aspire for sophomores

UPCOMING SPRING DATES: (CONT.)

Saturday, May 5	Prom
Monday, May 7 AM	AP Chemistry Exam
Monday, May 7 PM	AP Psychology Exam
Monday, May 7	Scholarship Night
Tuesday, May 8 AM	AP Spanish Exam
Tuesday, May 8 PM	AP Physics Exam
Wednesday, May 9 AM	AP English Literature Exam
Thursday, May 10 AM	AP Government Exam
Friday, May 11 AM	AP US History Exam
Friday, May 11 PM	AP Studio Art Submissions
Monday, May 14 AM	AP Biology Exam
Tuesday, May 15	Senior Semester Exams, Periods 2, 4, and 6
Tuesday, May 15 AM	AP Calculus AB Exam
Tuesday, May 15 PM	AP Computer Science A Exam
Wednesday, May 16	Senior Semester Exams, Periods 1, 3, 5, and 7
Wednesday, May 16 AM	AP English Language Composition Exam
Thursday, May 17 AM	AP World History Exam
Thursday, May 17 PM	AP Statistics Exam
Thursday, May 24	VBHS Graduation 7:00pm
Friday, May 25	Soph/Jr Semester Exams Periods 2, 4, and 6
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day - No School
Tuesday, May 29	Soph/Jr Semester Exams Periods 1, 3, 5 and 7
Wednesday, May 30	Make-up Semester Exams

PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

TEACHER	COURSE	ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE	QUESTIONS?
McLean	Principles of Engineering (2nd and 3rd hours)	Marble Sorter Project Demonstration and Documentation	Friday, February 9	joe.mclean@vbsd.us



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://www.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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