

POINTER UPDATE

March 9, 2017

Important News:

- **Congratulations to Hannah Stedman** for winning *FIRST place* in the Statewide PTA Reflections Art Competition!
- **Congratulations to the Van Buren FFA Food Science Team.** As of today, they are ranked second in the state!!! **Special Congratulations to Kereial Hart**, a member of the food science team, because as of today she is individually ranked third overall for Food Science in the State of Arkansas!!! They will officially compete at the Arkansas FFA State Contest in April, so be sure and cheer them on!!!
- Educators Rising is sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on Wednesday, March 14th. Students who wish to participate can sign up in the Commons during both lunches Monday and Tuesday. Students must be at least 16 years old to participate.
- **Any student who plans to attend WATC next year** needs to go by the counselor's office and pick up a registration form
- **Library fines are half-price** for the month of March. This does not apply to lost books.
- The Art Club is having a **Silent Auction in the Library**. All the bids start at \$1.00 for beautiful handmade artworks.
- **Congratulations to the Treblettes** who brought home a First Division plaque after their superior performance on Saturday at the Region 5 Choral Performance Assessment in Alma.
- The **FCA Dodgeball Tournament** is making a return to VBHS! Check out the flyers around school about this and start getting your teams of 8 together (4 boys & 4 girls). The date is Thursday, April 5th in the old gym, and the deadline to sign up is March 30th. Sign up with Coach Mosby, Coach Trembley, or Mrs. Hurst in the library.
- **JROTC HHC** will attend the Jr Luncheon on March 29th, at Heritage United Methodist Church.
- **Interested in taking any of our engineering or concurrent robot automation classes?** Go to YouTube and search for "VBHS Engineering" to watch any of 4 videos that show pictures and video clips of what we do in these courses. Also, feel free to go by Room S129 to talk with Dr. McLean if you have any questions.
- **Interested in taking an AP class next year** but you are not quite sure? Stop by and visit with that teacher to get more information. Statistics tell us that just taking one AP class in high school greatly improves your chances of being successful in college.
- Saturday, April 7th, the **2018 Academy Day** will be at Southside High School from 2-4 p.m. Service academies attending will be the U.S. Military, Air Force, Naval, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. For more questions or information, please see the flyer outside the counselor's office.
- The **ACT Makeup TEST** will be Tuesday, April 3rd at 8:00 a.m.
- **Northwest District FFA Contests** will be March 15th at Arkansas Tech University. FFA members, please see Ms Good or Mrs Wing for more information.
- **The 2018 Pointer Yearbook** is now available for purchase online at Yearbookforever.com Enter "Van Buren High School" for the school prompt. The base cost for the book is \$45. Yearbook sales close May 1. The *2018 Pointer Yearbook* will be published by Walsworth Yearbooks. Yearbooks also may be purchased at the high school from Lisa Moose room S211. For questions - email lmoose@vbsd.us
- Interested in working at **Parrot Island** this summer? Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **Reminder:** Students may **NOT** leave campus for lunch based on a phone call or note from a parent. Parents may check students out for lunch only if they come in to the office, in -person, and sign their student out.
- Any **junior** interested in touring Washington DC this summer can apply for the Arkansas Valley Electric Washington Youth Tour by applying online [HERE](#). Deadline to apply is Friday, April 6.
- **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. Be sure to check the due dates for each scholarship so you can turn them in in a timely manner.
- 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](#).
- Applications for summer **jobs at the Alma Water Park** are in the counselor's office and are due back by March 15th.
- The **Van Buren High School JROTC Military Ball** will be on April 7, 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.



- **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>
- **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, March 9

Happy Birthday, Deena Dunn!

Last Day to Register for April ACT without paying

Late fee

Soccer in River Valley Cup

Varsity Boys @ Van Buren

Varsity Girls @ Greenwood

5:00pm Baseball @ Siloam Springs (V/JV)

Saturday, March 10

Quiz Bowl in Regional Tournament

Soccer in River Valley Cup

Varsity Boys @ Van Buren

Varsity Girls @ Greenwood

8:00am-11:00am Saturday School

Noon-4:00pm Once Upon a Prom (See announcement above.)



Sunday, March 11

Monday, March 12

5:00pm Baseball vs. Bentonville-West @ Home (V/JV)

5:00pm Softball @ Alma (V/JV)

Tuesday, March 13

4:00pm Soccer vs. Bentonville-West @ Home (JVB/VB/VG)

5:00pm Baseball @ Bentonville-West (V/JV)

5:00pm Softball vs. Bentonville-West @ Home (V/JV)

Wednesday, March 14

MORNING EVENT - Student vs. Faculty Basketball

4:30pm Freshman Baseball vs. Northside @ Home

Thursday, March 15

Sophomore BMI Screening

5:00pm Boys Soccer vs. Bentonville @ Home (JVB/VB)

5:00pm Freshman Baseball vs. Bentonville-West @ Home

5:00pm Girls Soccer @ Bentonville (JVG/VG)

5:00pm Softball vs. Bentonville @ Home (V/JV)

Friday, March 16

Sophomore BMI Screening

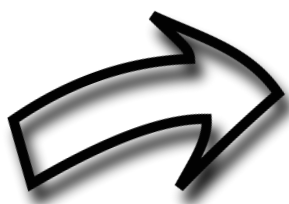
3:30pm Track @ Bentonville Tiger Relays

5:00pm Baseball @ Greenwood (V/JV)

There will be no school March 19-23 for Spring Break!

Good luck to the Pointer Baseball Team who will participate in a tournament at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, FL.

UPCOMING SPRING DATES:



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
Wednesday, April 11	Sr Cap and Gown Pictures
Monday, April 16	Arkansas Scholars Banquet

UPCOMING SPRING DATES: (CONT.)

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
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?
Betterton	Geometry	Design Blueprints for Elementary School	Friday, March 16	jessica.betterton@vbsd.us
Carlson	Pre-AP Biology	Baby Project Introduction Genetics Test	Tuesday, March 13 Friday, March 16	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us

Carlson	Principles of Biomedical Science	Heart Function Quiz	Friday, March 16	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
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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

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!

Questions? Comments? Ideas? Email Dusti.hurst@vbsd.us