

# POINTER UPDATE

March 30, 2017



## Important News:

- The VBHS Softball team is hosting the **15th Annual River City Rumble tournament** this weekend at the Field of Dreams. VB plays Morrilton at 5 pm Friday afternoon and either Sheridan OR Mena at 8 pm Friday night. We will then play again at 11:30 Saturday morning. The finals are set for 5:30 Saturday afternoon. So come out and support the Lady Pointers!
- To view the PTA minutes from March 28th, click [HERE](#).
- **Attention TARS members** – if you would like to help serve at the annual Crawford County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, April 7 ... then see Mr. McMurray or Mitchell Hammond ASAP. You will begin working at 5pm and work until the event is over. You will be fed, get to meet Governor Hutchinson, get community service and receive a free Legislative coin.
- Monday is now the last day you can sign up for the 2018 **FCA Dodgeball Championships** which will take place on April 5.
- **Van Buren FFA Banquet Committee Meetings** will start Monday, April 2nd in Ms. Good's room from 3-4PM. We will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 3-4.
- **Van Buren FFA Food Science Team practices** will start back up Monday, April 2nd in Ms. Good's room from 4-5 PM. We will practice every Monday and Wednesday from 4-5PM.
- **Congrats** to the following students who placed in the **River Valley Student Art Competition**:
  - Samara Camyn, 10th grade, Honorable Mention in Painting
  - Brittany Perry, 12th grade, 2nd Place in 3-D/Alternative/Mixed Media
  - Andrew Edmonds, 12th grade, Honorable Mention in Photo/Computer Generated
  - Tre Prawl, 12th grade, Honorable Mention in Photo/Computer Generated
- **Congratulations to our fellow VBHS Pointers who went to the State Technology Student Association** competition yesterday. This was our first state competition ever and our students "represented" very well.
  - In the video game design competition, we had two teams competing: Haeli Linton, Mami Inthirathvongsy, and Taryn Williams took 1st place, qualifying them for nationals...Ethan Vang, Stanley Pham, and Marjorie Weaver placed 3rd overall.
  - Marjorie Weaver and Hope Roberts got 2nd place in the Children's Story category.
  - In Music Production, Mami Inthirathvongsy came in 3rd...and in Photographic Technology, Astrid Rodriguez won 1st place.
  - In the first ever CAD competition in the state of Arkansas, Drew King and Chris Orellana made their engineering teachers proud with their dominating performance ...taking both 1st and 2nd place.
  - Our Technology Bowl team comprised of Maria Cruz, Ryan Arnold, and Cole Irwin placed 2nd.
  - I am very proud of all of these students who took the initiative to not only work hard at something they didn't have to do, but also performed at a high level and obviously produced a high quality product in each of these tech-skilled areas. Way to go TSA Pointers...very impressive and job well done!
  - Any sophomores and juniors who might be interested in participating in events like this next year, you are welcome to come join us at our next announced club meeting time and find out more about all of these competitive events in the tech world.
- **Congratulations to the Pointer Baseball team** for going undefeated during their games at Walt Disney World during Spring Break.
- **Congratulations** to Emma Davis, Stephanie Benitez, and Cass Wiederkehr for being accepted to attend *Arkansas Governor's School*.
- **Attention Seniors** – Graduation items will be delivered on Tuesday, April 3.
- **Senior 2018 Cap and Gown photos** will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 11 at the Van Buren High School. Group photo will be made first with individual photos to follow. Seniors should gather in the commons area for dressing in caps, gowns, and appropriate cords and stoles.
- Click [HERE](#) for information on the upcoming **Pointer Palooza** event.
- Please take a moment to take the **spring Parent Involvement Survey** by clicking [THIS LINK](#). We appreciate your feedback.
- Students - there will be trash cans by the microwave by the stairs and the arena doors for you to **recycle all of your plastic bottles and aluminum cans**. We encourage all of you to do your part and recycle.
- Saturday, April 14 from 10:00am-12:00pm the Pointer softball team will be holding its **annual softball clinic** at the Pointer Softball Field  
Ages K-8th grade  
FREE of charge  
Just bring appropriate equipment and wear appropriate clothing.

- **Any student who plans to attend WATC next year** needs to go by the counselor's office and pick up a registration form
- The **JROTC Battalion** will be heading off to the Naturals baseball game on April 10th.
- 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 8:00am. In the VBHS Library.
- **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](mailto: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.
- 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 30**

**NO SCHOOL**

Softball in River City Rumble @ Field of Dreams  
\*Our team will play at 5:00pm and 8:00pm at the Field of Dreams complex.  
3:30pm Track @ Airedale Relays  
5:00pm Pointer Baseball @ Alma (V/JV)

**Saturday, March 31**

**NO SATURDAY SCHOOL**

11:30am Softball in River City Rumble at Field of Dreams (plus one other game...time - TBD)

**Sunday, April 1**

Happy Easter!

**Monday, April 2**

5:00pm Pointer Baseball @ Rogers-Heritage (V/JV)

**Tuesday, April 3**

Jostens to deliver graduation items  
Make-up ACT in the library  
4:00pm Soccer @ Springdale (JVB/VB/VG)  
5:00pm Baseball vs. Rogers-Heritage @ Home (V/Freshmen)  
5:00pm Softball vs. Springdale @ JB Hunt Park (V/JV)

**Wednesday, April 4**

**MORNING EVENT SCHEDULE - CLUB MEETINGS**

8:45-9:05am - T4:12/TSA/Dodgeball/Yoga  
9:05-9:30am - Beta/FFA  
4:30pm Freshman Baseball @ Northside

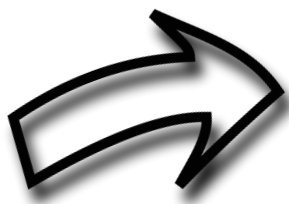
**Thursday, April 5**

Junior Luncheon rescheduled from March 29th  
3:30pm Track @ Rogers  
5:00pm Baseball vs. Conway @ Home (V/JV)  
5:00pm Soccer vs. Greenwood @ Home (JVG/JVB)  
5:00pm Softball vs. HarBer @ JB Hunt (V/JV)  
5:30pm FCA Dodgeball Tournament

**Friday, April 6**

Happy Birthday, Katie Cervantes!  
Deadline to upload photo for April ACT  
Softball in Siloam Springs Tournament @ La-Z-Boy Park  
3:30pm Track in Cyclone Relays @ Russellville  
4:00pm Soccer @ HarBer (JVG/VG/VB)

**UPCOMING SPRING DATES:**



Tuesday, April 3	Jostens delivers graduation items
Tuesday, April 3	Make-up ACT
Wednesday, April 11	Sr Cap and Gown Pictures
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
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?

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](mailto:Dusti.hurst@vbsd.us)