

POINTER UPDATE

November 16, 2018



Important News:

- **There will be NO SCHOOL Monday, November 19 through Friday, November 23 for Thanksgiving Break.**
- **Join our VBHS TARS group as we "Sock it to the Cold."** Please bring new socks to the box in the office after Thanksgiving break to help keep someone a little warmer during the winter months.
- **Join the VBHS Student Senate by bringing a new toy, stuffed animal, game, doll, action figure or anything that a child might want for Christmas from Santa.** You may bring your new items to the office Christmas tree between November 26 and December 14. All items will be donated to a local elementary school.
- **Congratulations to the VBHS Cheerleaders** on their 1st Place and Overall win last weekend at the Pointer Cheer Invitational.
- **Staff & Students: T412 and FCA are doing a coat drive** for the Current Church for Christmas. Please go through your closets over the Thanksgiving break and bring new or slightly used coats to drop off in Mrs. Hammond's or either of the Porter's rooms. We need all sizes from baby to adult, male and female.
- Our **flu shot clinic** will be Thursday, November 29th, from 8:30am-2:00pm. Students should have received the packet in their 3rd hour class. Please fill out the packet and return it to the nurse as soon as possible. Flu packets can be picked up in the office if you didn't get one in class.
- **Need volunteer hours?** Each year the Salvation Army sets up Red Kettles in locations in Fort Smith and surrounding towns to help raise money to fund meals for the hungry each night, run the homeless shelter, and many other services for the disadvantaged community. We need volunteers to help RING THE BELL at the Red Kettles. Also, if they are looking for things to volunteer for year round, we serve meals in the Red Shield Diner and always need helping hands.
If you have any questions or need more information please email Susan Adams at susan.adams@uss.salvationarmy.org
- **All juniors will take the ACT on 2/20/19.** If you would like to request accommodations based on an IEP, 504 or ELL (English Language Learner) documentation for your child, you must sign the Consent for Release of Information to ACT and return it to Ms. Parkerson by November 6, 2018. Please be aware that additional information may be required such as a Letter of Professional Diagnosis (from doctor, therapist, etc.) if requesting accommodations based on an IEP or 504.
- **Students who are enrolled in College Project** are invited to an ACT prep workshop presented by Jim Giovannini, one of the nation's leading authorities on ACT prep and author for Barron's ACT study materials. College Project students will be getting something in the mail, and priority will be given to students who register early. The event will be Saturday, December 1st on the U of A campus.
- If you would like to enter the **PTA Reflections contest**, please see Mrs. Hurst. This year's theme is Heroes Around Me. Last year our own Hannah Stedman one 1st place in the whole state for her sculpture. Check your student email for more detailed information. Deadline for submission will be Friday, December 14th.
- **The 2019 Pointer Yearbook is now on sale.** Cost is \$45. Order forms are available from Mrs. Moose's room -S211 - and from the front office. Orders may also be placed online at yearbookforever.com
- **Senior tribute ads for the yearbook are now on sale.** Forms and information are available from Mrs. Moose's room - S211 - and the front office. Ads may also be purchased online at yearbookforever.com Ads range from full-page to an eight-page. Costs range from \$220 to \$50
- **FOR PARENTS:** Support your 2019 Pointer Yearbook by purchasing a business ad. For information, contact Lisa Moose at the high school (474-6821) or lmoose@vbsd.us
- Students: Parent **excuse notes for an absence** must be turned in within 5 days after you return to school.

Friday, November 16

Saturday, November 17

Happy Birthday, Kara Holland!

Sunday, November 18

Monday, November 19

NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK

5:00pm Boys Basketball vs. Farmington @ Home

Tuesday, November 20

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Happy Birthday, Julia Carney!

Wednesday, November 21

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Thursday, November 22

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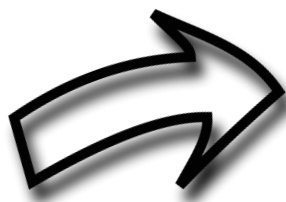
**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING DAY**



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UPCOMING FALL DATES:



Monday thru Friday November 19 thru 23	Fall Break - No School
Wednesday, December 19	Semester Exams - periods 2, 4, and 6
Thursday, December 20	Semester Exams - periods 1, 3, 5 and 7
Friday, December 21	Make-up Semester Exams
Tuesday, January 8	Students Return

PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

TEACHER	COURSE	PROJECT	DUE DATE	MORE INFORMATION
Brewer	English 12	Next Step Project Presentations	Wed., Nov. 28 Wed. thru Fri. Nov. 28-30	lbrewer@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

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