

POINTER UPDATE

February 24, 2023

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Important News:



- **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are accessing this newsletter through Peachjar, hyperlinks will not work. You can click the "Learn More" button to go to the VBSD website or visit the high school website to be able to click the links directly. The Pointer Update is posted on the high school home page under "News and Announcements." Go to www.vbsd.us > Schools > Van Buren High School
- **Congratulations to the following members of the wrestling team who have qualified to compete in state this weekend in Little Rock:**
 - **Girls:** *Grace Burns, Jaxi Ervin, Emily Foster, Ava Garcia, Samantha McCarty, Cassidy Pledger, Evelyn Romero, and Alexis Schmotzer*
 - **Boys:** *Don O'Kelley, Dakota Fenwick, Braedyn Stewart, Alex Reed, Shiloh Summers, Jadin Purdy, Caden Webb, Taylor Smith, Martin Alex Lopez, Kolton Sims, Trent Nehf, and Grant King*
- **Congratulations to our VBHS Army JROTC.** The Armed Inspection Team commanded by *Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Palmer Barbera* placed third and the Unarmed Inspection Team commanded by *Cadet Major Ariah Flanagan* placed second in the Fort Chaffee Drill Competition last Friday.
- At the **robotics competition** at Bentonville West on Saturday, the *Legends of VB robotics team* finished in 5th place in the skills competition. The *Dawgbot team* finished in first place--winning the Skills Championship, made it to the semi-finals of the tournament and will be competing in the state competition at ATU on March 11th!
- This past weekend our track team competed at the **Indoor State Track Meet** in Fayetteville. Congratulations to *Aubree Wille* who is the new 5A State Champion in the 3200 meter run and *Thurman Cooley* who is the new 5A State Champion in the long jump. *Zane Krause* placed 3rd in the pole vault, and *Hadlee Hurst* placed 4th in the high jump. Congratulations to all!
- **Congratulations to Selena Spiessofer** of the VBHS Swim Team who qualified for the State Meet this past weekend in Russellville in the 100 meter breaststroke and 100 meter backstroke.
- **Juniors:** Your **ACT room assignment** is posted on the office window and in your Google Classroom. Report to your testing room for your demographics session Monday during 3rd hour. The ACT test begins on Tuesday. Please report to your testing room at 7:50am. No backpacks or cell phones will be allowed in the testing room.
- **SENIORS:** The Shelter Insurance and the Harry O Hamm scholarship applications are now available in Mrs. Nelson's office. It's time to start checking Mrs. Nelson's office weekly for new scholarship applications. Also, check the Facebook page! <http://bit.ly/3YuGX2Z>
- **If you missed the mandatory parent meeting but are interested in trying out for cheer or dance,** please contact Coach Berry (cheer...monika.berry@vbsd.us) or Coach McKenna (dance...taylor.mckenna@vbsd.us).
- **Attention juniors and sophomores:** Check your email to see if you received an invitation to join **National BETA Club**. Dues and forms are due to Mrs. Mohr-Robertson in S204 by February 27th. Read your email and letter for more information.
- **Mu Alpha Theta inductions** are coming up. Any student interested in joining Mu Alpha Theta can get an application from your math teacher. You have to be enrolled in Algebra 2 or higher and have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA in your math classes to be eligible.
- **Lost your Chromebook charger?** We do not provide replacements; however, you are welcome to buy one on Amazon or another vendor of your choosing. Just make sure it is a 45-watt USB-C type charger.

- **Hot and Ready Pizza** will be available from 2:30-3:30 for \$10 on home basketball game days.
- **Senior Parents:** Whether your student will go directly into the workforce after high school or go to college, it never hurts to improve their interview skills. Share this information with your senior about having a successful interview. <http://bit.ly/3GHvW6u>
- **Sophomore and Junior Parents:** It's almost time to start thinking about choosing classes for next school year. Check out this article: <https://u.org/3XL8Va3>
- For policies regarding things such as **dress code, student ID badges, and attendance**, please click the link to go to the 2022-23 Pointer Procedures posted on the high school website. <https://bit.ly/3LoW1Qo>
- **All Students:** If you leave or enter the building for any reason between the hours of 8:00 and 3:00 you must exit and enter through the door in the Commons by the front office.
- Follow us on social media! **Twitter:** @VanBurenHS @PointerUpdate @VBHS_Counseling @VBSDPointers

Facebook: Van Buren High School, VBSD,

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Friday, February 24

Wrestling in State Tournament @ Little Rock

EVENT - SENIOR NIGHT PEP RALLY

4:30pm Basketball vs. Russellville @ Home
(JVB/VG/VB) *SENIOR NIGHT*

5:00pm Soccer @ Clarksville (VG/VB)

5:00pm Softball Benefit Game @ Clarksville (V only)

Saturday, February 25

Happy Birthday, Lauren Shaffer!

Wrestling in State Tournament @ Little Rock

Sunday, February 26

Monday, February 27

EVENT - ACT DEMOGRAPHICS FOR JUNIORS

4:30pm Baseball vs. Gentry @ Home (V/JV)

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

Tuesday, February 28

Junior ACT Test

4:00pm Soccer @ Northside (JVB/VB/VG)

5:00pm Softball vs. Prairie Grove (V/JV)

Wednesday, March 1

Happy Birthday, Chris Bryant!

4:30pm Baseball vs. Alma @ Home (9/10 - DH)

Thursday, March 2

Basketball 5A State Tournament

UALR Lunchroom Visit

4:00pm Soccer vs. Springdale @ Home
(JVG/VG/VB)

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

Friday, March 3

Basketball 5A State Tournament

Soccer @ Greenwood Tournament (VG)

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4:00pm VB Running Festival

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Monday, February 27	ACT Demographics for Juniors
Tuesday, February 28	ACT for ALL Juniors
Tuesday/Thursday, March 14/16	Early Dismissal 2:00pm P/T Conferences

	3:30-6:30pm
March 20-24	Spring Break
Tuesday, March 28	Cap and Gown Pictures
Friday, April 7	No School
Saturday, April 15	ACT
Monday thru Wednesday April 17 thru 19	ACT Aspire for Sophomores
Thursday, April 20	Top 40 Banquet
Tuesday, April 25	Arkansas Scholars Celebration
Wednesday, April 26	Baccalaureate
Monday, May 1	AM - AP US Government and Politics Exam PM - AP Chemistry Exam PM - Spanish Lit CTE/PLTW/STEM Completer Ceremony
Tuesday, May 2	PM - AP Psychology Exam
Wednesday, May 3	AM - AP English Lit Exam PM - AP Computer Science Exam
Thursday, May 4	PM - AP Statistics
Friday, May 5	Senior Visits to Elementary Schools
Friday, May 5	AP Art Portfolios Due AM - AP US History Exam
Saturday, May 6	Prom
Monday, May 8	AM - AP Calculus Exam
Tuesday, May 9	AM - AP English Lit Exam
Tuesday, May 9	Scholarship Night
Wednesday, May 10	AM - AP Spanish Exam PM - AP Biology Exam
Thursday, May 11	AM - AP World History PM - AP Physics Exam
Friday, May 19	Graduation
Tuesday, May 30	Semester Exams - Periods 2, 4, 6, 8
Wednesday, May 31	Semester Exams - Periods 1, 3, 5, 7
Thursday, June 1	Make-up Semester Exams

UPCOMING PROJECTS/TESTS

TEACHER	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	MORE INFO
McLean	Principles of Engineering	Quiz on Trusses	Monday, Feb. 27	joe.mclean@vbsd.us

