

# POINTER UPDATE

March 10, 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](http://www.vbsd.us) > Schools > Van Buren High School
- **Congratulations to Mayle Soukhawan and Manhattan Ellison** for winning second place in their grade divisions in the Western Arkansas Regional art show.
- **Congratulations to Emberlin Caldwell** who tied the school softball record last week with pitching 14 strikeouts in one game. The previous records were set in 2008 by Kelsey Williams and in 2015 by Tori Stafford. ***She then surpassed the record*** against Rogers-Heritage with 17 strikeouts!
- **SENIORS:** The cap and gown photo shoot set for March 28 has been canceled. The caps and gowns are not due to arrive to VBHS until April 11. Please be listening for an announcement for the new photo date.
- **Sophomores and Juniors:** It's time to choose your classes for the 2023-2024 school year! Students received course selection sheets this week. All information regarding course selection can be found in the Counseling Google Classroom.
- If any sophomores or juniors would be **interested in the VBPD Youth Citizens Police Academy**, please see Ofc. Shepherd or Lt. Ho to pick up an application and get more information on the program.
- If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out our **annual parent involvement survey!** <https://forms.gle/Y7HWhUTm6qT6rVZa8>
- **Students are not to park in numbered spots, at the end of rows with yellow diagonal lines/road, or past the white signs at the administration building/annex.** Officers are going to begin ticketing this week.
- **MASH applications** are available in Mrs. Carlson's or Mrs. Albertson's room and are due to Mrs. Carlson in S108 by March 17th. Medical Applications of Science for Health, or M\*A\*S\*H, is a free, two-week summer enrichment camp that allows high school students to learn more about health career options.
- **Pointer Softball is hosting a camp for young girls!** The camp will be held on Saturday, April 8. 9-10am will be for 6U, and 10am-noon will be for 8U, 10U, and 12U. Forms will be available to fill out upon arrival; COST IS FREE!
- **Attention Seniors:** On April 27th, there will be a Career and Resource Fair at the Crawford County Adult Education Center. Seniors who are planning on going straight into the workforce or are looking for a summer job are encouraged to attend. There will be companies at the fair hoping to find their next employee which could be you! Van Buren's time to attend will be 10 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. If you would like to attend, please go by Mrs. Nelson's office to sign up.
- **Mark your calendars for parent/teacher conferences!** Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 16, 3:30-6:30pm. Just a reminder: Students will be released at 2:00pm each of these days.
- **SPRING BREAK** is coming up! School will be dismissed March 20-24 for the break.
- **Order your FCA merch** [HERE](#). Anyone can order. All proceeds will go towards providing camp scholarships, Fields of Faith, and other Van Buren FCA events. Deadline to order is Friday, March 17.
- **SENIORS:** Are you checking for scholarships 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>

- **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.
- **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,

Van Buren High School Counselors

### **Friday, March 10**

Deadline to Register for April ACT  
4:00pm Baseball @ Wister (V/JV)  
4:00pm Soccer @ Greenbrier (JVB/VB/VG)  
5:00pm Softball @ Bentonville-West (V/JV)

### **Saturday, March 11**

JROTC in Brookland Raider Competition  
Robotics in State Competition at ATU



### **Sunday, March 12**

### **Monday, March 13**

TSA Competition in Hot Springs  
3:00pm Deadline for Leadership Crawford  
County Scholarship..no exceptions  
7:00pm Soccer @ Gentry (JVB)

### **Tuesday, March 14**

Happy Birthday, Coach Vanhook!  
TSA Competition in Hot Springs  
2:00pm Early Dismissal  
3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences  
4:00pm Soccer vs. Greenwood @ Home  
(JVB/VB/VG)  
4:30pm Baseball @ Greenbrier (V-DH)  
5:00pm Softball @ Greenbrier (V-DH)

### **Wednesday, March 15**

Spring Blood Drive  
**EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME**  
**Sophomore College Project**  
5:00pm Baseball vs. Northside @ Home (9/10-DH)

### **Thursday, March 16**

2:00pm Early Dismissal  
3:00pm Track in Tiger Relays @ Bentonville  
3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences  
4:00pm Soccer @ Mountain Home (JVB/VB/VG)  
5:00pm Baseball vs. Bentonville-West (V/JV)  
5:00pm Softball @ Dardanelle (V/JV)

### **Friday, March 17**

Happy Birthday, Kaitlyn Cannedy!  
Happy Birthday, Brenda Morris!  
Dance Tryouts



## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

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| Tuesday/Thursday,<br>March 14/16          | Early Dismissal 2:00pm<br>P/T Conferences<br>3:30-6:30pm  |
| March 20-24                               | Spring Break  |
| Friday, April 7                           | No School   |
| Saturday, April 15                        | ACT   |
| Monday thru Wednesday<br>April 17 thru 19 | ACT Aspire for Sophomores   |
| Thursday, April 20                        | Top 40 Banquet  |
| Tuesday, April 25                         | Arkansas Scholars<br>Celebration  |
| Wednesday, April 26                       | Baccalaureate   |
| Monday, May 1                             | AM - AP US Government<br>and Politics Exam<br>PM - AP Chemistry Exam<br>PM - Spanish Lit<br>CTE/PLTW/STEM<br>Completer Ceremony |

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| Tuesday, May 2    | PM - AP Psychology Exam                                   |
| Wednesday, May 3  | AM - AP English Lit Exam<br>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<br>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<br>PM - AP Biology Exam              |
| Thursday, May 11  | AM - AP World History<br>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  |
|---------|------------|---|---|--|
| Carlson | AP Biology | Enzyme Lab<br>Photosynthesis Animation<br>Chromatography Online | Tues., March 14<br>Wed., March 15<br>Fri., March 17 | <a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a> |
| Carlson | HBS        | 2.2.2   | Wed., March 15                                      | <a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a> |
| Carlson | PBS        | 2.1 Quiz<br>Unit 2 Test   | Tues., March 14<br>Fri., March 17                   | <a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a> |

