

POINTER UPDATE

April 7, 2023

WE ARE **ONE**. WE ARE **FAMILY**. WE ARE **POINTERS**.

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
- **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7.**
- **Congratulations to Carter Myers and Kenzie Jones** who **placed 2nd** in the high school division of the AR Stem festival for their research and use of pig lungs to show how smoking affects the lungs. They won telescopes! **Congratulations also to Mrs. Albertson** who earned a Star STEM Teacher Award!
- **Congratulations to the following students who competed in the AFLTA State World Language Competition last weekend at UCA in Conway and won awards:**
 - *Miles Glendening* won 1st place for the German 2 Vocabulary Bee, Extemporaneous Speaking, AND Extemporaneous Reading events.
 - *Irelyn Holmes* won 1st place for Spanish 2 Poetry.
 - *Pablo Ramirez* won 1st place for Spanish for Heritage Speakers 2, Extemporaneous Speaking, AND Extemporaneous Reading.
 - *Natalie Mallqui* won 1st place for Spanish for Heritage Speakers 3 Extemporaneous Speaking.
 - *Eliana Lopez* won 2nd place for the Advanced Spanish Vocabulary Bee.
- **Congratulations to the Van Buren High School Winter Guard** for winning the Scholastic AA Rd-1 BRONZE MEDAL at last weekend's MCCGA CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP. This is our 1st year to compete in the larger Scholastic AA class so we are super pumped to achieve this award in our debut season!



VBHS
RECIPIENTS
2022-2023

Madelyn Castro
Ruben Corona
Brenda Cruz-Chavez
Nataly Fuentes
Lupe Martinez
Julio Martinez
Emanuel Monterroza
Hallie Rackley
Harlee Rodriguez
Alejandro Sanchez
Arlyn Torres



- **Seniors:** Cap and gowns will be delivered at school on Tuesday, April 11, 9-11am.
- **Sophomores:** The ACT Aspire will be given to all 10th grade students beginning April 18th.
- **EXTRA 2023 POINTER YEARBOOKS available for purchase!** Due to popular demand, additional 2023 Pointer Yearbooks were ordered and are now available for sale. You won't want to miss this year's book, It is the largest Pointer yearbook since 1969. Orders can be made online at yearbookforever.com or purchased in person in Room N103 at the high school. Cost is \$55.

Don't wait. We sold out of yearbooks the previous two years.

- **Seniors:** Please look for an email from Mrs. Hurst regarding elementary school visits. You must fill out the form if you plan on attending.
- **The Pointer Yearbook staff is trying to replace and rebuild the Van Buren High School yearbook archives.** We are currently working on the 1960s and are seeking books from the following years: 1962 - 1967. If you or anyone you know has yearbooks that they would like to donate back to the high school for archival and historical purposes, please you may drop them off at the school's front office, 2001 East Pointer Trail in Van Buren.
- **SENIORS:** Cap and gown photos have been rescheduled for Friday, April 14 beginning at 8:30am in the upper arena.
 - **Softball and soccer** have out-of-town games that day and will be given first priority for taking photos.
 - **Seniors who do not arrive on campus until after lunch** will need to make arrangements to come in the morning for photos. The photographers will only be staying until the line dies down since we had to cancel and reschedule.
- **PROM** will be on Saturday, May 6th. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, April 20 and will be \$15 each. Only current VBSD students will be allowed to attend. Students from other schools will not be allowed nor will former VBHS students. Virtual and ALE students are considered VBSD students. If you have questions, please contact karen.mohr-robertson@vbsd.us
- If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out our **annual parent involvement survey!** <https://forms.gle/Y7HWWhUTm6qT6rVZa8>
- **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.
- **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.
- **SENIORS:** The Rotary Club Scholarship is now available in Mrs. Nelson's office. Check Mrs. Nelson's office weekly for new scholarship applications. Also, check the Facebook page! <http://bit.ly/3YuGXzZ>
- **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, April 7

NO SCHOOL

Happy Birthday, Laura Rogers!
 Happy Birthday, Tyler Morris!
 5:00pm Softball vs. Springdale @ Home (V/JV)

Saturday, April 8

Pointer Softball Camp

Sunday, April 9



Monday, April 10

5:00pm Soccer vs. Clarksville @ Home (JV/VJB)

Tuesday, April 11

4:30pm Softball vs. Alma @ Home (V-DH)
 5:00pm Baseball vs. Alma @ Home (V-DH)

Wednesday, April 12

Happy Birthday, Jeannie Phillips!
EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME

Thursday, April 13

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 5:00pm Baseball vs. Gravette @ Home (V/JV)
 7:00pm Soccer vs. Gentry @ Home (JVB)

Friday, April 14

Happy Birthday, Dustin Chambers!
 Cap and Gown Pictures
 4:00pm Soccer vs. Greenbrier @ Home (JV/VB/VG)
 4:00pm Track Hosts Pointer Relays
 5:00pm Softball @ Vilonia (V/JV)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Friday, April 7	No School
Tuesday, April 11	Cap and Gown Delivery
Friday, April 14	Cap and Gown Photos
Saturday, April 15	ACT
Tuesday/Wednesday April 18 - 19	ACT Aspire for Sophomores
Thursday, April 20	Top 40 Banquet
Tuesday, April 25	Arkansas Scholars Celebration
Wednesday, April 26	Baccalaureate, 6:30pm in FAC
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
Tuesday, May 9	Senior Semester Exams 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th hours
Wednesday, May 10	AM - AP Spanish Exam PM - AP Biology Exam
Wednesday, May 10	Senior Semester Exams 1st, 5th, 7th hours
Wednesday, May 10	Seniors Last Day
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

