

POINTER UPDATE

April 14, 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
- Congratulations to *Senior Camelia Vela, Junior Tatum Swafford, and Sophomore Braylee Fields* on being named the **VBHS March Students of the Month!!**
- Yesterday all Van Buren Choirs went to Conway to compete in the **State Choir Championships**. Each choir scored a top rank of a Division 1 for their performance. This gives every Van Buren Choir a Sweepstakes award by receiving Division 1 ratings at every competition throughout the entire school year and qualifies them to be in the running for State Champion!
- **The ACT is tomorrow!!** Room assignments will be posted in the office window. You need to arrive by 7:45am. You will need to have your admission ticket, photo Id, and a calculator. The admission ticket cannot be used as the form of ID. The calculators will not be provided. Check a calculator out from a teacher or get one from a friend.
- **Sophomores:** The ACT Aspire will be given to all 10th grade students on Tuesday, April 18th and Wednesday, April 19th. Students are responsible for making sure their Chromebooks are charged both days.
- **Seniors:** Tickets will NOT be required for graduation this year.
- **Seniors, this is very important.** In order to be included in *scholarship night on May 9th*, the **deadline is Wednesday, April 19th to turn in senior information sheets or to tell Mrs. Nelson about scholarships** that you have received. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN INFORMATION SHEET, PLEASE GO BY HER OFFICE AND PICK ONE UP. Should you receive a scholarship after April 19th, you can still go by and tell her and she will make sure you are included on this special night.
- **Attention seniors:** Please check your emails for information about nominations for Prom King and Queen.
- **VBHS Yoga Club is back in action!** All are welcome to come and stretch, breathe, and meditate to get the mind, body, and soul ready for the day! The club is planning to meet every other Wednesday (except May 10) in the library from here on out. The next meeting is April 26! See you there!
- The Volleyball Team is sponsoring a **Peach Fuzz Boys Volleyball Tournament on April 22**. Finals will be played in front of the student body at a later date. All men who always wanted to play volleyball, this is your chance. See one of the volleyball girls for information. **Deadline to sign up is April 19th**. Cost is \$15 (shirt included). After the deadline you will be drafted by a volleyball player, and they will train you for the tournament.
- **The Van Buren High School Theater will present *Freaky Friday*** on Monday, April 24 during 2nd/3rd hours. Cost is \$2 to attend and is payable to your 2nd hour teacher on the day of the production. This a student directed play.
- **Seniors:** Baccalaureate service will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30pm in the FAC. Be sure to wear your gowns! This is a student-led church service meant to be an encouragement to graduating seniors. Your friends and family are invited to attend.

- **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.
- **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.
- **PROM** will be on Saturday, May 6th. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, April 20 and will be \$15 each. **Only current VBSD students in grades 10-12** 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
- **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.
- **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:** Check 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.
- 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 14

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

Saturday, April 15

ACT

Sunday, April 16**Monday, April 17**

4:30pm Baseball @ Alma (9/10 DH)

Tuesday, April 18

Happy Birthday, Joan Porter!
 ACT Aspire for Sophomores
 JROTC Annual Awards Day
 4:00pm Soccer @ Greenwood (JVG/VG/VB)
 4:30pm Baseball @ Harrison (V-DH)
 4:30pm Softball @ Harrison (V-DH)

Wednesday, April 19

ACT Aspire for Sophomores

Thursday, April 20

Happy Birthday, Coach Petree!
 4:00pm Track in McDonald's Relays @ Southside
 5:00pm Baseball @ Northside (9/10 DH)
 6:30pm Top 40 Banquet

Friday, April 21

Softball JV Tournament @ Rogers
 4:00pm Soccer vs. Mountain Home @ Home
 (JVG/VG/VB)
 5:00pm Baseball @ Northside (V/JV)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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| 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 |

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| 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 |
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