

POINTER UPDATE

August 18, 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
- The annual **Community Wide Pep Rally** will be held this Friday night beginning at 7:00 at Blakemore Field. Come support your football team, band, cheer and dance groups as well as youth league teams as they all begin this school year and fall sports season.
- There will be a **volleyball showcase** of the volleyball teams this year at the VBHS Arena on August 19th.
 - 9:00 Northridge 7th
 - 9:45 Northridge 8th
 - 10:30 Butterfield 7th
 - 11:15 Butterfield 8th
 - 12:00 Academy
 - 12:45 High School 1st game
 - 1:30 High School 2nd game

Next week is Battle of the Bone Spirit Week! Be looking for posters around the building for daily themes as we get fired up for the Alma game! Themes are as follows:

- **'Merica Monday** - wear red, white and blue / patriotic attire
- **Team Tuesday** - wear your favorite team t-shirt or jersey
- **Which Side? Wednesday** - Wear your best western or preppy gear (Country vs Country Club)
- **Blackout Thursday** - dress in all black for the pep rally and game
- Would you like to receive the **Pointer Update in Spanish**? Join the Spanish Pointer Update Remind! Text @spanishpu to 81010 on your phone.
- **FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)** will kick off the school year this Thursday, Aug 24th before school. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Are you the parent of a member of the Class of 2024?** Get a headstart on all the senior things by ordering a senior ad for the yearbook! <https://forms.gle/QWmtGZV7T9fHav6ZA>
- **If your student is 16 and have not had their meningitis booster vaccine**, they must get it in order to remain in school. You may email our nurse your complete immunization record or email her with any questions. Tara.dorrrough@vbsd.us
- All students who will be driving to campus must have a parking tag to hang from the rear view mirror of their vehicle. Fill out the **parking permit** form [HERE](#). After you have filled out the form, take \$5 to the front office to receive your tag. You can also pay online at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/p/PV027-28>
- Don't forget to fill out the free/reduced lunch form [HERE](#)!
- Have you filled out the **first-of-year forms** online? It is vital that we have updated information each year, and the online format makes it so easy! The forms have been delivered via email to whomever is listed as Guardian 1. Please look for this email from ReadySign. If you haven't seen it, be sure to check your spam or junk mail folder..

- **Parents:** Read this short article about making the transition from summer time to school. <https://acendahealth.org/transitioning-from-summer-to-school-helpful-tips-for-parents/>
- **Parents:** Teachers recently attended a training on human trafficking. Learn how to protect your child from becoming a victim: <https://www.parentsagainstchildtrafficking.org/>
- 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/440FOBY>
- **All Students:** If you leave or enter the building for any reason between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm 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, August 18

7:00pm Community Pep Rally at Blakemore Field

Saturday, August 19

Sunday, August 20

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Hurst!
Happy Birthday, Coach Ruff!

Monday, August 21

3:30pm Tennis vs. Northside @ Home
4:00pm Volleyball vs. Bentonville-West @ Home (JV/V)

Tuesday, August 22

4:00pm Tennis vs. Mountain Home/Russellville @ Russellville
4:30pm Volleyball vs. Southside @ Home (JV/V)

Wednesday, August 23

Happy Birthday, Ms. Hill!
Happy Birthday, Mrs. Holman!

Thursday, August 24

EVENT - REN RALLY
5:00pm Volleyball @ Hackett (JV/V)
7:30pm BATTLE OF THE BONE vs. Alma @ Home

Friday, August 25

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Thursday, August 24	BOTB Pep Rally
Thursday, August 31	School Pictures (10/11)
Friday, September 8	Senior School Pictures
Friday, September 1	Band Court Pep Rally
Monday, September 4	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Saturday, September 9	ACT
Thursday, September 21	10:30am/5:30pm Annual Title I Meeting w/ Parent Involvement Meeting to follow in the AM
Friday, September 22	Regular Registration Deadline for October ACT
Friday, October 6	Homecoming Pep Rally
Wednesday, October 11	PSAT
Tuesday, October 17	Early Dismissal 2:00pm

Tuesday, October 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday, October 19	Early Dismissal 2:00pm
Thursday, October 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30pm
Friday, October 20	NO SCHOOL
Saturday, October 28	ACT
Friday, November 3	Senior Night Pep Rally
Friday, November 3	Regular Registration Deadline for December ACT
Wednesday, November 8	WorkKeys Test for Juniors
Thursday, November 16	Parent Involvement Meeting at 1:30 in Library
Monday, November 20 thru Friday, November 24	Thanksgiving Break
Saturday, December 9	ACT
Monday, December 18	Semester Exams, Even Hours
Tuesday, December 19	Semester Exams, Odd Hours
Wednesday, December 20	Make-up Semester Exams
Thursday, December 21 thru Friday, January 5	Semester Break

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

TEACHER	COURSE	SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Allen	All Courses	Composition Notebook, Writing Utensils
Berry	Geometry	1", 3-ring binder with dividers
Blakney	All Courses	3-ring binder with pockets, paper, and pencils
Carlson	AP Biology	2" binder, paper, composition notebook, 10 tab dividers. <i>Suggested:</i> colored pencils, highlighters, and earbuds.
Carlson	HBS	5 tab dividers, 2" binder, paper. <i>Suggested:</i> colored pencils, highlighters, and earbuds.
Carlson	PBS	5 tab dividers, 2" binder, paper. <i>Suggested:</i> colored pencils, highlighters, and earbuds.
Fudge	All Courses	Notebook or binder with paper, pencils
Hammond	AP Chemistry Honors Chemistry	3 ring binder (1-1.5 inch) with pockets, Loose leaf notebook paper, Blue/Black ink pen, Pencils
K. Reeves	Biology Integrated and Honors Biology	Bound composition book, Paper (loose leaf or spiral notebook), Pocket Folder for Loose papers, Pencil or pen (blue or black ink), Colored Pencils, Clear Tape or

		glue sticks Other supplies may be needed throughout the year for special projects.
Lehman	Algebra 2	1" binder, pencils, folder
Piedra	All Courses	3" binder, loose-leaf paper, pencil, highlighters, colored pencils or markers
Salyer	Concurrent Algebra/Trig	Paper, Pencils, 2 inch or 3 inch binders TI 84 Calculator (optional)
Shaffer	All Courses	Composition Notebook and Pencils
Trent	AP European History and AP World History	1.5" binders (2...one for fall and one for spring), 8 tab dividers, pencils and pens, colored pencils Earbuds (recommended)
Trent	Honors World History	1.5" binder, 5 tab dividers, pencils and pens, colored pencils Earbuds (recommended)

