

POINTER UPDATE

September 8, 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 the 2023 Band Court King and Queen, Gavin Moore and Cadince Daniels.**
- **Congratulations to the new 23-24 VBHS Sophomore Student Senate members:** *Hailey Henriquez, Rilya Inthavong, Derek Kelley, Aubrie McGhee, Brodie Myers, Brady Perkins, Brynna Pruitt, and Austin Riggs.*
- **Students that are issued a temporary ID badge** are automatically placed in morning detention the following morning. If you are issued a temporary badge, you are expected to be in morning detention the next morning at 7:30am in room N106. You will be emailed any information you might need.
- **Sophomores:** Are you interested in running for class officer? You can pick up a petition from Mrs. Trent in N101. All petitions are due by September 15 at 3:00 PM.
- **Seniors,** please take a couple of minutes and fill out the careers survey that was recently emailed to you. We need this information as we schedule you to meet with employers, industry experts, colleges, etc.
- **Students who are interested in joining the FBLA:** FBLA will have their first meeting on Wednesday **September 13th at 7:30AM** in S210. For more information, students can reach out to Senior Gabby Russell or Mrs. Howard.
- **VBHS eSports is still looking for players.** If you're interested in joining us, email Coach Barker at karla.barker@vbsd.us
- **Any student interested in joining VBHS History Club** should pick up a form from Mrs. Dean in S103 or Mr. Turman in N105. Membership will be open for 2 weeks starting Tuesday, September 5th and ending on Friday, September 22nd. Annual dues are \$10, and optional t-shirts are \$15.
- Attention Students: **Each student is required to wear THIS YEAR'S student ID while on campus.** The ID must be visible at all times, either on a lanyard or clipped to the student's clothing. Students are not allowed to clip an ID on their backpack.
- Any of our **student athletes that need sporting equipment stored** (including golf clubs/bags, tennis rackets, baseball/softball gear, skateboards) have 2 options: Option # 1: Make arrangements with one of your coaches in the building and store in their classroom if that is feasible. Option #2: You may store your gear in the arena office of Coach Woods. This office is in the Northeast Corner of the Arena. There is camera coverage and a door that closes.
- **The Cultures in Action (CIA) Club** explores world cultures through guest speakers, fine arts, movie nights, food, experiences, games, and festivals and performs community service to educate and promote global citizenship and goodwill. If interested, join the Google Classroom (code: i7khgmy) and complete the Membership Form there! Also, join our Remind by texting @vbhscia to 81010! There are **NO DUES**, and the club is open to **EVERYONE!** See Mrs. Blakney (jennifer.blakney@vbsd.us) for questions. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 11 at 3:30 P.M. in Mrs. Blakney's room T4. [Click here to see a video about CIA](#)

- **Any student interested in joining Young Democrats of America** needs to come see Mrs. Mohr in S204 for the Google Classroom code.
- **Any student interested in joining Teenage Republicans** can see Mr. Turman in N105 or email him for the google classroom code.
- Students, **if you drive to school, you are required to purchase a parking permit.** Parking permits are \$5 and can be purchased in the main office. **All drivers must have their parking permits purchased by Friday, September 1st.** 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>
- **Sophomores and Juniors interested in taking the PSAT** should see Mrs. Duvall to sign up. The cost is \$18, and the registration deadline is September 15th.
- If any student would like to **join Art Club**, they can join the google classroom with the following code: wxuxxen or email kara.holland@vbsd.us for any questions.
- If any student would like to **join GSA**, they can join the google classroom with the following code: fumjcie or email kara.holland@vbsd.us for any questions.
- Would you like to receive the **Pointer Update in Spanish**? Join the Spanish Pointer Update Remind! Text @spanishpu to 81010 on your phone.
- **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.dorough@vbsd.us
- 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, September 8

Saturday, September 9

ACT
Volleyball Tournament @ Little Rock
8:00am Cross Country @ Elkins Invitational

Sunday, September 10

Monday, September 11

Happy Birthday, Ms. Allison Hill!
Happy Birthday, Ms. Nicodemus!
7:00pm JV Football @ Poteau

Tuesday, September 12

Happy Birthday, Ms. Rodriguez!
EVENT - REN TUESDAY
3:30pm Golf @ Bella Vista
4:00pm Tennis vs. Mountain Home/Russellville @
Russellville
4:30pm Volleyball vs. Mountain Home @ Home

Wednesday, September 13

3:30pm Golf @ Bella Vista

Thursday, September 14

Happy Birthday, Ms. Paula Moore!
4:00pm Tennis vs. Greenwood @ Home
4:30pm Volleyball @ Alma (JV/V)

Friday, September 15

7:00pm Football @ Greenbrier

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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
Thursday, October 26	VBHS Fall Festival
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	Thanksgiving Break

Friday, November 24	
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	ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE	QUESTIONS?

