

# POINTER UPDATE

September 22, 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](http://www.vbsd.us) > Schools > Van Buren High School
- **Congratulations to the Cross Country teams** on their success last weekend in Siloam Springs. The boys' team placed 2nd overall, and the girls' team placed 3rd.
- **Congratulations also to our JROTC teams** who competed last weekend. Male Color Guard, commanded by cadet captain Lucian Tracy won 3rd place, and the Female Color Guard, commanded by cadet captain Erin Jones, won 1st place.
- **Congratulations to the following golf team members** for their success in the 5A West Conference tournament: Allison Snow - State qualifier; Caroline Teague - Medalist Runner Up and State Qualifier; and JD Frederickson - Medalist and State Qualifier.
- **Reminder about ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:**
  - **A written note or an email must be given to one of the secretaries in the office within 5 school days for an absence to be excused by parent permission (no doctor's note).** [christie.murders@vbsd.us](mailto:christie.murders@vbsd.us)
  - **Any student who misses over 10 minutes of any class will be counted absent for that class.**
  - **Students who accumulate more than 10 unexcused absences in an individual class during the semester may be denied course credit. Students will be allowed 6 excused absences (without doctor's note); any absences after the 6 excused absence days will be counted as unexcused.**

### Football Homecoming Spirit Week 2023 Is Coming - "An Original Netflix Series"

**START PLANNING NOW!!! (\*school dress code policy still applies\*)**

- Monday, October 2 - Stranger Things (Retro/Any Decade Attire)
- Tuesday, October 3 - Outer Banks (Tropical/Surfer vs Prep Attire)
- Wednesday, October 4 - Barbie/Clueless (Pink Out)
- Thursday, October 5 - Parks and Recreation vs The Office (Athletic or Office Attire)
- Friday, October 6 - Friday Night Lights (Pep Rally/Game Day - Grade-level Color Wars: Green, Black, White)
- **Seniors:** It's never too early to start checking the **VBHS Scholarship Page!** Check out "Van Buren High School Scholarships" on Facebook.
- **Check your email** for information about this year's VBHS Reading Challenge.
- **The Van Buren Football Booster Club is selling homecoming t-shirts!** Shirts can be purchased online through Saturday, September 30th. Pick-up will be on Thursday, October 5th from 5:30-7:00pm at the main entrance of the high school just in time for the homecoming festivities on October 6th. The link to purchase: <https://square.link/u/n1YDLHkL>
- **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.

- 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.
- 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.dorrrough@vbsd.us](mailto:Tara.dorrrough@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:** 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 22**

Happy Birthday, Coach Perez!  
 Regular Registration Deadline for October ACT  
 7:00pm Football vs. Greenwood @ Home

**Saturday, September 23**

Volleyball Tournament @ Lakeside

**Sunday, September 24****Monday, September 25**

7:00pm JV Football @ Siloam Springs

**Tuesday, September 26**

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

**Wednesday, September 27**

**EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME**

**Thursday, September 28**

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4:30pm Volleyball @ Greenbrier (JV/V)

**Friday, September 29**

7:00pm Football @ Lake Hamilton

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

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 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	ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE	QUESTIONS?
Carlson	AP Biology	Carbohydrate worksheet Carbohydrate quiz	Tues., Sept. 26 Fri., Sept. 29	<a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a>
Carlson	HBS	1.1.6 Sheets	Wed., Sept. 27	<a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a>
Carlson	PBS	1.1.3 Evidence Testing Data Virtual Blood Typing	Wed., Sept. 27 Fri., Sept. 29	<a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a>

