

POINTER UPDATE

September 29, 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 following sophomores who have been selected as class officers:**
 - *President: Brady Perkins*
 - *Vice President: Rilya Inthavong*
 - *Secretary: Austin Riggs*
 - *Treasurer: Koda Swink*
- **Congratulations to Allison Snow who earned All-State Honors at the 5A Girls State Golf Tournament this week.**
- **School picture proofs** for sophomores and juniors have been distributed. Deadline to order is October 4th. If students have lost the proofs, they are also available online at heritageportraits.net. The unique password is the student's school ID number.
- **AP Students** - Fees for this year's AP exams are \$10 and are due by October 19. Even if you plan to take more than one AP exam this year, you pay only one \$10 fee. Scan the QR code for payment. If you plan to take the exam, but circumstances prevent you from paying the fee, please see Mrs. Hefner in room S206.



- **ATTN: Current Seniors and Juniors with a 3.75 or higher state GPA** , please check your school e-mail for an invitation to apply for National Honor Society membership. *Deadline to apply is October 15, 2023.* If you did not receive an e-mail and believe you should have, please contact Mrs. C. Bailey or Mrs. S. Dunn.
- **Attention current BETA Club members**, we will have our monthly meeting in the library before school on Wednesday, October 4th. Please be there by 7:40 am.
- **The first History Club meeting** will be this Wednesday, September 27th in S-103. Members have two meeting options: 7:35 or 3:05. All members should plan to attend one of those times. If you are unable to attend, please come by S103 so you can stay informed.
- **Any student interested in joining TSA (Technology Student Association)** can click on the following link to find out more about it and all the different categories you can compete in... including Board Game Design, Biotechnology Design, Fashion Design, Photography, Audio Podcasting, Music Production, Problem Solving, and many more! <https://bit.ly/3PzMFgQ>

If any of those competitions interest you, use class code m4sn5kz to add yourself to the TSA Google Classroom, and join us at our kickoff meeting this Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:30 a.m. in Room S127.

Participating in TSA is one of the best ways to compete (either individually or with a team), have fun, and add meaningful experiences to your resume or scholarship applications... hope to see you there!

- **October 1st is the deadline to fill out the free/reduced lunch form online.** Please fill this out to see if your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch prices as well as other benefits such as free ACT exams. Families have to re-apply each year even if they qualified for these benefits last year.
<https://ss.ly/zW2LxM>
- **The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)** is pleased to announce that the state departments of education nationwide have begun the selection processes for the 62nd annual **Washington Week to be held March 2-9, 2024**. During the comprehensive education, leadership, and public service learning experience, 104 student delegates will be chosen to meet their U.S. senators and other government officials, and each delegate will receive a **\$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship**. Students must attend the entire Washington Week program to receive the financial scholarship. APPLICATIONS must be clearly POSTMARKED no later than October 20, 2023. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/48mY3Fl>
- **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
 - **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 Next Week - "An Original Netflix Series"

(*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.
- **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
- **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 29

7:00pm Football @ Lake Hamilton

Saturday, September 30

Happy Birthday, Mr. Ross!

9:00am Cross Country Chili Pepper Festival in Fayetteville

Sunday, October 1

Monday, October 2

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Murders!

HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK -

Stranger Things (Retro/Any Decade Attire)

Boys State Golf @ Eagle Crest

Tennis 5A West Conference @ Arkansas Tech

7:00pm JV Football @ Shiloh Christian

Tuesday, October 3

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Outer Banks (Tropical/Surfer vs Prep Attire)

Tennis 5A West Conference @ Arkansas Tech

4:30pm Volleyball vs. Greenwood @ Home (JV/V)

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Barbie/Clueless (Pink Out)

EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME

Thursday, October 5

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Parks and Recreation vs The Office (Athletic or Office Attire)

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4:30pm Volleyball @ Mountain Home (JV/V)

Friday, October 6

Happy Birthday, Coach Williams!

EVENT - HOMECOMING PEP RALLY

Grade-level Color Wars: Green, Black, White

6:30pm Homecoming Festivities at Blakemore

7:00pm Football vs. Russellville @ Home

HOMECOMING

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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
Tuesday, October 24	Picture Retakes
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?

