

POINTER UPDATE

October 13, 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 Hailey Allen for being selected as the 2023 Football Homecoming Queen!**
- **Congratulations to our September Students of the Month:** *Senior - Nataly Downey; Junior - Zoey Dalmut; and Sophomore - Zoey Nolan.*
- **Congratulations to our September Teacher of the Month, Mr. Kevin Porter!**
- **Congratulations to the Men's Tennis Team** on finishing their season as the 5A State Runner-Up.
- **Congratulations to the Pointer Prancers** who attended their first competition of the season last Saturday at Alma! They placed 4th in jazz, 2nd in pom and 1st in kick!
- **Congratulations to our Choir Program!** Last Saturday choir students traveled to Springdale to compete for a spot in the Region 5 All-Region Choir. They competed against 700 other students where **Van Buren had a record number of 40 students make the All-Region Choir with 20 of them being All-State Eligible.**
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held on October 17 and 19 from 3:30-6:30pm. Students will be dismissed at 2:00pm on both days. This is a chance to check how your student is doing in class, behaviorally and academically. Email conferences are a great option if you can not attend conferences on-site. Teacher email addresses can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Q1cQyr>
- **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Graduation has been scheduled for Friday, May 17 at 7:30pm at Blakemore Field. If the weather is bad that evening, the ceremony will be pushed to Saturday with the time to be determined. The ceremony will continue to be pushed to the following day until weather permits. Please do not schedule any trips around this time to ensure you will be able to attend this important event.
- **October 19th is the last day to make a level course change** from an AP to Honors or Honors to Regular course. No other schedule changes will be made after October 19th until second semester.
- **We have distributed every proof that we received from our sophomore, junior, and senior photo day.** If you have any students that *did not* receive a proof, they need to get in contact with Heritage (details listed below). You can also look at your virtual proofs online at heritageportraits.net. The password for the photos is your student's school ID number.
Just a reminder that we will take retakes/make-ups on Tuesday, October 24 from 9:00AM - 11:10AM (second hour to fourth hour). This is the last chance for all students (sophomores, juniors, seniors, HUB, RVVA, etc.) to get their picture taken here at the school. If students cannot make this time slot, they can contact Heritage to schedule portraits on their own time.
Heritage contact:
402 Webster St. Van Buren, AR 72956
(479)-471-9294
Open Monday - Friday 10AM to 5PM.
- **FCA Fields of Faith** is Wednesday, Oct 18th at the Van Buren Citizens Bank Stadium at Blakemore Field. This event will start at 7:00pm, but the gates will open at 6:30pm. This event is free, and everyone is welcome.

- **Parents**, do you have or work for a business that would be interested in running an ad in the 2024 yearbook? Submit your information here: <https://forms.gle/VpHfXnRGULzNBnVT6>
- **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.



- **Purchase your yearbook today!**

Where: <https://bit.ly/3LFCRjV>

For senior ads: <https://forms.gle/wtHSnWPf5t4fGNPo8>

For business ads: <https://forms.gle/W1F8VHqTM4AETaFQ6>

Deadline: January 26, 2024

- **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.
- **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.**
- **Seniors:** It's never too early to start checking the **VBHS Scholarship Page!** Check out "Van Buren High School Scholarships" on Facebook.
- **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.dorrough@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, October 13

7:00pm Football @ Pulaski Academy

Saturday, October 14

Band Competition in Branson

Prancer Competition in Jonesboro

9:00am Cross Country Hosts the Pointer Classic

Sunday, October 15

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

2:00pm Early Dismissal

3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences

Band in Regional Marching Championship @ Northside

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

Wednesday, October 18

7:30am NHS Meeting in Library (Current Members)

EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME

7:00pm Fields of Faith @ Blakemore Field

Sponsored by FCA

Thursday, October 19

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Honeyman!

2:00pm Early Dismissal

3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

Friday, October 20

NO SCHOOL

7:00pm Football vs. LR Christian @ Home

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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?
Carlson	AP Biology	Organic Chemistry	Tues., Oct. 24	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	HBS	Lab Notebook Grade 1.1	Thurs., Oct. 19	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	PBS	1.1.4 Blood Splatter Lab	Tues., Oct. 24	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us

