

POINTER UPDATE

October 20, 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 VBHS Marching Band!** Last weekend they competed against 20 teams from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas and were crowned the overall Grand Champions at the Branson Invitational Marching Championship in Branson, Missouri.
- **Congratulations to the Prancers** who competed in Jonesboro last weekend in the 6A division! *McKenna Evans* won 1st in 10th grade solos and hip hop tricks. *Paige Gregory* won 1st in the leap competition. The team placed 2nd in kick and jazz and 3rd in Pom!
- **Mark your calendars!** Student Senate will sponsor a **Winter Dance** on December 9 from 8-10pm. Tickets will go on sale soon.
- **Don't forget, picture retakes are on Tuesday, October 24** starting in second hour. Sophomores to Seniors will be called out alphabetically. We will try to get these done by the end of fourth hour. Seniors: boys must wear a white button down with a black tie. Girls need to wear something that can be easily pulled to the side for the drapes.
Heritage contact:
402 Webster St. Van Buren, AR 72956
(479)-471-9294
Open Monday - Friday 10AM to 5PM.
If a student misses this day, they need to contact Heritage directly to make up their portraits.
- **SENIORS:** The following link will take you to the Josten's website where you can order and pay NOW for your cap, gown, and tassel. This is the minimum you need for graduation!
<https://bit.ly/48WCri9>
If you need to order now and pay LATER, go to the counseling office or front office to scan the QR code. *Please have your cap, gown, and tassel ordered by October 20th.*
- Our **VBHS flu shot clinic** will be held on Thursday, November 2 starting at 8:15am in the arena. Flu shot permission packets may be picked up from the office and must be **completely** filled out by a parent/guardian and handed in to Nurse Tara by November 1st in order for your student to receive a flu shot. Parents are welcome to get a flu shot as well, forms will be available for you on the day of the clinic.
- **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.
- **We have distributed every proof that we received from our sophomore, junior, and senior photo day.** If you have a student who *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.
- **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>

- **Purchase your yearbook today!**

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

For senior ads: <https://forms.gle/wtHSnWPf5t4fGNP08>

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

Deadline: January 26, 2024

- **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.**

- **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 has not had his or her 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
- **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 20**NO SCHOOL**

7:00pm Football vs. LR Christian @ Home

Saturday, October 21

Happy Birthday, Lauren Dunn!

Band Competition in Siloam Springs

Prancer Competition in Bentonville

Sunday, October 22**Monday, October 23****Tuesday, October 24**

School Picture Retakes

3:30pm Quiz Bowl vs. Northside in VBHS
Library**Wednesday, October 25****EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME****Thursday, October 26****EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME**4:00pm Cross County 5A Conference Meet @
Siloam Springs

5:30-7:00pm VBHS Fall Festival in VBHS Commons

Friday, October 27

7:00pm Football @ Mountain Home

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Friday, October 20	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 24	Picture Retakes
Thursday, October 26	VBHS Fall Festival
Saturday, October 28	ACT
Thursday, November 2	VBHS Flu Shot Clinic
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 Winter Dance 8-10pm
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
Friday, January 5	Teachers Return for Classroom Prep
Monday, January 8	Students Return to School
Monday, January 15	No School for Students Professional Development for Teachers
Monday, February 19	No School for Students

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Tuesday, February 27	ACT for Juniors
Tuesday, March 12 Thursday, March 14	2:00pm Early Dismissal 3:30-6:30pm P/T Conferences
Friday, March 15 thru Friday, March 22	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Friday, March 29	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, April 30 thru Thursday, May 2	ATLAS test for Sophomores
Monday, May 6 Tuesday, May 7	Senior Semester Exams
Friday, May 17	VBHS Graduation
Monday, May 27	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 28 Wednesday, May 29	Semester Exams
Thursday, May 30	Last Day of School for Students/Make-up Semester Exams
Friday, May 31	Last Day of School for Teachers

UPCOMING TESTS/PROJECTS

TEACHER	COURSE	ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE	QUESTIONS?
Carlson	AP Biology	Organic Chemistry Test DNA History Internet WS	Tues., Oct. 24 Fri., Oct. 28	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	HBS	Caleb Patient Sheet	Tues., Oct. 24	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	PBS	1.1.4 Blood Splatter Lab 1.1.5 DNA Quiz	Tues., Oct. 24 Wed., Oct. 25	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us

