

# POINTER UPDATE

November 17, 2023

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## 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 our Teacher of the Month for October, Mrs. Meghan Howard!**
- **Congratulations to our Students of the Month for October:** *Sophomore - Rhyan Yancey, Junior - Melvin Jones, and Senior - Lizzette Gonzalez.*
- The **Pointer Prancers** performed in the 5A state championship last weekend. The team placed 3rd overall and received the prestigious choreography award for their pom routine! **Congratulations!!!**
- **Congratulations to the following VBHS eSports teams** who have made the state playoffs: Koopaws Cheese; Dlc, Rng, & Carried; and Splatghetti. **Congratulations also to Cris Tejada** for making the playoffs in Madden and being ranked the *#1 Madden player in Arkansas.*
- There will be **NO SCHOOL** Monday, November 20 thru Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving break.
- The **Pointer Football Team** will travel to Little Rock Christian for the second round of football state playoffs on Friday, November 17. Tickets must be purchased online at <https://bit.ly/3MJUIMR>
- **The Student Senate is sponsoring a winter dance on December 9th.** The theme is a western Sadie Hawkins dance. Dress as casual or semi-casual as you choose. Cost per ticket is \$10. More information and a QR code for tickets can be found around the school and on social media.
- **Each junior will take the State ACT next spring. If a student receives an accommodation through 504, IEP, or ELL,** please refer to the Junior Google Classroom and complete the attached form. Return the form to Mrs. McGhee in the counseling office **ASAP**. This form gives us permission to upload all required documentation to the ACT. ***Even if you have already taken a national ACT test and received accommodations, we are still required to have this signed form.*** We cannot request accommodations through ACT without this signed form. We will not be able to accept forms returned after December 1st!
- On *Friday, November 17 from 6-8 PM*, there will be a **UAFS Culture Festival** at the UAFS Recreation and Wellness Center. This event is free to the public. There will be live entertainment, educational booths, international snacks, games and activities, a flag parade, and a fashion show. The VBHS CIA Club will be participating.
- **SENIORS: It's not too late!** 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/48WCrij>  
If you need to order now and pay LATER, go to the counseling office or front office to scan the QR code.
- **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.
- **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>

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](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.**

- **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.dorrough@vbsd.us](mailto: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, November 17**

Happy Birthday, Kara Holland!

5:00pm Girls Basketball vs. Maumelle @ Home  
(JV/V)

7:00pm Football @ Little Rock Christian

**Saturday, November 18**

Cheer in UCA Regional @ Lewisville, TX

Wrestling in JV Tournament @ HarBer

**Sunday, November 19****Monday, November 20**

Happy Birthday, Ms. Carney!

**NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**4:00pm Basketball vs. Southside @ Home  
(JVG/JVB/VG/VB)**Tuesday, November 21****NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Boys Basketball @ HarBer Tournament

**Wednesday, November 22****NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK****Thursday, November 23****NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK****Friday, November 24****NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Happy Birthday, Mr. Turman!

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Monday, November 20 thru Friday, November 24	NO SCHOOL 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	Last Day for ACT Regular Registration
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
Saturday, February 10	ACT
Monday, February 19	No School for Students Professional Development for Teachers
Tuesday, February 27	ACT for Juniors
Friday, March 8	Last Day for ACT Regular Registration
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
Saturday, April 17	ACT
Tuesday, April 30 thru Thursday, May 2	ATLAS test for Sophomores
Friday, May 3	Last Day for ACT Regular Registration
Saturday, May 4	Prom
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
Saturday, June 8	ACT

## UPCOMING TESTS/PROJECTS

TEACHER	COURSE	ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE	QUESTIONS?
Carlson	AP Biology	Mitosis/Cell Cycle Test Cell Membrane Model Quiz AP Semester Final	Fri., Dec. 1 Tues., Dec. 12 Dec. 14, 15, & 18	<a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a>
Carlson	HBS	1.3.1 Presentation (Test Grade)	Tues., Nov. 28	<a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a>
Carlson	PBS	1.2.1	Tues., Nov. 28	<a href="mailto:rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us">rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us</a>

