

POINTER UPDATE

December 8, 2023



WE ARE **ONE**. WE ARE **FAMILY**. WE ARE **POINTERS**.

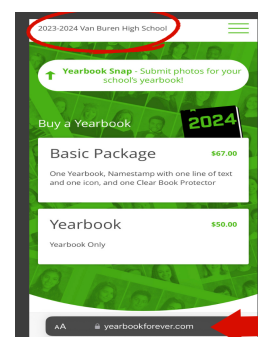
Important News:

- **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 eSports teams Tejada, Splatghetti, and Koopaws** for advancing to the semifinals in the regional and state playoffs.
- **The ACT is tomorrow!** Room assignments are posted in the office window. You need to arrive by 7:45 that morning. You will need to have your admission ticket, photo ID and a calculator. The admission ticket cannot be used as the form of ID. The calculators will not be provided. Check a calculator out from a teacher or get one from a friend.
- **National Honor Society inductions** will be held Friday, December 15, 2023 in the VBFAC at 9:30 am.
- **Seniors:** Please complete the "What's Your Path?" Google Form. The link can be found in your email from Mrs. Lincoln.
- **Seniors:** Mrs. Nelson has recently posted new scholarship opportunities to the VBHS Scholarship Facebook page. She also sent them to your email. Be sure to check them out!
- Are you brave enough to jump in a cold pool during the winter?! **Join Unified Club as they do the Polar Plunge and raise funds for Special Olympics Arkansas.** Stop by Ms. Cannedy's (room S107) or Dr. Lehman's (S218) room for an information packet. All participants who raise \$50 get a free T-shirt.
- **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 THROUGH FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 FOR WINTER BREAK.**
- If you need to **request a schedule change for the second semester**, please see your email from Mrs. McGhee. *Schedule change requests will close on December 8th.*
- **VBHS Winter Spirit Week** will be **NEXT WEEK**, December 11-15. See the graphic below for details.
- **Attention students and staff: The Pointer Cafe is now open!** Hours are 7:30-10:40 am and then 1:10-3:00 pm but closed during both lunches! We are not serving coffee at the moment but we have grab and go, hot coco and Italian sodas!
- **Anyone interested in FBLA it is not too late to join.** If you are interested in the spring conference and competing, please email President Gabby Russell or Mrs. Howard.
- **Student Senate is sponsoring a winter dance. The date has been changed to January 20.** 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!

- **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/48WCri9>
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/3LFCRiV>
For senior ads: <https://forms.gle/wtHSnWPf5t4fGNPo8>
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.dorrough@vbsd.us
- 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



HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK YET?

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: **JANUARY 26, 2024**

WHERE TO BUY

Friday, December 8

Girls Basketball in Tournament of Champs
Wrestling in Bentonville-West Tournament
5:00pm Boys Basketball @ Subiaco (JV/V)

Saturday, December 9

ACT
Cheer in Southern Spirit Comp @ Bentonville
Girls Basketball in Tournament of Champs
Wrestling in Bentonville-West Tournament

Sunday, December 10

Monday, December 11

Happy Birthday, Marcus Koch!
WEAR YOUR FAVE WINTER PJS

Tuesday, December 12

WEAR YOUR BEST HOLIDAY BLING
4:30pm Girls Basketball @ Rogers Heritage (JV/V)
6:00pm Wrestling @ Pottsville

Wednesday, December 13

WEAR YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER
EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME
JV Boys Basketball @ Home
5:00pm JV Girls Basketball @ Pea Ridge

Thursday, December 14

*WEAR HOLIDAY MOVIE APPAREL OR DRESS AS
YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY MOVIE CHARACTER*
EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME
6:00pm Boys Basketball vs. Carl Junction, MO in
McDonald County Tournament

Friday, December 15

SENIORS - WHITE, JUNIORS - RED, SOPH. - GREEN
All-Region Jazz Band Clinic
Boys Basketball in McDonald County Tournament
Cheer State in Hot Springs
Wrestling in Cabot Tournament

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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
Friday, January 5	Last Day for February 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, January 20	Winter Dance
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 Lab Cell Membrane Model Test MC Choice AP Exam FRQ AP Exam Last Day of Exam	Tues., Dec. 12 Wed., Dec. 13 Thurs., Dec. 14 Fri., Dec. 15 Mon., Dec. 18	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	HBS	Manikin Quiz Brain Function Quiz	Mon., Dec. 11 Fri., Dec. 15	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	PBS	Heart Quiz	Fri., Dec. 15	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Fudge	College Algebra	Final Exam	Dec. 11, 12, & 13	danna.fudge@vbsd.us

