

POINTER UPDATE

December 15, 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 Cris Tejada** for making it into the Esports Madden finals. **Congratulations also to the Splatoon team Splatghetti** for making it to the state finals.
- **Congratulations to the boys wrestling team on placing 2nd overall in the Bentonville-West Invitational last weekend. Congratulations also to Don O'Kelley (1st place - 113 lb.), Dakota Fenwick (2nd place - 120 lb.), Alex Reed (1st place - 138 lb.)**
- **Congratulations to the cheer team who placed 2nd in their competition last weekend in Bentonville.**
- **Congratulations to our November Students of the Month:** *Senior - Aubrey Pham; Junior - Hannah Lawley; and Sophomore - Emma Spradlin.*
- **Congratulations to our November Teacher of the Month, Mrs. Heather Dean!**
- **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!
- **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 THROUGH FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 FOR WINTER BREAK.**
- **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!
- **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.
- **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/3LFCRjV>
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.dorrrough@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

Friday, December 15

All-Region Jazz Band Clinic
 3:30pm Wrestling in Cabot Tournament
 Boys Basketball in McDonald County Tournament...
 6:00pm vs. Carl Junction, MO
 6:42pm Cheer State in Hot Springs

Saturday, December 16

All-Region Jazz Band Clinic
 Boys Basketball in McDonald County Tournament
 JV Girls Basketball @ Rogers-Heritage Jamboree
 9:00am Wrestling in Cabot Tournament

Sunday, December 17

Happy Birthday, Cynthia Bailey!

Monday, December 18

Semester Exams - Even Hours

Tuesday, December 19

Semester Exams - Odd Hours

Wednesday, December 20

Make-up Semester Exams
 Basketball in 12 Courts of Christmas in Kansas City
 7:45pm Girls vs. Maryville

Thursday, December 21**NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK**

Basketball in 12 Courts of Christmas in Kansas City
 11:00am Girls vs. Fort Osage
 2:30pm Boys vs. William Chrisman

Friday, December 22**NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK****UPCOMING EVENTS!**

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| 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 |

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| 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? |
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| Carlson | AP Biology | Last Day of Exam | Mon., Dec. 18 | rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us |

