

POINTER UPDATE

December 22, 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 boys wrestling team for securing 2nd place overall out of 25 teams in the Bring the Hammer Tournament in Cabot last week**, losing only to Cushing, OK. **Congratulations to the following individual awards:** *Don O'Kelley* - 1st place (106 lb.), *Dakota Fenwick* - 1st place (113 lb.), *Alex Reed* - 1st place (138 lb.), and *Alex Lopex* - 2nd place (144 lb.)
- **Congratulations to the boys basketball team for winning the McDonald County Tournament last weekend.**
- **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 8 FOR WINTER BREAK.**
- **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.
- **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 22

NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

Happy Birthday, Brent Reeves!

Monday, December 25

NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK



Tuesday, December 26

NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

Wednesday, December 27

NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

Thursday, December 28

NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

Happy Birthday, Dr. Lehman!

Boys Basketball in Coke Classic

2:30pm vs. North Little Rock @ FS Southside

Girls Basketball in Cyclone Hoops for Hunger

10:00am vs. Sylvan Hills @ Russellville High

Friday, December 29

NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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 for April test
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 9	6pm Arkansas Scholars Celebration in FAC
Saturday, April 17	ACT
Tuesday, April 23	Top 40 Banquet in Commons
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	Senior Semester Exams AP US Government Exam (AM) AP Chemistry Exam (PM)
Tuesday, May 7	Senior Semester Exams AP Statistics Exam (PM) 6:30pm Scholarship Night
Wednesday, May 8	AP English Lit Exam (AM) AP Computer Science (PM)
Thursday, May 9	AP Psychology Exam (PM)
Friday, May 10	AP European History (AM) AP US History (PM)
Monday, May 13	AP Calculus Exam (AM)
Tuesday, May 14	AP English Lang Exam (AM)
Wednesday, May 15	AP World History Exam (AM)
Thursday, May 16	AP Spanish Lang Exam (AM) AP Biology Exam (PM)
Friday, May 17	AP Physics Exam (AM) 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	HBS	Brain Dissection 1.2.5	Tuesday, Jan. 9 Friday, Jan. 12	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	MI	Lab Notebook	Monday, Jan. 8	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us If you forgot to turn in your lab notebook for a semester final grade, you need to see Mrs. Carlson ASAP on Monday.

