

POINTER UPDATE

September 3, 2021

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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 > Schools > Van Buren High School
- **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**
- **ATTENTION PARENTS:** Please check your email for anything from HelloSign to electronically sign the REQUIRED back-to-school forms. This replaces the paper packet we usually send home at the beginning of the year. If you have any questions, email Miss Eva in the counseling center at evad@vbsd.us
- **Sophomores:** Information about Upward Bound has been placed on the Counseling Google Classroom page. If you would like an application to join the program, please contact Mrs. Lincoln in the Counseling Office.
- **Sophomores & Juniors:** ACT Aspire scores will be sent home Wednesday, September 8, 2021.
- **Congratulations to the following sophomores on being elected to Student Senate:**
 - Drew Brasuell
 - Jaxon Cazell
 - Ethan Downey
 - Nataly Downey
 - Destiny Galvan
 - Naina Patel
 - Star Sayarath
 - Asher Wood
- **Send in your snaps to the Pointer Yearbook** for the opportunity to appear in the 2022 book. We are currently seeking summer vacation, first-day of school, Spirit Week and Battle of the Bone photos.

To submit: Download the YEARBOOK SNAP mobile app and enter the access code "Pointers22." Go to yearbookforever.com and enter "Van Buren High School." Click on "community upload," enter access code "Pointers22.;" Wait for the photos to upload before exiting.

Be sure to identify who is in the photo.

- **Van Buren Theatre** will present **Frozen Jr.** on September 17 and 18 at 7:00pm at the Van Buren Fine Arts Center. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted.

- **Please read the following school policy regarding absences:**

Regular school attendance is vital to the overall academic success of every student. Van Buren High School will follow the VBSD Board Policy 4.2-Student Attendance.

Attendance Procedures for VBHS students:

- A written note or an email must be given to the one of the secretaries in the office within 5 school days for an absence to be excused by parent permission (no doctor's note)
- **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.
- Students may be assigned Saturday School to reduce the number of absences to help them retain or regain credit in a class.
- **Deadline to join the Cultures in Action (CIA) Club is September 15.** The club explores world cultures through a variety of fun and service activities. Just join Google Classroom with the code (i7khgmy), and complete the membership from there.
- **Any student interested in joining FBLA** can sign up in Mrs. Butler's room. The cost to join is \$10.
- **Any student interested in joining the Young Democrats of America (YDA)** needs to come by S204 for more information.
- Van Buren High School will administer the **PSAT/NMSQT exam** on 10-13-21 at VBHS. The fee for the test is \$18. Students will pay for the test in cash to Mrs. Fleck in the VBHS Counseling Center. Sophomores and Juniors are eligible to take the test. **TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS PROGRAM YOU NEED TO TAKE THE PSAT/NMSQT EXAM.** We are strongly encouraging all sophomores and juniors to take the exam. If you have any questions please contact Chris Bryant at cbryant@vbsd.us. If funding is an issue, please visit with Mr. Bryant before deciding you don't want to take the exam. Deadline for registration is September 9th.
- **Juniors and Seniors:** If you're interested in applying for the U.S. Senate Youth Program and a chance to earn a \$10,000 scholarship, go to the following link for more information:
<https://adecm.ade.arkansas.gov/ViewApprovedMemo.aspx?id=4882>
- Parking tags are now on sale for \$5 in the office. **First**, go to the High School website and fill out the parking permit google doc located under quick links. **Second**, stop by the office and grab your drug form. The **drug form must be filled out by a parent/guardian** and returned before you can purchase your tag. **Third**, return the signed drug form and \$5 to the front office, where you will receive your car tag.
- Follow us on social media! **Twitter:** @VanBurenHS @PointerUpdate @VBHS_Counseling @VBSDPointers

Facebook: Van Buren High School, VBSD,

Van Buren High School Counselors

Friday, September 3

7:00pm Pointer Football vs. Alma @ Home
BATTLE OF THE BONE

Saturday, September 4

Happy Birthday, Emily Albertson!
Happy Birthday, Kaitlynn Schultz!
8:00am Cross Country in Shiloh Saints Invitational

Sunday, September 5

Happy Birthday, Terri Burton!

Monday, September 6

NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY

6:00pm JV Football @ Clarksville

Tuesday, September 7

3:30pm Golf vs. Northside/Southside @ Ben Geren
3:30pm Tennis vs. Vilonia/Greenbrier @ Russellville
4:30pm Volleyball vs. Greenbrier @ Home (JV/V)

Wednesday, September 8

MORNING EVENT - CAPS MEETINGS

Thursday, September 9

3:30pm Golf vs. Alma @ Eagle Crest
4:00pm Tennis @ Alma
4:30pm Volleyball @ Greenwood (JV1/2/V)

Friday, September 10

7:00pm Football vs. Rogers-Heritage @ Home

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS!

September 6	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
September 22	College Fair
October 12/14	2:00pm Early Dismissal 3:30-6:30pm P/T Conferences
October 13	PSAT
October 15	NO SCHOOL
October 23	ACT
October 27	School Picture Retakes
November 22-26	Fall Break
December 11	ACT
December 15	Semester Exams for Periods 1, 3, 5, and 7
December 16	Semester Exams for Periods 2, 4, and 6
December 17	Make-up Semester Exams
December 20-January 3	Winter Break
January 4	Students Return for 2nd Semester

UPCOMING PROJECTS/TESTS

TEACHER	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	MORE INFO
Carlson	AP Biology	Exam covering chapters 1, 2, and 5 and Transpiration	Thurs., Sept. 9th	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	HBS	1.2.1 Concept Map Quiz covering 1.1 and 1.2.2	Wed., Sept. 8th	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	PBS	Safety Contract	Wed., Sept. 8th	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Dean	AP Government	Quiz over Chapter 3 "Federalism"	Fri., Sept. 10th	hdean@vbsd.us
Dean	AP US History	Unit #1 Exam over ch. 2-5, "Colonial America"	Thurs., Sept. 9th	hdean@vbsd.us
McLean	Principles of Engineering	Exam on Simple Machines, Gears, Belt & Pulleys, and Chain & Sprockets	Thurs., Sept. 9th	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Trent	AP World	Era 1 Exam (1200 to 1450 BC)	Thurs., Oct. 7th	danielle.trent@vbsd.us
Trent	Honors World	Unit 2 Exam (Early Modern Europe)	Thurs., Oct. 14th	danielle.trent@vbsd.us

