

POINTER UPDATE

May 13, 2022

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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
- **Congratulations to Hays Lemley, our 2022 VBHS Teacher of the Year!**
- **Congratulations to the following individuals for being selected for the 2023 Pointer Yearbook staff:**
 - SENIORS - Ainsley Moreland, Raegan Moses, Heather Phillips, Caden Reese, Sydnie Sikora and Natalie Viravongsa.
 - JUNIORS - Anna Fitch, Emma Moore, Allie Riggs and Annalee Spearman.
 - SOPHOMORES - Kai Gavely and Red Self.
- **Congratulations to Niko Maxey** for being selected to attend artWAYS, an intensive summer art camp at the U of A Little Rock.
- **Congratulations to the following students qualified for the Meet of Champs** this past Wednesday in Russellville.
 - Katelyn King - girls 4x800
 - Emma Morton - girls 4x800
 - Elyse Rimovsky - girls 4x800
 - Aubree Wille - girls 4x800
 - Luke Myers - boys 4x100
 - Landon Magadan - boys 4x100
 - Thurman Cooley - boys 4x100
 - Chris Russell - boys 4x100
- **Congratulations to these students secured their spot on the 2022-2023 VBHS tennis team:**
 - Girls: ABBY SANISENG, TENNISON REICHARD, AILEEN GONZAELZ, CINDY TREJO, NAINA PATEL, SABRINA HUANG
 - Boys: LANCE ADAMS, LEVI HUBBS, PARKER SEEWALD, JOSH KOVITCH, JACKSON BOND, SETH DUNN, JACKSON CERVANTES, BLAKE RICHESIN
- **Attention ALL Athletes:** Juniors and seniors who would like to **purchase a letter jacket** may come to Mrs. Kristy's office to sign up to be fitted on Tuesday May 17. The letter jackets are for those who have played in varsity sports/activities and are playing as seniors.
- **Attention students who are ready to get in shape for the summer:** In case you haven't heard the news, Planet Fitness is once again offering **FREE summer memberships** to all teens ages 14-19. Please visit planetfitness.com and click on the "High School Summer Pass" link for more details regarding registration starting May 16.
- Summer from **Monarch 61 would like to invite all ladies 15 or older** to a drop in every Wednesday from 1-3. We will have activities, games, and snacks. Monarch is open Monday through Friday from 9am-6pm. All yoga, art, and activities are free. For more info, stop by the office for a flyer at 105 North 28th Street in Van Buren in the left parking lot!
- **Senior Baccalaureate** will be Sunday, May 15 at 3:00pm. What is baccalaureate? It is a traditional service to honor all graduates and provide an encouraging message. All seniors are invited to attend

along with their family and friends. Seniors should wear their graduation gown over their dressy casual attire and meet in the Fine Arts Center upstairs by 2:30--again SUNDAY, MAY 15.

- **The Van Buren Football Booster Club is excited to invite you to become a permanent part of the newly renovated Citizens Bank Stadium.** They are selling engravable bricks that will be displayed at the entrance for \$100 each. For more information, follow the link:
<https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/vbfootball>
- **Try-outs for the 2023 VBHS Softball team** will be May 23, 24 and 25 from 5:00 - 7:00 at the VBHS Softball Field. You must wear appropriate clothing and have your own glove.
- **All Chromebooks, chargers and hotspots need to be turned in by the end of the school year.** Juniors and sophomores may turn in these devices beginning Friday, May 20th but may keep them until their last final if needed and should be turned in no later than May 26th.
- **Attention ALL Students:** Please remember you are to remain in the Commons in the morning until the first bell at 7:50. Many students are heading down the halls early, Please do not head to your classes or anywhere outside the Commons area or library until the 7:50 bell rings.
- We know it's getting warmer, but...**Just a reminder, crop tops are not allowed to be worn in the building and do not comply with the dress code outlined in the Pointer Procedures.**
- Just a reminder, when a student turns 16, he or she must get a **meningitis vaccine** according to state law.
- **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 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.
- Follow us on social media! **Twitter:** @VanBurenHS @PointerUpdate @VBHS_Counseling @VBSDPointers

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Van Buren High School Counselors

Friday, May 13

Baseball State Tournament - W
 Soccer State Tournament - W
 Softball State Tournament - W

Saturday, May 14

Happy Birthday, Eva Doumbouya!
 12:00pm - Baseball in Semi-finals of state tournament vs. Batesville in Hot Springs
 12:00pm - Softball in Semi-finals of state tournament vs. Benton in Hot Springs
 4:00pm - Soccer in Semi-finals of state tournament vs. Maumelle in El Dorado

Sunday, May 15

3:00pm Baccalaureate @ FAC

Monday, May 16**Tuesday, May 17**

Happy Birthday, Ron Smith!

Wednesday, May 18

Happy Birthday, Hays Lemley!

Thursday, May 19**Friday, May 20**

8:00pm VBHS Graduation @ Blakemore Field

UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS!

May 15	Baccalaureate 3:00pm FAC
May 20	Graduation 8:00pm
May 24-25	Finals for Sophomores and Juniors
May 26	Make-up Finals Day/Last Day for Students
May 27	Last Day for Teachers

UPCOMING PROJECTS/TESTS

TEACHER	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	MORE INFO
McLean	Principles of Engineering	Quiz on Probability, Statistics, & Projectile Motion	Tuesday, May 17	joe.mclean@vbsd.us

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