

POINTER UPDATE

February 9, 2024



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 our January Teacher of the Month, Ms. Kaitlyn Cannedy!**
- **Congratulations to our Students of the Month for January:** *Sophomore - Khounthavy Phalakhone, Junior - Magali Hernandez, and Senior - Asher Wood*
- **Congratulations to the Boys Wrestling Team who are the back-to-back-to-back 5A Dual State Champs!**
- **Congratulations to all the students who were selected as All-State Band and Choir Members last weekend!**
- **Congratulations to the robotics teams for their performance at the robotics competition on Saturday in Bentonville.** The Van Buren teams finished in 4th and 6th place out of 24 teams in the qualifying matches. The Van Buren team alliance went on to advance to the semi-finals of the tournament and placed 4th place in the skills competition.
- **VBHS Unified Club made a splash last Saturday at Special Olympic's Polar Plunge with the most money raised!** Thank you to everyone who supported our students and SROs!
- **Tennis Fundraiser** - The tennis team is selling Van Buren Pointer lighted signs. The signs are \$50 each. For more information or to order a sign, contact Coach Gilliam at greg.gilliam@vbsd.us
- **The Cultures In Action Club will host a multicultural fair Thursday, February 15 from 3:30-6:00 P.M. at the Van Buren Public Library.** This event is free to the community and will feature a couple of performances and several booths with games, crafts, displays, and snacks. <https://bit.ly/4bxZfXO>
- **The Arkansas Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities (AGCPD) Scholarship Application for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year is due by February 28, 2024.**
Please see Mrs. Hill in room C104 if you need a copy. You must be signed up with Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) to apply. You may also pick up a copy of the application packet for ARS in C104.
- **The school calendar on this publication will be updated in regards to making up snow days as soon as it is approved by administration.**
- **Do you want to order a letter jacket?** A representative from BSN Sports will be here on **February 13th from 11-12:30** for the *juniors and seniors* who are wanting to order a letter jacket and have participated in a varsity sport. **Payment is due on the day of fitting. Come by the office and see Mrs. Couch for a form prior to February 13th.** This is the last call this year for letter jackets.
- **Students, if you're interested in joining PPN next year,** you must first fill out an application (link below). Please note, it is typically a prerequisite to have taken Journalism I first:
<https://forms.gle/G8NnbKpF8jSN7usp9>
If you're interested in joining the yearbook, you must also fill out an application (link below). Please note, it is typically a prerequisite to have taken Journalism I first:
<https://forms.gle/8TJq6Wnu8rh45kJs5>

- **Seniors and Senior Parents:** There will be one more **FAFSA Workshop** held in the VBHS Library on Thursday, February 22. If you have questions about filling out the FAFSA, Mrs. Nelson will be here to help!
- **VBHS Art Club is once again hosting the Empty Bowls charity event** at Arts on Main this year. The 15th annual fundraiser for the Meals for Kids program will be on February 29th, from 5:30-7:30pm. Please see Facebook.com/VBHSart for more information.
- **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>
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, February 9

EVENT - WINTER WONDERLAND REN RALLY

4:00pm Basketball @ Mountain Home
(JVG/JVB/VG/VB)

Saturday, February 10

ACT
Girls Wrestling Regionals
Quiz Bowl @ Southside Invitational

Sunday, February 11

Happy Birthday, Mrs. White!

Monday, February 12

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Fisher!

Tuesday, February 13

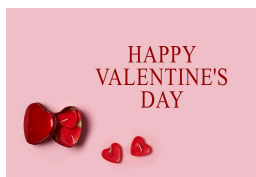
Choir All-State Clinic
4:00pm Basketball vs. Alma @ Home
(JVG/JVB/VG/VB)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Wednesday, February 14

Band All-State Clinic
Choir All-State Clinic

EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME



Thursday, February 15

Band All-State Clinic
Choir All-State Clinic

EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME

3:30pm Multicultural Fair at Public Library
3:30pm Quiz Bowl @ Southside

Friday, February 16

Band All-State Clinic
Choir All-State Clinic
4:00pm Basketball @ Harrison (JVG/JVB/VG/VB)
6:00pm Green and White Gala sponsored by Project Graduation

Saturday, February 10	ACT
	No School for Students
Monday, February 19	Professional Development for Teachers
Thursday, February 22	FAFSA Workshop 5:30pm
Tuesday, February 27	ACT for Juniors
Friday, March 8	Last Day for ACT Regular Registration for April test
Tuesday, March 12	2:00pm Early Dismissal
Thursday, March 14	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 13	ACT
Tuesday, April 22	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) Baccalaureate
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
Saturday, June 8	ACT

UPCOMING TESTS/PROJECTS

TEACHER	COURSE	ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE	QUESTIONS?

