

POINTER UPDATE

February 16, 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 Gabby Russell** who won 1st place at the district FBLA conference in UX Design. She will be headed to the state competition in April.
- **Congratulations to the following Lady Pointer wrestlers who qualified for state:** *Bailey Doss, Carley Johnson, Eva Garcia, Hope Parker, Alexis Schmotzer, Jaxi Ervin, Evelyn Romero, Deanna Ramirez, and Emily Foster.*
- **Congratulations to the cast and crew of State-Winning A Wrinkle In Time who competed last weekend at the State Theater Festival in Jonesboro.** The VBHS group's performance piece was rated as Superior and one of only 5 schools selected as a Showcase. **Congratulations to ALL STATE CAST MEMBERS:** *Gracie Johnson, Peyton Baker, Isabel, Nicodemus and Hadley Gilmore* and **ALL STATE CREW:** *Jasmine Nichols. Hadley Gilmore* won Honor Thespian, The Cast won "Outstanding Student Directing;" and Troupe 7448 won Honor Troupe.
- **Congratulations to the Van Buren High School Winter Guard.** They performed in their 1st competition of the season last weekend against teams from Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas & Oklahoma and earned the *Silver Medal* at the MCCGA Fayetteville Regional Championship.
- **Revised School Calendar Announcement:** Beginning Monday, February 19, school will dismiss at 3:16pm for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year in order to make up for missed days due to inclement weather. Monday, February 19th is now a regular school day for students and teachers as is Friday, March 29th.
- **SENIORS:** Need help filling out the FAFSA? Click the link for a video to help with the process. <https://bit.ly/3uCsok5>
- **Please Note:** The date for the free ACT given to all juniors has changed from February 27 to March 26.
- **Any student interested in joining Mu Alpha Theta** - our honor math club - can pick up an application from your math teacher. To be eligible, you must be in at least Algebra 2 or higher and have a 3.0 math GPA. Applications are due Friday, Feb 23rd.
- **Attention Seniors:** The Harry O Hamm scholarship application as well as other local scholarships are now available in Mrs. Nelson's office.
- **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 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.
- **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](https://www.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.
- **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 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 17

Band All-State Clinic
 Boys Wrestling Regionals @ Searcy

Sunday, February 18**Monday, February 19**

Happy Birthday, Mr. Tipton!
 5:00pm Softball Green/White Game
 5:30pm Soccer Green/White Game (VG/VB)

Tuesday, February 20

EVENT - SENIOR NIGHT PEP RALLY - WHITE OUT
 4:00pm Basketball vs. Siloam Springs
SENIOR NIGHT (JVG/JVB/VG/VB)

Wednesday, February 21

EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME

Thursday, February 22

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 5:30pm FAFSA Workshop in VBHS Library

Friday, February 23

Wrestling in State Tournament @ UALR
 4:00pm Soccer vs. Clarksville @ Home (JVG/VG/VB)
 5:00pm Basketball @ Russellville (JVB/VG/VB)
 5:00pm Softball vs. Clarksville @ Home (V-Benefit)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Monday, February 19	Make-up Snow Day School to Dismiss at 3:16pm from this day forward
Thursday, February 22	FAFSA Workshop 5:30pm
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
Tuesday, March 26	ACT for juniors
Friday, March 29	Make-up Snow Day
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?

