

# POINTER UPDATE

February 23, 2024



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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](http://www.vbsd.us) > Schools > Van Buren High School
- **Congratulations to the following wrestlers who have qualified for state:** *Colten Purdy, Don O'Kelley, Dakota Fenwick, Owen Camera, Alex Reed, Alex Lopez, Bryan Ramos, Caden Webb, Kolton Sims, Ever Gahr, Oscar Alvarado, and Ethan Hurst.* The team also won **1st PLACE** in the 5A North Regional Championship last weekend.
- **Congratulations to JROTC** on placing 2nd last weekend at Fort Chaffee in the Armed Color Guard Competition.
- **Congratulations to Van Buren High School Junior Madeline Lee** who will be representing Western Arkansas Ballet and the Southwest Region of the United States at this year's National Regional Dance America Festival in Daytona, Florida. She was chosen to be one of five dancers in the nation to perform her contemporary solo.
- **Congratulations to Pointer Basketball Team Members Drew Brasuell** on achieving the title of 8th All-Time Leading Scorer, **Glavine McDonald** on being the All-Time Leading 3-Point Shooter in School History, and **Jaxon Cazzell** on joining the 1,000 point club and becoming 4th on the Pointer All-Time Leading Scorer list.
- **LEAP into FAFSA Night** UAFS will be hosting this event on February 29, 2024, 5:30p- 7:30p at the Boreham Library. All high school and UAFS students are welcome. This event is open to the public, Representatives will be on hand to help with FAFSA completions, FAFSA questions, and FSA ID if not completed, etc. We will be giving out **five \$1000 scholarships** to those that visit our workshop and complete their FAFSA that night. Having your FSA ID ready before you arrive will be helpful! Attending the event will get 1 entry and completing the FAFSA that night will earn 1 entry, totaling 2 entries for the scholarship.



- **Revised School Calendar Announcement:** 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. In addition, Friday, March 29th is now a regular school day for students and teachers.
- **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. Testing dates for sophomores have also been modified on the "Upcoming Events" calendar below.
- **Attention Seniors:** The Harry O Hamm scholarship application as well as other local scholarships are now available in Mrs. Nelson's office. Please see chart below for upcoming deadlines.

- **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](mailto: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.
- **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.
- **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](mailto: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.**
- **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](mailto: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,

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## UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Applications can be picked up in Mrs. Nelson's office in the Counseling Center.

SCHOLARSHIP	DEADLINE
Harry O. Hamm	March 8th
Ben Farmer	March 11th
Leadership Crawford County	March 13th
Chase Morland Memorial	April 5th

Rotary Club	April 5th
Women's League	April 9th
Love Like Lisa	April 12th
Shelter Insurance	April 12th
Van Buren Chamber	April 19th
2024 Ana	April 30th

**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)

**Saturday, February 24**

Wrestling in State Tournament @ UALR  
 Quiz Bowl @ National History Bowl @ UAFS

**Sunday, February 25**

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Shaffer!

**Monday, February 26**

4:00pm VB Running Festival  
 5:00pm Softball @ Southside (V/JV)

**Tuesday, February 27**

Basketball 5A State Tournament  
 4:00pm Soccer vs. Northside @ Home (JVB/VB/VG)  
 5:00pm Baseball vs. Paris @ Home (V/JV)  
 5:00pm Softball @ Prairie Grove (V/JV)

**Wednesday, February 28**

Basketball 5A State Tournament  
**EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME**

**Thursday, February 29**

Basketball 5A State Tournament  
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 5:00pm Softball vs. Gravette @ Home  
 5:30pm Empty Bowls

**Friday, March 1**

Basketball 5A State Tournament  
 4:30pm Baseball vs. Springdale @ Home (V/JV)  
 5:00pm Soccer vs. Sallisaw @ Home (VG/VB)  
 5:00pm Softball @ Northside (V/JV)

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Wednesday, March 6	ATLAS Writing Test (10th gr.)
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
Monday, April 1	Make-up ACT for Juniors
Tuesday, April 2	Cap and Gown Pictures
Tuesday, April 9	6pm Arkansas Scholars Celebration in FAC

Saturday, April 13	ACT
Tuesday, April 16	ATLAS Reading Test (10th gr.)
Tuesday, April 22	Top 40 Banquet in Commons
Wednesday, April 23	ATLAS Biology Test (10th gr.)
Tuesday, April 30	ATLAS Geometry Tet (10th gr.)
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?

