

POINTER UPDATE

March 1, 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 > Schools > Van Buren High School
- **Congratulations to the Pointer Wrestling Team on their Back-to-Back-to-Back State Championship!**
- **Congratulations to the following wrestlers who placed at the state tournament:** *Colton Purdy (2nd), Don O'Kelley (1st), Dakota Fenwick (1st), Owen Camera (1st), Alex Reed (1st), Alex Lopez (1st), Bryan Ramos (2nd), Caden Webb (3rd), Kolton Sims (2nd), Bailey Doss (4th), Eva Garcia (2nd), Alexis Schmotzer (2nd), Evelyn Romero (3rd), and Emily Foster (3rd).*
- **Congratulations to Don O'Kelley and Alex Reed** for both being undefeated for the season AND for being selected as **Outstanding Wrestlers** of the tournament for their weight class ranges.
- **Mark Your Calendars:** Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, March 12th and 14th, 3:30-6:30pm. School will be dismissed at 2:00pm both days.
- Join FCA for a night of worship at the **first annual Courts of Praise** on Wednesday, March 13th in Claire Bates Arena @7pm. Everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to attend to praise and worship together!
- **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 *Cody Bell* scholarship application as well as other local scholarships are now available in Mrs. Nelson's office. Please see chart below for upcoming deadlines.
- **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.**
- **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,

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UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

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

<i>SCHOLARSHIP</i>	<i>DEADLINE</i>
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
Cody Bell	April 12th
Love Like Lisa	April 12th
Shelter Insurance	April 12th
Van Buren Chamber	April 19th
2024 Ana	April 30th

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 2

Quiz Bowl Regional Tournament @ Russellville HS
JV Softball @ Lavaca...Game times at 11:15am,
1:45pm, 5:30pm

Sunday, March 3

Monday, March 4

4:30pm Soccer @ Bentonville-West (JVB/VB)
5:00pm Baseball vs. Sallisaw @ Home (V/JV)
5:00pm Soccer at Prairie Grove (VG)
5-8pm Softball Fundraiser at Dairy Queen

Tuesday, March 5

Happy Birthday, Mr. Henry!

EVENT - REN TUESDAY

4:00pm Soccer @ Southside (JVB/VB/VG)
5:00pm Softball vs. Pea Ridge @ Home (V/JV)

Wednesday, March 6

Happy Birthday, Mr. Tate!
7:30am Beta Club Meeting in Library
ATLAS Writing Test for Sophomores
5:00pm Baseball vs. Ozark @ Home (9/10 gr.)

Thursday, March 7

EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME

5:00pm Baseball vs. Farmington @ Home (V/JV)
5:00pm Softball vs. Hackett @ Home (V/JV)

Friday, March 8


Regular Registration Deadline for April ACT
4:00pm James Lemley Quad City Track Meet @ VB
4:00pm Soccer vs. Greenbrier @ Home (JVG/VG/VB)
5:00pm Baseball vs. Gravette @ Home (V/JV)
5:00pm Softball vs. Bentonville-West @ Home (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.)
Monday, April 22	Top 40 Banquet in Commons
Wednesday, April 23	ATLAS Biology Test (10th gr.)
Monday, April 29	CTE/PLTW/STEM Completer Ceremony 6pm
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?
Carlson	AP Biology	Enzymes & Energy Test	Tues., March 5	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
McLean	Principles of Engineering	Demonstration of VEX Machine Control Design Project (including Robotic Arms, Soccer Goal Lights, Elevators, Automated Guided Vehicles, and Chocolate Chip Cookie Toppers)	Thurs., March 7	joe.mclean@vbsd.us
				 <p>National Sexual Assault Hotline 800.656.HOPE rainn.org</p>

