

POINTER UPDATE

March 15, 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 February Teacher of the Month, Mr. Noah Turman!**
- **Congratulations to the VBHS Winter Guard** for winning the AMAA Winter Guard competition in Alma last weekend!
- **Congratulations to these students for winning awards in the AFLTA State World Language Competition** held at UCA in Conway last weekend:
 - *Miles Glendenning*: German Level 3 -- 1st place Extemporaneous Speaking, 1st place Extemporaneous Reading, and 1st place Vocabulary Bee
 - *Thiara Bravo*: Spanish for Native and Heritage Speakers Advanced -- 1st place Extemporaneous Reading and 3rd place Extemporaneous Speaking
 - *Irelyn Holmes*: Spanish Level 3 -- 3rd place Poetry
- **Congratulations to our fellow Pointers who went to the State Technology Student Association competition yesterday in Little Rock, and represented VBHS once again in a big way!**
 - *Blake Richesin* and *Madeline Lee* took 1st place in the state in Biotechnology Design.
 - *Gabby Russell* earned 1st place in the state in the Prepared Presentation competition and 2nd place in Extemporaneous Speech.
 - *Isaac Sayarath* and *Star Sayarath* placed 3rd in Video Game Design.
 - *Brannon Davidson*, *Destin Shultz*, and *Jacob Steinsiek* placed 3rd in Music Production.

Very proud of all our TSA students who spent many hours preparing these projects on their own time, showing pride in their work, and making them the best they could be... way to go Pointers!!

Also very excited that all of these students that placed at state have qualified to compete at the national TSA competition in Orlando, Florida in late June. **If you'd be interested in knowing how you might help sponsor one or a few of these students to make the trip to nationals, please contact Dr. Joe McLean at joe.mclean@vbsd.us**

- There will be **NO SCHOOL** Friday, March 15 through Friday, March 22 for Spring Break. School will resume on Monday, March 25.
- **Baptist Teen Caring applications AND MASH applications** for Baptist in Fort Smith are due to Mrs. Carlson, S108, by March 26.
- **Seniors**, Cap and gown photos will be held on **Tuesday, April 2 during 2-3 hour**.
 - You are responsible for **bringing your own cap and gown** for photos.
 - Picture order forms will be passed out soon in your English classes. You'll need to have those filled out by April 2 to order photos with Heritage Portraits.
 - There will be **no make-up photo dates** for cap and gown pictures.
- **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.
- **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.**
- Follow us on social media! **Twitter:** @VanBurenHS @PointerUpdate @VBHS_Counseling @VBSDPointers

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UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

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

| SCHOLARSHIP | DEADLINE |
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| GFWC Nursing Scholarship | March 26th |
| GFWC Teacher Scholarship | March 26th |
| 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 |
| Eva Allen Scholarship | April 18th |
| Van Buren Chamber | April 19th |
| 2024 Ana | April 30th |
| Lincoln High Alumni | May 15th |

Friday, March 15
SPRING BREAK BEGINS - NO SCHOOL

Saturday, March 16

Sunday, March 17



Happy Birthday, Ms. Cannedy!
Happy Birthday, Mrs. Morris!

Monday, March 18
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 19
Happy Birthday, Mrs. McGhee!
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 20
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, March 21
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
Baseball in Memphis Tournament

Friday, March 22
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
Baseball in Memphis Tournament

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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| 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 |

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| 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? |
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