

POINTER UPDATE

April 19, 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 all of our CTE career pathway students who are "completers" in the Engineering, Computer Science, Biomedical Science, Agriculture Science, or Robot Automation programs!** You and your family are cordially invited to attend our 6th annual CTE / STEM / PLTW Completer ceremony on Monday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the FAC. We are very proud of you for taking and passing at least 3 years in one of these career elective pathways, and we look forward to recognizing you with graduation cords, medallions, lab coats, and other mementos that represent all of your hard work. We also have our first-ever triple completer here at VBHS... so come find out what that means and who it is! An RSVP is not required, but you may email Dr. Joe McLean (joe.mclean@vbsd.us) to let us know you will be attending or to verify if you are a completer... and see you there!
- **The VBHS CIA Club will participate in UAFS's annual Asian American Pacific Islander Festival** in the Reynold's Room (in the Student Center) from 6-9 P.M this Saturday, April 20. There will be food, prizes, booths, and performances. This event is free and open to the community.
- **Prom tickets will be on sale starting April 22nd.** You can purchase your tickets in S204 before the end of 4th hour. Tickets will be \$20 each and will be on sale until May 3rd. Prom will be on May 4th in the Commons from 8 pm-midnight. The theme is Purple Rain. Please see Mrs. Mohr-Robertson if you have any questions.
- **Students! Want to Improve your ACT score??**

Our summer ACT prep class is a quick and focused way to boost your score. The classes are just 7 short days (May 30-June 7).

 - Classes meet Thursday, May 30 after school from 3:00-7:00 for a practice test, Friday, May 31 from noon - 4:00 to go over the test, and then from 8:00am - 1:00pm the next week to work to improve your score. We focus on the main question styles, content, trends, and strategies to take the ACT.
 - All work is completed in class. Our only goal is the test, and our class has had great success in improving scores. It is a great way to raise your ACT scores and then go on to your summer break!
 - The cost is \$25 per applicant payable to VBHS (cash or check - please put ACT prep class in the memo section of the check).
 - You can pick up an application from Mrs. D. Dunn, Mr. Porter, or any English teacher.
 - **The deadline to apply for our class is May 3rd (the same day the deadline is to sign up for June ACT test).**
 - If you have any questions, email Mrs. D. Dunn at ddunn@vbsd.us
- **Are you interested in trying out for the Pointer Golf team?** Golf tryouts will be held this summer July 8th-12th at Eagle Crest. Information on what's required and deadlines to sign up have been sent out through the school Remind and Peachjar. You can also email Coach James Lemley if you're interested. (James.Lemley@vbsd.us)

- **FCA Leadership Camp** is around the corner. Don't miss out! If there are any questions, please let Coach Mosby know. bmosby@vbsd.us See the graphics below for more details.
- Pointer Volleyball **4th annual Peachfuzz volleyball tournament** will be Saturday morning, April 27th, at Freshman Academy. If you are interested in playing, see one of the volleyball girls. Cost is \$15 (shirt included). The deadline to guarantee a shirt is April 22nd.
- **SENIORS:** Need help filling out the FAFSA? Click the link for a video to help with the process. <https://bit.ly/3uCsok5>
- **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

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
2024 Ana	April 30th
Lincoln High Alumni	May 15th

Friday, April 19

State Festival in Conway

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

5:00pm Baseball @ Huntsville (V/JV)

5:00pm Softball vs. Lincoln @ Home (V/JV)

Saturday, April 20

Happy Birthday, Coach Petree!

Sunday, April 21**Monday, April 22**

6:00pm Top 40 Banquet

Tuesday, April 23

ATLAS Biology Test for Sophomores

4:30pm Baseball/Softball @ Siloam Springs (V-DH)

5:00pm Soccer vs. Alma @ Home (VG/VB)

SENIOR NIGHT

Wednesday, April 24**EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME**

5:00pm JV Baseball vs. Greenwood @ Home

Thursday, April 25**EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME**

10:30am 5A West Conference Track Meet @ Alma

5:00pm 9/10 gr. Baseball vs. Southside @ Home

Friday, April 26

4:00pm Soccer @ Harrison (JVG/VG/VB)

5:00pm Baseball vs. Northside @ Home (V/JV)

5:00pm Softball vs. Southside @ Home (V only)

SENIOR NIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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 in FAC
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) Project Graduation 6-9pm
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

Arkansas FCA Camp
ArkansasFCAcamp.org

JR High Camp
June 2-5, 2024
Grades 7 - 9
**Based on grade going into next year*


SR High Camp
June 6-9, 2024
Grades 10 - 2024 Graduates

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Arkansas FCA Camp

Spring Lake Camp, Lonsdale, AR


FCA Camp is a time of "inspiration & perspiration" for students who want to reach their potential through comprehensive athletic, spiritual and leadership training. Campers are mentored by college leaders, premier coaches & FCA staff.

TWENTY-FOUR/SEVEN 27 | 

ArkansasFCAcamp.org

Athletes say: "FCA Camp is the best week of my summer!"

COST
\$300 per camper
Limited scholarships
from local FCA staff



QUESTIONS
Text or Email Devin
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501.802.0439

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