

POINTER UPDATE

March 17, 2023

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 the Van Buren Choir!** All choirs received Division 1 ratings last week on stage and in the sight reading room! This makes every group STATE QUALIFIED!
- **Congratulations to our fellow Pointers who went to the State Technology Student Association** competition in Hot Springs this week and represented VBHS once again in a big way!
 - *Ysabela Guerrero* and *Kara Lee* took 1st place in the state in Fashion Design and Technology with a design of an award-winning dress for the Oscars!
 - *Gabby Russell* took the bronze in Prepared Presentation.
 - *Camille Henson* placed 3rd as well in Photographic Technology.
 - *Blake Richesin, Naina Patel, and Sabrina Huang* also placed 3rd in Biotechnology Design.
 - And finally, our Pointer VEX Robotics team comprised of *Ruben Corona, Camille Henson, Ethan Neidecker, Netaly Phanouvong, and their robot named Dawgbot* were declared the TSA State Tournament Champions for our first ever overall first-place finish in any robotics competition!!
 - All of these students that placed at state have qualified to compete at the national TSA competition in Louisville, KY 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
- **SENIORS:** Cap and gown photos have been rescheduled for Friday, April 14 beginning at 8:30am in the upper arena.
 - **Softball and soccer** have out-of-town games that day and will be given first priority for taking photos.
 - **Seniors who do not arrive on campus until after lunch** will need to make arrangements to come in the morning for photos. The photographers will only be staying until the line dies down since we had to cancel and reschedule.
- **Open Volleyball tryouts** will be on March 27 and 29 from 3:15 until 4:00 in the arena after school. You will need a current physical to try out. If you are in another sport and want to try out, sign up with Coach Reeves, and he will make arrangements for you to try out after your season is over; however, you must sign up by March 27 if you are interested in playing.
- **Sophomores and Juniors:** It's time to choose your classes for the 2023-2024 school year! Students received course selection sheets this week. All information regarding course selection can be found in the Counseling Google Classroom.
- **PROM** will be on Saturday, May 6th. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, April 20 and will be \$15 each. Only current VBSD students will be allowed to attend. Students from other schools will not be allowed nor will former VBHS students. Virtual and ALE students are considered VBSD students. If you have questions, please contact karen.mohr-robertson@vbsd.us
- If any sophomores or juniors would be **interested in the VBPD Youth Citizens Police Academy**, please see Ofc. Shepherd or Lt. Ho to pick up an application and get more information on the program.
- If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out our **annual parent involvement survey!** <https://forms.gle/Y7HWhUTm6qT6rVZa8>

- **Students are not to park in numbered spots, at the end of rows with yellow diagonal lines/road, or past the white signs at the administration building/annex.** Officers are going to begin ticketing this week.
- **MASH applications** are available in Mrs. Carlson's or Mrs. Albertson's room and are due to Mrs. Carlson in S108 by March 17th. Medical Applications of Science for Health, or M*A*S*H, is a free, two-week summer enrichment camp that allows high school students to learn more about health career options.
- **Pointer Softball is hosting a camp for young girls!** The camp will be held on Saturday, April 8. 9-10am will be for 6U, and 10am-noon will be for 8U, 10U, and 12U. Forms will be available to fill out upon arrival; COST IS FREE!
- **Attention Seniors:** On April 27th, there will be a Career and Resource Fair at the Crawford County Adult Education Center. Seniors who are planning on going straight into the workforce or are looking for a summer job are encouraged to attend. There will be companies at the fair hoping to find their next employee which could be you! Van Buren's time to attend will be 10 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. If you would like to attend, please go by Mrs. Nelson's office to sign up.
- **SPRING BREAK IS NEXT WEEK!** School will be dismissed March 20-24 for the break.
- **Order your FCA merch** [HERE](#). Anyone can order. All proceeds will go towards providing camp scholarships, Fields of Faith, and other Van Buren FCA events. Deadline to order is Friday, March 17.
- **SENIORS:** *The Cody Bell Scholarship is now available.* Are you checking for scholarships in Mrs. Nelson's office? It's time to start checking Mrs. Nelson's office weekly for new scholarship applications. Also, check the Facebook page! <http://bit.ly/3YuGX2Z>
- **Lost your Chromebook charger?** We do not provide replacements; however, you are welcome to buy one on Amazon or another vendor of your choosing. Just make sure it is a 45-watt USB-C type charger.
- **Senior Parents:** Whether your student will go directly into the workforce after high school or go to college, it never hurts to improve their interview skills. Share this information with your senior about having a successful interview. <http://bit.ly/3GHvW6u>
- **Sophomore and Junior Parents:** It's almost time to start thinking about choosing classes for next school year. Check out this article: <https://u.org/3XL8Va3>
- 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/3LoW1Qo>
- **All Students:** If you leave or enter the building for any reason between the hours of 8:00 and 3:00 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, March 17

Happy Birthday, Brenda Morris!
Happy Birthday, Kaitlyn Cannedy!



Saturday, March 18

Sunday, March 19

Happy Birthday, Cara McGhee!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Monday, March 20

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, March 21

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Wednesday, March 22

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

12:00pm Baseball vs. Ashdown @ Rogers (V only)

Thursday, March 23

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Friday, March 24

Happy Birthday, Van Peters!

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12:00pm Baseball @ Rogers HS

2:30pm Baseball vs. Lafayette @ Rogers HS

March 20-24	Spring Break
Friday, April 7	No School
Friday, April 14	Cap and Gown Photos
Saturday, April 15	ACT
Monday thru Wednesday April 17 thru 19	ACT Aspire for Sophomores
Thursday, April 20	Top 40 Banquet
Tuesday, April 25	Arkansas Scholars Celebration
Wednesday, April 26	Baccalaureate
Monday, May 1	AM - AP US Government and Politics Exam PM - AP Chemistry Exam PM - Spanish Lit CTE/PLTW/STEM Completer Ceremony
Tuesday, May 2	PM - AP Psychology Exam
Wednesday, May 3	AM - AP English Lit Exam PM - AP Computer Science Exam
Thursday, May 4	PM - AP Statistics
Friday, May 5	Senior Visits to Elementary Schools
Friday, May 5	AP Art Portfolios Due AM - AP US History Exam
Saturday, May 6	Prom
Monday, May 8	AM - AP Calculus Exam
Tuesday, May 9	AM - AP English Lit Exam

Tuesday, May 9	Scholarship Night
Tuesday, May 9	Senior Semester Exams 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th hours
Wednesday, May 10	AM - AP Spanish Exam PM - AP Biology Exam
Wednesday, May 10	Senior Semester Exams 1st, 5th, 7th, 8th hours
Wednesday, May 10	Seniors Last Day
Thursday, May 11	AM - AP World History PM - AP Physics Exam
Friday, May 19	Graduation
Tuesday, May 30	Semester Exams - Periods 2, 4, 6, 8
Wednesday, May 31	Semester Exams - Periods 1, 3, 5, 7
Thursday, June 1	Make-up Semester Exams

UPCOMING PROJECTS/TESTS

TEACHER	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	MORE INFO

