

POINTER UPDATE

May 3, 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 new members of the 2024-2025 Student Senate:** Juniors - Bethany Alfonzo, Jasmine Cabrera, Kayleona Gardee, Maddy Lee, Justyn Pirir, Abby Shepherd, Wyatt Teague, Caden Webb and Nate Whittington. Sophomores - Hailey Henriquez, Rilya Inthavong, Derek Kelley, Jaden Lozano, Aubrie McGhee, Brodie Myers, Brynna Pruitt and Koda Swink.
- **Congratulations to the following JROTC officers for the 2024/25 school year:** Company Commanders- Cadet Captains Lacie Eatmon, Terry Burton, Zachary Kimberling, Dustin Goodwin and Kaydence Khampouvong; Battalion Leaders- Cadet Captains Michael McArthur, Julian Khotthong, Phoenix Wagley and Daniella Peraza; Operations Officer- Cadet Major Erin Jones; Executive Officer- Cadet Major Elizabeth Eatmon; Cadet Command Sergeant Major William Morrison; And our Battalion Commander- Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Lucian Tracy.
- **The VBHS Art Department would like to recognize the following VBHS art students for placing or receiving honorable mention in the River Valley Student Art Competition:**
 - Honorable Mention in the Painting Category "Mountain Landscape" by **Kierra Harris**
 - Honorable Mention in the Mixed Media Category "Sarah with the Curls" by **Alexa Rice**
 - Third Place in the 3D Category "Oak Tree Fungi Set" by **Samantha McCarty**
 - Honorable Mention in the 3D Category "Death is Just the Beginning" by **Alaina Gooch**The Art Department would also like to thank all the students, faculty, parents, and community members involved in the 15th Annual Empty Bowls this year at Arts on Main. **Art Club raised \$2802** for the Meals for Kids program this year.
- **Congratulations to Senior Gabby Russell** for placing 3rd at the FBLA State Conference earlier this week. This qualified her to compete at the FBLA National Conference this summer. Gabby has worked hard all year as a FBLA State VP officer alongside her being a competitor. Congratulations Gabby!
- **Congratulations to Kinley Jeffcoat** on breaking the VBHS school pole vault record earlier this week at the state track meet!
- **Congratulations to Cris Tejada** for making the state finals in Madden for ESports!
- **UPCOMING TROUTS:**
 - Tennis tryouts will be May 7 and 8 at 3:30pm at the tennis courts.
 - Softball tryouts will be May 20, 21, and 22, 5:00-7:00pm at the Van Buren high school softball field. Must bring your own glove and wear appropriate clothing. Rain or shine.
 - Baseball tryouts will be held May 21 and 22, 3:30-5:30pm at the Field of Dreams.
 - Golf tryouts will be July 8-12 at Eagle Crest. Email james.lemley@vbsd.us if interested.
- Next week for Teacher Appreciation Week, VBHS will have a **"Give an apple to the teacher" food drive**. Bring apples or apple products (applesauce, apple juice, canned apples, etc) to your third hour teacher. No glass containers. All food will be donated to the IMPACT Program for the district.
- **There are 32 pre-ordered yearbooks still left to be passed out.** Students have until May 10 to pick up these pre-orders in N103. After the 10th, any remaining books will be left in the front office. Don't know if you pre-ordered a book? Stop by N103 during first, second, seventh, or eighth hour -- we have a list of names!

- Volleyball is hosting their **4th annual doubles disc golf tournament** on May 11 at Eagle's nest city park in Van Buren. The cost for a team of 2 is \$60 (30 each). You will receive a player's pack which will include a shirt and disc. For more information visit dgscene.com/sh2024 or see one of the volleyball girls or Coach Reeves.
- **Scholarship night for seniors is Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m.** If you have received any type of scholarship or enlisted in the military and have not yet let Mrs. Nelson know, please do so by Friday, April 26th. You can still complete your senior information sheet by going to her office. Invitations will be going out soon.
- **Seniors, our baccalaureate service** is less than a week away! *Where:* VBHS FAC; *When:* Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:30; *What:* wear your graduation gown; *Why:* to participate in traditional service; *Who:* family, friends, and youth groups are welcome to attend!
- **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
- **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.
- **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
Lincoln High Alumni	May 15th

Friday, May 3

Regular Registration Deadline for June ACT
 4:00pm Soccer @ Russellville (JVG/VG/VB)
 5:00pm Softball vs. Bentonville-West @ Home
 (V/JV)

Saturday, May 4

Happy Birthday, Coach McDonald!
 8:00pm VBHS Prom

Sunday, May 5

Monday, May 6

Senior Finals
 AP Government Exam (AM)
 AP Chemistry Exam (PM)

Tuesday, May 7

Senior Finals
 AP Statistics Exam (PM)
 3:30pm Tennis Tryouts
 6:30pm Scholarship Night

Wednesday, May 8

AP English Lit Exam (AM)
EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME
 AP Computer Science A Exam (PM)
 3:30pm Tennis Tryouts
 6:30pm Baccalaureate in FAC

Thursday, May 9

Baseball State Tournament
 Softball State Tournament
 7:00pm Spring Choir Concert

Friday, May 10

Happy Birthday, Coach Dodson!
 Baseball State Tournament
 Softball State Tournament
 AP European History Exam (AM)
 AP US History Exam (AM)
 6:00pm Project Graduation

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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) 6:30pm Baccalaureate
Thursday, May 9	AP Psychology Exam (PM)
Friday, May 10	AP European History (AM) AP US History (AM) 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
Tuesday, May 28	Semester Exams - Odd Hours
Wednesday, May 29	Semester Exams - Even Hours
Saturday, June 8	ACT

UPCOMING PROJECTS

TEACHER	COURSE	DUE DATE	ASSIGNMENT	MORE INFO
Carlson	AP Biology	Tuesday, May 7 Friday, May 10	Hardy Weinberg Plants Ecology Packet	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us
Carlson	HBS	Tuesday, May 7	3.1.6	rebecca.carlson@vbsd.us



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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