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Congratulations 2008 Valedictorians John Word, Ray Wolfe, John Flanagan, Megan Early, Logan Grant, Hanna Burke, Hope Tumblin, Salutatorian Noreen Murphy, Lauren Salisbury, Janelle Wood, Chris Baney



John Word

John is the son of Richard and Peggy Word. He has two sisters, Jennifer and Jenni, and three brothers, Jeremy, Jeremy, and Josh.

John participated in football, basketball statistician, track, Freshman Mentoring, National Honor Society, choir, men's choir, Show Choir, and Quiz Bowl. He also is involved in his church's youth group, Bell Chorus, Praise Band, Praise and Worship Team, and PPRC. John enjoys reading and foreign languages.

John will attend Bowling Green State University and major in Spanish Education and minor in Chinese.

Ray Wolfe

Ray is the son of Cloyce and Kristan Wolfe. He has two brothers, Cloyce and Adam.

During school Ray played golf, basketball, track, and was a member of marching/concert band, Show Choir, concert choir President, NHS, Student Council President, and Freshman Mentoring. He also keeps busy with his church band, bells, praise team, youth group president, and Appalachian Service Project. Ray likes to spend his free time going to George House with his friends.

Ray plans to attend Ohio University and is undecided in his major.

John Flanagan

John is the son of Kevin and Karen Flanagan. He has two sisters, Sarah and Michelle, and one brother, Michael.

John participated in soccer, concert/marching band, NHS, Show Choir Essentials, Yearbook staff, and club soccer. He is also involved in YES camp (Youth Enrichment Seminars), Elks Club Student of the Month, Church Festival Volunteer, and Youth Soccer Field Marshall for tournament games. John enjoys collecting Ohio State Buckeye memorabilia and other sports stuff, and hanging out with friends, playing backyard sports, watching

sports, playing video games, and listening to music.

John is going to The Ohio State University and undecided in his major.

Megan Early

Megan is the daughter of Philip and Kathleen Early. She has one brother, Matthew.

Megan participated in volleyball, track, marching/concert band, Show Choir Essentials, Freshman Mentoring, NHS, and club volleyball. She likes volunteering and going to George House.

Megan will attend Denison University and major in Biochemistry and minor in Spanish.

THE VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Van Buren School District, a highly-progressive school with a small school atmosphere, is to guarantee all students a superior education which empowers them to reach their maximum individual potential, to graduate, and to become exemplary citizens, through the instruction and encouragement of a highly-dedicated team, using a challenging curriculum, modern resources, advanced technology, and a sound partnership with the community.

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Seniors

Honors

Logan Grant
Logan is the son of Rick and Cindi Grant. He has one sister, Madison.
Logan participated in football, basketball, baseball, choir, men's choir, Show Choir, NHS, and Freshman Mentoring. He is also involved in his church's youth group. Logan enjoys sports, fishing, science, math, hanging out with his friends, and attending church.
Logan will attend the University of Toledo studying engineering.

Hanna Burke
Hanna is the daughter of Mike and Bev Burke. She has two sisters, Sara and Lauren.
Hanna was active in softball, NHS, marching/concert band, Quiz Bowl, and Show Choir. She is also involved in the food shelter, church band, and softball coach, and enjoys reading and hanging out with friends.
Hanna is going to Ohio Northern University to major in psychology and participate in marching band and softball.

Hope Tumblin
Hope is the daughter of Tom and Yvonne Tumblin. She has two sisters, Holly and Suzanna.
Hope participated in band, Show Choir, Women's Chorus, NHS, Freshman Mentoring, Student Council, Class Treasurer, girls club soccer, and Musicals. She is also active in her church's youth group, and praise team.
Hope plans to attend Asbury College and majoring in music education.

Noreen Murphy
Noreen is the daughter of Tim and Jenny Murphy. She has one brother, Nathan and two sisters, Jae and Erin.
Noreen was involved in school as Class Vice President, NHS Pres., girls club golf captain, band, Show Choir, basketball statistician, and track. She also is a HOBY volunteer, Sunday School teacher, attends ASP mission trips, and has her blackbelt.
Noreen will attend Capital University for leadership and management.

Lauren Salisbury
Lauren is the daughter of Brad Salisbury and Rosemary Salisbury. She has one brother, Jeffrey and one sister, Jennifer.
Lauren participated in Quiz Bowl, NHS, and Art. She enjoys reading, writing, and art.
Lauren is attending Bowling Green State University to major in creative writing.

Janelle Wood
Janelle is the daughter of Joel and Jan Wood. She has one sister, Jessica.
Janelle was a member of NHS, softball and cross country. She is active in Bible study at Stonebridge Church of God. She enjoys running, lifting, art, and softball.
Janelle is going to The Ohio State University majoring in zoology and grad school for veterinary medicine.

Chris Baney
Chris is the son of Jim and Bev Baney. He has one brother, Andrew.
Chris participated in basketball, baseball, golf, Show Choir, Choir, Freshman Mentoring, and NHS. He is also active in his church's youth group and Blaze Ministry Group. He loves music and plays six different instruments and is interested in music producing. He also enjoys badminton, basketball, golf, playing music with his band, recording, and writing songs.
Chris will attend Bowling Green State University as a music performance major and minor in studio producing.

New lunch prices have been approved beginning the 2008-2009 school year as follows:	
K-5	\$1.85
6-12	\$2.10
Ala Carte	\$2.35
Adult	\$2.60
Milk	\$0.45
Sandwich	\$1.50
French Fries	\$1.35
Ice Cream	\$0.70

The Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present April & May Awesome Knights

Students are chosen monthly by each high school teacher based upon one or more of the following: academic achievement; positive attitude; class participation; letter grade improvement; and/or outstanding performance.
All students chosen monthly will receive a coupon for free Cheesy Bread or Cinna Stix from Dominos and a certificate of recognition from the Academic Boosters organization.
Congratulations to the following students that were chosen for the months of **April**: Callie Bays, Kevin Haase, Kristina Rowles, Jodee Coldren, Sarah Hanson, Justin Merrick, Lindsay Laney, Caitlin Tuohy, Ben Martin, Jacob Sexton, Alex Schiefer, Kelsey Aukerman, Jonatan Nissen, Corbin King, Kevin Davis, and Brandon Cooley; and **May**: Rose Brown, Teresa Schultz, Kevin Haase, Dillion Flick, Jason Rinker, Rich Meyer, Eddie Worthy, Dillion Flick, Matt Nye, Jay Viera, Melanie Cole, Jacob Brown, Tiffany Keiser, Ashley Cytlak, C J Illiff, Zach Orians, Amy August.

May Virtuous Knights

Many VBMS students go above and beyond every day to make our school and community a better place. Each middle school teacher selects one student per month as a Virtuous Knight. Virtuous Knights strongly exhibit the following qualities: *Hard-working, Enthusiastic, Kind to others, Respectful, Generous, Responsible, and School and Self Pride.*
Each student will receive a certificate and a pizza coupon for Dominos Pizza. Congratulations to those students who have shown themselves to be Virtuous Knights.
Congratulations to the following students that were chosen for the month of May: David Mendietta, Zach Hiris, Laike Matthes, Daniel Moon, Kaylee Boney, Alex Stough, Ben Souder, Stephanie Lykowski, Meg Ewing, Cheyenne Harris, Emily Foust, Paige Pierce, Josh Roberts, Drew Patterson.

Congratulations to Second Grade Teacher Jane Ann Deter who is retiring from Van Buren School after 28 years, and to Middle School Language Arts Teacher Inese Underwood on her retirement after 27 years at Van Buren. Both are looking forward to spending time with their families, traveling, and just enjoying life. Best of Luck to both of you. Your smiling faces will be missed!

High School Orientation Wednesday, August 13, 2008 6:30 P.M. Detailed information will be sent to students in August.	Middle School Orientation Thursday, August 14, 2008 6:00 P.M. Detailed information will be sent to students in August.
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MS & HS Honors

Superintendent News

The Van Buren Academic Boosters are proud to present the MS & HS 4th Nine Weeks Honor Roll

ALL "A's"

- 6th Grade - Michael Domke, Madison Endicott, Michelle Flanagan, Jenna Gallelo, Zachary Hiris, Kelly McCartney, Tory Palmer, Scott Phillips, Jonathan Rafferty, Natalie Risser, Michael Smith, Alisa Warren
- 7th Grade - Ryan Adolph, Elyse Anderbery, Heather Clark, Michaela Conkle, Kaleigh Frampton, Olivia Godzak, Sarah Greer, Emily Hanson, Brandi Hoyng, Sydney Jameson, Alexis Kelley, Cameron King, Hailey Lowden, Daniel Moon, Dylan Sexton, George Shawver, Kristen Tropf, David Weber
- 8th Grade - Christopher Beachler, Chandler Brown, Jaclyn Cole, Ashton Combs, Brian Davidson, Julia Edelbrock, Julia Endicott, Kaitlyn Endicott, Taylor Fieger, Kiera Gaswint, Meagan Grine, Jessica Hammond, Lacie Kern, Elizabeth Kniss, Macy McCartney, Amanda Pummell, Joshua Roberts, Justin Roberts, Stephanie Sawyer, Kailie Scarlett, Joseph Simon, Scott Wymer
- 9th Grade - Brooke Barnhisel, Callie Bays, Devon Causey, Matthew Early, Logan Eaton, Aaron Edelbrock, Zachary Hoehn, Matthew Lee, Colleen McCormick, Richard Meyer, Jacob Sexton, Hannah Shank, Megan Stewart, Clayton Sudlow, Holly Tumblin, Suzanna Tumblin, Kasie Wilkins
- 10th Grade - Tyler Akers, Alex Anderbery, Samantha Benson, Lauren Clark, Alyson Combs, Ashley Cytlak, Sara Doxsey, Chelsi Faine, Michael Flanagan, Joseph Gallelo, Tia Gilkerson, Madison Grant, Jordan Hammond, Sarah Hanson, Steven Jett, Katlin Mackedanz, Anthony Male, Nichole May, Alan Molyet, Catelen Ramsey, Kayla Roberts, Alexander Roszman, Amanda Simon, Erika Stacy, Jason Tropf
- 11th Grade - Nadine Akra, Brittany Barnhisel, Courtney Campbell, Tayler Finsel, Bailey Heminger, Samantha Holbrook, Holly Kendrick, Erin Mingus, Laura Thornton, Brett Willson, Breann Zerby
- 12th Grade - Christopher Baney, Alex Benson, Hanna Burke, Shelby Calland, Melanie Cole, Emily Conkle, Denise Cooley, Megan Early, Danielle Evans, Paige Faine, Jodie Ferguson, John Flanagan, Derek Frey, Amber Glick, Kathleen Godzak, Logan Grant, Cory Herr, Michelle Homan, Christopher Iliff, Erica Kinser, Emily Mackedanz, Jan Margies, Chase Marshall, Sara Brittny Martin, Noreen Murphy, Amanda Patterson, Kirstina Rowles, Lauren Salisbury, Seth Sattler, Jonathan Tropf, Hope Tumblin, Abby Wheeler, Ray Wolfe, Janelle Wood, John Word

ALL "A's" and "B's"

- 6th Grade - Lindsey Barchent, Tyler Clark, Adam Cytlak, Brandon Edelbrock, Robyn Flick, Aaron Franklin, Nicholas Hoehn, James Irving, Sawyer Junge, Esther Moon, Ashley Overmyer, Ayasha Paluch-Keckler, Drew Patterson, Gregory Paul, Rachell Resnik, Shelby Schweitzer, Abigail Shroll, Elijah Simon, Devon Spieker, Corey Spoon, Paige Sudlow, Courtney Van Horn, Macaulay Williams
- 7th Grade - Chandler Adams, Mitchell Bayer, Sarah Benson, Austin Bisbee, Alexandra DeVincentis, Malynn Eaton, Laura Endicott, Morgan Flick, Tesa Gerken, Grace Haffenden, Allison Haslinger, Kayla King, Brady Lucas, Stephanie Lykowski, Joshua Pettry, Alec Rampe, Cala Reynolds, Kennedy Richards, Jason Sawyer, Brandon Silver, Tyler Smalley, Ashley Smith, Kayla Sonnenberg, Mary Sullivan, Brennon Swain, Jacob Szczublewski, Monique Walton
- 8th Grade - Devin Beltz, Ashley Benishek, Sarah Benjamin, Joseph Claes, Lucas Cole, Brandon Conner, Kayla Coulter, Aaron Crissman, Elizabeth Ehrnschwender, Amber Ellinger, Megan Ewing, Jacob Gilliland, Thomas Haase, Skyler Hall, Katie Hertel, Jacob Huffman, Zane Kieffer, Megan Lee, Janelle Maynard, Jeremiah McDougale, Tyler McGrain, Paige Pierce, Zachary Rader, Dean Rodabaugh, Shawn Smith, Tyler Smith, Carly Welch
- 9th Grade - Rachel Adolph, Erica Arthur, Kelsey Aukerman, Riley Bayer, Jessica Borsani, Jacob Brown, Carol Campbell, Rebecca Farling, Zachary Fournier, Kevin Haase, Kalyn Leeper, Scott Neall, Jude Palmer, Brooke Rehus, Lindsay Rinker, Chad Sonnenberg, Colin Stacy, Tori Swain, Layne Turner
- 10th Grade - Brittany Borsani, Sarah Brink, Karleigh Carman, Tarah Clark, TJ Cunningham, Dillon Flick, Dillon Jameson, David Lee, Riley Patterson, Nicholas Rafferty, Morgan Tackett
- 11th Grade - Derek Brauneller, Brittni Clark, Nicholas DeBouver, Brittany Fagan, Taylor Hummell, Travis Kingsley, Michelle Long, Brett Lucas, Mackenzi Monday, Kevin Ragless, Jason Rinker, Katelynn Romaker, Julian Viera, Benjamin Ward, Hannah Wilkinson
- 12th Grade - Elizabeth Blakely, Tyler Brown, Krista Clark, Jodee Coldren, Kevin Davis, Eric Dehnhoff, Morgan DePuy, Courtney Ferguson, Mason Frazier, Mitchell Frazier, Melissa Gilkerson, Adam Greer, Hillary Hachey, Kelsey Helfer, Josh Lee, Shanna Martinez, Matthew Phillips, Ashleigh Russell, Jeremy Simon, Ashley Smelcer, Spencer Smith, Patrick Stacy, Clayton Stewart

Special Art Awards

Several art students grades 6-12 were recognized in the community for their talents and work this year. In April, several students participated in the 2008 Student Art Exhibit. This is an exhibit which showcases Hancock County students and Findlay City students' artwork. Participants from Van Buren included Lacy Allen, Shelby Calland, Derek Frey, Mia Otto, Kayla Roberts, Lauren Salisbury, Patrick Stacy, Janelle Wood, Kaitlyn Endicott, Madison Endicott, Taylor Fieger, Tory Palmer, Drew Patterson, and Alisa Warren.

Two students receiving awards in that show were senior Lauren Salisbury, daughter of Brad Salisbury and Rosemary Salisbury. She received one of the three Chase Bank Awards which was \$100 cash award. Eighth grader Taylor Fieger, received second place in the middle school division and was awarded \$250 in cash. Taylor is the daughter of Wally Fieger and Terri Kuntz.

This year Van Buren entered work into the SAA (School of Advertising Art) High School Art Show and Competition. The school is located in Kettering, Ohio and the show was on May 10. Freshman Taylor Squire was named one of the top finalist for her mixed media piece and received a free enrollment to a session of their Saturday morning art classes. SAA trains student intensively how to become graphic designers and places them in the field. They awarded a total of \$16,790 in tuition awards, cash, and prizes. Taylor is the daughter of Frank and Robin Squire. Congratulations to all of our art award winners.



Middle School News

“Eighth Grade Washington, D.C. Class Trip”



News from MS Principal

VBMS Spinning a WEB for 2008-2009

We’re working hard to ensure that Van Buren Middle School is a place **Where Everybody Belongs** (WEB). WEB is our leadership and sixth grade transition program that puts eighth graders into roles of leadership as mentors who set a school-wide atmosphere and example.

Grant

The program was granted a \$1,200 Hancock Education Fund grant through the Findlay-Hancock Community Foundation. These funds will support the program through the purchase of the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens materials for seventh grade and supplies and materials for the sixth grade WEB activities.

Activities

A number of activities are set for our incoming sixth graders and the WEB leaders. WEB leader training will take place in mid-August and sixth graders will have orientation on August 13. That evening, they will meet up with their parents for Opening Knight. Details will be mailed to homes.

Leaders Chosen

Congratulations to our eighth grade WEB leaders for the 2008 - 2009 school year: Austin Bisbee, Ryan Brauneller, Heather Clark, Heather DeBouver, Morgan Flick, Kaleigh Frampton, Emily Gilkerson, Olivia Godzak, Sarah Greer, Hailey Lowden, Jon Potter, Anjelika Ramirez, Alex Rampe, Sarah Reichenbaugh, Cala Reynolds, Ashley Smith, and Alyssa Spears.

Thanks to advisors Mark Bunn and Lori Huffman for their work on this important project. Our hope is to make our school an inviting place and to build leaders as students move into high school while making the middle school a better place.



The **Grand Piano Committee** would like to say, “Many thanks!” to an anonymous donor who has helped push us much closer to our goal of purchasing a new grand piano for Van Buren Schools. We have recently been the recipients of a very generous donation of \$10,000! The donor has had children who had great experiences in the Van Buren music programs, and would like to make the same experiences possible for upcoming youth. In addition, we held a fundraiser on May 22 with the help of Brian Edler and **Dominos Pizza**. He donated 25% of all sales that day to our fund; Hancock County ate a lot of pizza netting \$900 for the project! Thanks to these two donations, together with those made by individuals, families, and corporations, we have now raised **\$23,895.83 of our \$37,000 goal**. The end may now be in sight, but we aren’t there yet!! We are planning events to be held over the summer months, so keep your eyes on the school’s web site, and the new sign at school. Please continue to send donations to Van Buren Music Boosters, Grand Piano Committee, P.O. Box 100, Van Buren OH 45889.

If you have ideas for fundraisers, please let any committee member or music booster member know!

Who’s Donating? Thank you to the following donors who gave a contribution to the project since our last listing in the *Knightly News*:

Note Donors

Dale & Susan Anderbery
Julie & Brian Clark
Dan & Lori Eaton
Susan & Randy Benson
In honor of Evangeline Benson

Key Donors

In Honor of Jess
and Liz

Community Donors

Dominos Pizza

Any questions? Call Sharon Male at (419) 425-8640 or e-mail at s.a.male@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to the Class of 2008



Lacy R. Allen

John & Chris Allen
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Leo & Virginia Woodward
Memorial Scholarship
Girl Scouts Scholarship
William & Virginia Kuck Scholar
Glen Stover Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Christopher Allen Baney

Jim & Beverly Baney
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Dist 3 OMEA Choral Scholarship
BGSU Inspirational Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Alex Lee Benson

Randy & Susan Benson
Honor Society
Ohio Northern Deans Scholarship
Ohio Northern University



Tyler Benjamin Brown

Neil & Deb Brown
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Wild Turkey Scholarship
James Mallery Scholarship
BGSU Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Hanna Marie Burke

Mike & Bev Burke
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Ohio Choice Grant
Ohio Northern Deans Scholarship
Ohio Northern University



Shelby Lynn Calland

Dave & Susan Calland
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
OSU Trustees Scholarship
The Ohio State University



Lauren Elizabeth Caris

Phillip & Cheryl Caris
Honor Society
Kent State Trustee Scholarship
Kent State University



Jodee Christean Coldren

Harry & Paulette Coldren
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
VB Lions Club/Robert Hart
Memorial Scholarship
Girls Scout Scholarship
Father Chaminade Award
University of Dayton



Eric Robert Dehnhoff

Alice Dehnhoff
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
BGSU Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Morgan Ann DePuy

Bruce DePuy & Kris DePuy
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Rhodes State College



Megan Michelle Early

Phil & Kathleen Early
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
VB Athletic Boosters Scholarship
Ohio Choice Grant
Denison Founders Scholarship
Denison University



Danielle Marie Evans

David & Minette Evans
Honor Society
Lima Buckeye Distinction
Scholarship
The Ohio State University - Lima



Courtney Lee Ferguson

Bart & Rhonda Ferguson
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Hillsdale Full Tuition
Hillsdale College



Jodie Marie Ferguson

*Thomas Ferguson & Kathy
Weaver*
Honor Society
Owens Community College



John Patrick Flanagan

Kevin & Karen Flanagan
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Marie Berry Scholarship
Matthew R. Copus Memorial
Scholarship
The Ohio State University

Congratulations to the Class of 2008



Mason Kyle Frazier
Mark & Tricia Frazier
Honor Society
EMU Eagle Scholarship
Eastern Michigan University



Mitchell Joseph Frazier
Mark & Tricia Frazier
Honor Society
Ohio University



Derek John Frey
John Frey & Starla Risner
Honor Society
BGSU Brown Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Melissa Ann Gilkerson
Christina Gettys
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Pell Grant - Ohio Choice Grant
SEOG Grant
Lima Buckeye Distinction
Scholarship
The Ohio State University - Lima



Amber Lynn Glick
Tammy Glick
Honor Society
Owens CC Trustees Scholar
Owens Community College



Kathleen Susan Godzak
Jeffrey & Susan Godzak
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
American Red Cross Scholarship
BGSU Academic Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Logan Richard Grant
Rick & Cindi Grant
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
UT Rocket Gold Scholarship
University of Toledo



Hillary Diane Hachey
Dick Hachey & Tanya Tuttle
Honor Society - Student Council
Navy GI Bill
University of Toledo



Cory Lewis Herr
Abbie Wymer
Honor Graduate
OU Bobcat Scholarship
Ohio University



Michelle Ann Homan
Walt & Jane Homan
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
VB Lions Club/Robert Hart
Memorial Scholarship
Marie Berry Scholarship
Oran L. Goodman Scholarship
St. Francis Grants & Scholarships
School of Health Services Scholar
University of St. Francis



Christopher J. Iliff
James Iliff & Chris Iliff
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Marie Berry Scholarship
Ohio Northern Deans Scholarship
Ohio Northern University



Joshua Edward Lee
Gary & Anne Lee
Honor Society - Honor Diploma
Huntington University



Emily Rae Mackedanz
Neal & Jane Mackedanz
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Ashland Presidential Scholarship
Ashland University



Chase Randall Marshall
Randy & Beth Marshall
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - Student Council
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
UF Presidential Scholarship
University of Findlay



Noreen Emily Murphy
Tim & Jenny Murphy
Salutatorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - Class V. Pres
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Marie Berry Scholarship
American Red Cross Scholarship
Capital Full Tuition
Capital University

Congratulations to the Class of 2008



Kristina Marie Rowles
Ken and Denise Rowles
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - Class Secretary
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Findlay Service League Spirit of
Volunteerism Scholarship
Bounders Scholarship
Capital University



Lauren Elizabeth Salisbury
Brad Salisbury & Rosemary Salisbury
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
VBEA Scholarship
Marie Berry Scholarship
AMVETS Scholarship
Ohio Choice & Capitol Grants
BG Presidential Scholarship
BG Enhanced Achievement Scholar
Bowling Green State University



Patrick James Stacy
Jim & Betsy Stacy
Honor Society
EMU Eagle Scholarship
Eastern Michigan University



Clayton James Stewart
Shawn Stewart
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Class President
Ford Dependant Scholarship
BGSU Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Jason Dean Thomas
Tim & Sue Thomas
Honor Diploma
BGSU Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Jonathan Warren Tropf
Tom & Susie Tropf
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
EMU Presidential Scholarship
Eastern Michigan



Hope Marie Tumblin
Tom & Yvonne Tumblin
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - Treasurer
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
St. Pauls Church Scholarship
Guardian Scholarship
Asbury Music Scholarship
Asbury College Presidential
Scholarship
Asbury College



Abby Elizabeth Wheeler
Kevin & Toni Wheeler
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Jennifer Masters Memorial Scholarship
University of Michigan

Class Motto
*Learn from yesterday,
live for today,
hope for tomorrow.*



Raymond Gary Wolfe
Cloyce & Kristan Wolfe
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - Student Council
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
OU Gateway Scholarship
Residential Dining Hall Scholar
Ohio University



Janelle Desiree Wood
Joel & Jan Wood
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
OSU Trustees Scholarship
The Ohio State University



John Dennis Word
Richard & Peggy Word
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Whirlpool Scholarship
Modern Woodmen Scholarship
Findlay Exchange Scholarship
Franklin Walters Scholarship
Ohio Board of Regents Academic
Scholarship
Atlanta Alumni BGSU
Robert & Wrey Barber BGSU
Scholarship
BG Enhanced Achievement
Scholarship
Bowling Green State University

Class Colors
Black and Silver
Class Flower
White Iris
Junior Class Escorts
*Laura Thornton
&
Kaelan Bell*
Class Advisor
Linda Schwemley

Congratulations to the Class of 2008



Ashley Nicole Aukerman
Kevin & Deb Aukerman
Graduate



Joshua J.M. Ayers
Greg Ayers & Michele Walters
University of Northwestern Ohio



Elizabeth Marie Blakely
Doug Blakely & Melissa Blakely
Blanchard Valley Academy of
Massage Therapy



Krista Mae Clark
Deb Olmstead
Owens Community College



Melanie E. Cole
Mike & Sharon Cole
Bluffton Leadership Service
Grant
Bluffton University



Emily Paige Conkle
Matt & Kim Conkle
The Ohio Academy - Paul
Mitchell



Denise Ashley Cooley
Dale & Wendy Treft
Bluffton University



Alexia Lauren Cunningham
Russell & Jamie Cunningham
Gleaner Life Scholarship
Owens CC Trustees Scholarship
Owens Community College



Kevin Chesebro Davis
Craig Davis & Meg Ramlow
Work - Great Lakes Shipping



Angelica M. Duncan
Laurie Duncan
Air Force



Paige Michelle Faine
Joe & Brenda Faine
Niagara Full Tuition
Niagara University



Dalton Lee Fauber
Matt Clark & Barb Clark
US Marines



Jalisa Laverene Gibson
Bill & Priscilla Wells
University of Toledo



Adam John Greer
Mark & Kim Greer
Archie Griffin Sportsmanship
Award
VB Athletic Boosters Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Kelsey Lynn Helfer
Dan Helfer & Kelly Roether
Owens Community College



Congratulations to the Class of 2008



Erica S. Kinser
Vicky Mellinger
Curran Scholarship
First Generation Scholarship
UT Tower Blue Scholarship
University of Toledo



Sara Brittany Elyse Martin
Lori Martin
St. Pauls Church Scholarship
Owens Community College



Shanna Marie Martinez
Sheila Martinez
Owens Community College



Amanda K. Patterson
Marshall Patterson & Theresa Patterson
Work



Matthew Ryan Phillips
Tom & Barb Phillips
The Whitt Scholarship
Ohio Northern Robby Funds
Scholarship
Ohio Northern University



Codi Allen Rehus
Mark & Nila Rehus
Work



Ashleigh Nichole Russell
Wes Russell & Kim Russell
University of Toledo



Seth Robert Sattler
David & Terri Sattler
Loren Steiner Auto Shop Scholar
Tom Ahl



Jeremy Alan Simon
Frank & Sandi Simon
Ohio Choice Grant
Bluffton Leadership Service Grant
Bluffton Opportunity Scholarship
Bluffton University



Zachary D. Smalley
Vicki Smalley
San Diego Golf Academy



Ashley Nicole Smelcer
Steve Smelcer & Vicki Clements
Bowling Green State University



Spencer Richard Smith
Richard & Laura Smith
EMU Eagle Scholarship
Eastern Michigan University

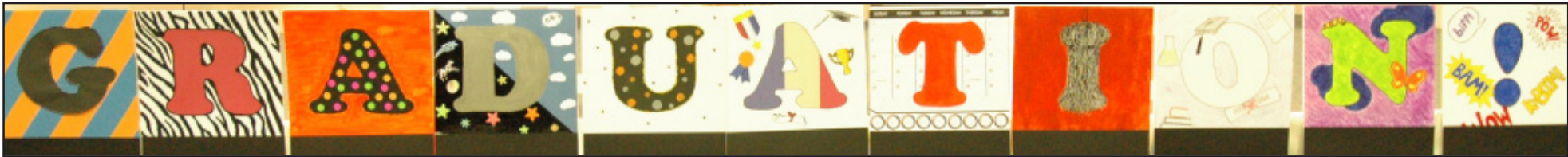


Jan Pedro Margies
Les & Linda Reed
Foreign Exchange Student



Jonatan Nissen
Rene & Virginia Dore
Foreign Exchange Student

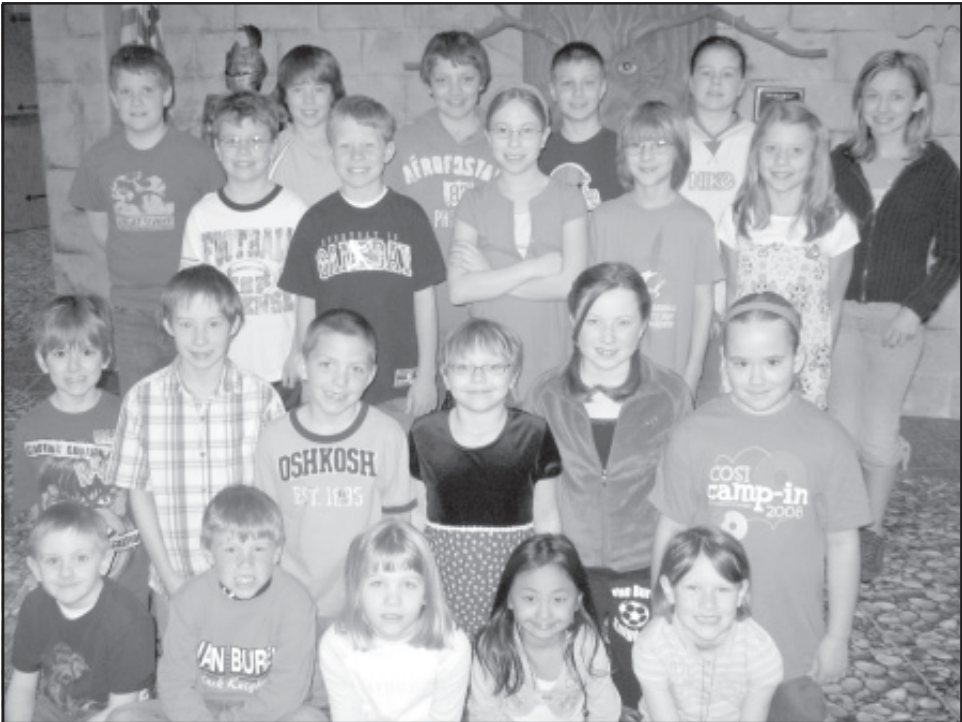
*Best
Of
Luck*



Elementary News

March, April, & May Knights of the Round Table

Students selected by their noon monitors enjoyed lunch and an ice cream treat as “Round Table Knights” — a reward for their positive attitude and behavior during the months of March, April, and May. Students were also able to invite a friend or family member to join them at the round table.



March – **Front Row:** Grayson Temple, Wade Hiatt, Emma Reineke, Saijai Ornpaeng, Hannah Betts. **Second Row:** Andy Godzak, Zachary Bowling, Trey Gregory, Nancy Allen, Kendyl Junge, Summer Poland. **Third Row:** Matthew Illiff, Brady Deitrick, Lydia Reineke, Tyler Saltzman, Emma Hiatt. **Fourth Row:** Marcus Brand, Alex Leeper, Nic Torres, Matthew Bach, Rena Bryant, Kristin Conner.



April – **Front Row:** Jacob Risner, Brady Rader, Isabella Ayers, Dante Spieker, Jessica DeBouver, Emily LeCroy. **Middle Row:** Graham Anderson, Blake Colburn, Sydney Leeper, Kole Wymer, Lindsey Klausing. **Back Row:** Ashley Thompson, Kaitlyn Kniss, Bridget Jewell, CJ Smith, Chance Sonnenberg. **Not Pictured:** Nick Overmyer, Harrison Schweitzer, Carlee Schmelzer, Mackenzie Edler, DJ Starr, Kara Conine.

May (No picture available) – Katarina Koehler, Cody Word, Erika Davenport, Miranda Eaton, Bryce Smith, Kyle Hoyng, Brendon Ring, Isaac Smith, Cheyenne Mendoza, Amelia Durlait, KiaLynne Bland, McClain Brown, Brandon Bell, Trey Switzer, Lily Stewart, Callie Marshall, Brooklyn Hoyng, Kylie Sturgill, Evan Hemminger, Mikayla Trimpey, Lucas Huber, Shana Stewart, Kailey Leal, Desiree Cunningham.

From the Elementary Physical Education Department

Ms. Breitigam, elementary physical education teacher, would like to recognize a student from each grade as student of the month for April and May. These students followed directions and displayed outstanding efforts and attitudes in physical education class. Congratulations to these outstanding students!



Zoie Nieto, Emma Hiatt, Travis Lewis, Austin Hutchison, Kyle Hoyng, Isaiah Wolford



Kailey Leal, Natalie Williamson, Mercedes Williamson, Mikayla Trimpey, Kevin Beall, Sierrah Foltz.

Make a Difference for Madeline a Success

Elementary students performed over 300 good deeds and raised over \$2,000 to benefit the A-T Children’s Project, a charity that supports research for Ataxia-Telangiectasia (ay-TACK-see-uh Teh-LAN-jick-TAY-sha). A-T has symptoms similar to muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, immune deficiencies, and cancer. Madeline Ellingsworth, a 10-year old student at Van Buren elementary, is one of only about 400 children in the United States that have A-T.

Students performed good deeds at home, in the community, and school to raise money for the project. On the last day of school students enjoyed a walk-a-thon on the track to celebrate all their good deeds and donations earned. Congratulations to the elementary students on a job well done!! For more information about A-T and the A-T Children’s Project visit www.atcp.org or call 1-800-5-HELP-A-T (800-543-5728).

Elementary News

School News

A Brick in History

Students give back to the Van Buren Community

Over the past several years, Van Buren Schools have constructed a Medieval Garden, a Bridge, and an Outdoor Learning Center as service learning projects. These projects promote giving back to our community while learning through a hands-on approach. All of the projects have been entirely funded through grants, fundraisers, and donations. The grants that have made this project possible are: ECLIPSe, The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, Learn and Serve, COSMOS, Lowes, and the Alternative Opportunity Center’s Safe and Drug Free School Grant.

This year many students contributed to making our Medieval Garden a beautiful spotlight for Van Buren Schools by spreading mulch, pulling weeds, planting trees,

and replacing blank pavers with new pavers. The students also helped Mr. Jason Deeds connect our elementary school to our Outdoor Learning Center with a handicapped accessible paver walkway. Our community purchased approximately 100 new bricks/pavers with their family names, quotes, business names, etc. through the “Brick in History” fundraiser. Van Buren Schools appreciates all of the community support we get through various donations to our Medieval Garden.

The VANTAGE students also created a “yearbook DVD” for the elementary school. They offered the DVD to the community for a donation to our Medieval Garden. The VANTAGE students raised almost \$800. This will help us pay for mulch next spring! As a community member, feel free to come out and enjoy our Medieval Garden. Sit and rest on the butterfly bench in the herb garden . . . or take a rest in the butterfly garden along the second grade wing. Feel free to bend over and pull a weed. It is a place of pride and enjoyment for all at Van Buren!



VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOL
2008 - 2009
School Calendar

Calamity/Weather Make-Up Days

May 29, June 1, 2, 3, 4

9-Weeks Grading Period

Aug. 19 — Oct. 24 = 44 days
Nov. 5 — Jan. 18 = 43 days
Jan. 22 — March 20 = 43 days
March 31 — June 5 = 48 days

Interim Schedule

Wednesday, October 3
Wednesday, December 5
Wednesday, February 20
Wednesday, April 30

August 18
August 19
August 27-29
September 1
September 2
September 26
October 13
October 24
November 24 & 25
(Monday evening, all day Tuesday and Tuesday evening) No School for students Tuesday through Friday
November 26, 27 & 28
December 5
December 22 - January 2
January 5
January 16
January 19
February 16
February 20
March 20
April 9 - 13
May 8
May 25
May 28
May 29
May 31

Monday
Tuesday
Wed., Thurs., & Friday
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Monday & Tuesday
Wed., Thurs. & Friday
Friday
Monday through Friday
Monday
Friday
Monday
Monday
Friday
Friday
Thursday, Friday, Monday
Friday
Monday
Thursday
Friday
Sunday

Teachers and Staff Meetings
First Day for Students
No School - Hancock County Fair
No School - Labor Day
School Resumes
Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
No School - Teacher Inservice
End of 1st 9 weeks
Parent/Teacher Conferences
No School - Thanksgiving Vacation
Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
Christmas Break
School Resumes
End of 1st Semester - (End of 2nd 9 weeks)
No School - Martin Luther King Day
No School - President's Day
Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
End of 3rd 9 weeks
No School - Spring Break
Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
No School - Memorial Day
Last day for Students - End of 2nd Semester
Teacher Work Day
Graduation

Sports News

All Sports Passes & Season Tickets for 2008-2009

Effective the 2008-2009 school year, all BVC tickets prices will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Van Buren School will once again be offering an All Sports Pass which will entitle the pass holder into every regular home sporting event, (this does not include the Van Buren Wrestling Invitational or the Freshman Boy's Basketball Tourney). These passes are non-transferable. The family members, upon purchasing the passes, will have their names put on a pass. Passes must be present to enter the event. It does not matter how many members are in the family...the cost for the family pass is \$250.00.

1. FAMILY PASS - \$250. This plan includes general admission for the parents and all immediate family members in grades 1-12. It includes all home athletic events, junior high through varsity.
2. STUDENT ALL SPORTS PASS - \$75. General admission for any student, grades 1-12 to all home athletic contests, junior high through varsity.
3. ADULT ALL SPORTS PASS - \$125. General admission for one adult to all home athletic contests, junior high through varsity.
4. SEASON FOOTBALL PASS - \$30/ADULT, \$20/STUDENT. General admission to all five home varsity football games.
5. SEASON GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PASS - \$54/ADULT, \$36/STUDENT. General admission for all home girls' varsity volleyball games.
6. SEASON SOCCER PASS - \$48/ADULT, \$32/STUDENT. General admission for all home soccer games.
7. SEASON BOYS BASKETBALL PASS - \$60/ADULT, \$40/STUDENT. General admission for all home boys' varsity basketball games.
8. SEASON GIRLS BASKETBALL PASS - \$60/ADULT, \$40/STUDENT. General admission for all home girls' varsity basketball games.

NOTES:

1. You may order your passes by filling out the following application and mailing to this address:
(Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope)
Van Buren High School c/o Randy Ebling
217 South Main Street
Van Buren, Ohio 45889
2. Senior Citizens - Van Buren School residents, 65 years of age or older, will be admitted to all HOME games free of charge (barring a pre-sale due to demand). Senior citizens can also order a pass with this application. You do NOT need a new pass every year.
3. All pass holders, including senior citizens, will receive a pass. You **must** have your pass to enter the game. This will help our ticket takers greatly. Thank you.
4. If you want a Family All Sports Pass and still reserve basketball seats, it will be an additional \$20.00 per seat.
5. If you have any questions, please call the athletic department at (419) 299-3384 ext. 305.

Name: _____
Address: _____

All-Sports Pass:

Family: _____ @ \$250.00 = \$ _____
Adult: _____ @ \$125.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$75.00 = \$ _____

Soccer Season Tickets:

Adult: _____ @ \$48.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$32.00 = \$ _____
Total: = \$ _____

Names to be listed on passes:

Football Season Tickets:

Adult: _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____
Total: = \$ _____

Volleyball Season Tickets:

Adult: _____ @ \$54.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$36.00 = \$ _____
Total: = \$ _____

Make checks payable to
Van Buren Local Schools

Mail to: Van Buren Local School
Attn: Randy Ebling, Athletic Director
217 S. Main Street
Van Buren, OH 45889

School News

Van Buren High School/Middle School Guidance

- Any student who has to complete class credit work before next year needs to contact Mr. Zender for make-up work information.
- The guidance office will be open from 7:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. each day until June 20. It will reopen again on August 16.
- All senior final transcripts may be picked up in the guidance office until June 20.
- Any changes in scheduling for next year must be done before June 20 in the guidance office, unless summer school, make-up work, or advancement is involved.
- Grade classification requirements for the start of next year are 4 credits to be a sophomore, 9 credits to be a junior, and 14 credits to be a senior. A letter will be sent out to those students who do not meet these requirements notifying them of there status and options.
- This year's seniors have received a total of over \$1.5 million worth of scholarships from several different colleges. A total of 62 of the 69 graduating seniors have indicated that they will be attending a two-year or four-year school. We also have two graduating seniors enrolling in the military.

State Birth and Broken Records!

The high school track team had a very successful season this year! Each athlete contributed to the successes in their own way! To all the athletes and parents, we say thank you for helping this to be another excellent season! This year there were four athletes that won BVC League awards! Second Team awards went to Ray Wolfe (Discus) and Jeremy Simon (Pole Vault). Third team Awards went to Michelle Long (Long Jump and 100 Hurdles) and Abby Wheeler (400 Meter Dash). There were also three athletes that qualified for the Regional track meet. They were Michelle Long (Long Jump), Jeremy Simon (Pole Vault), and Ray Wolfe (Discus). Michelle finished 4th at Districts and 12th at Regionals. Jeremy finished 2nd at Districts, 4th at Regionals, and 9th at the State track meet Friday, June 6. Ray finished 2nd at Districts and 8th at Regionals. Michelle (Long Jump) and Ray (Discus) each broke the school record at Districts. Michelle now holds the school record with a jump of 16'7 1/2" and Ray now holds the school record with a throw of 149'7". Congratulations to you all! We are so proud of you!

The annual door-to-door
Van Buren Athletic Booster Drive will be
held August 5 & 6, 2008.
Anyone interested in being a
VB Athletic Booster can sign up then or
if missed, can contact any
Athletic Booster member.