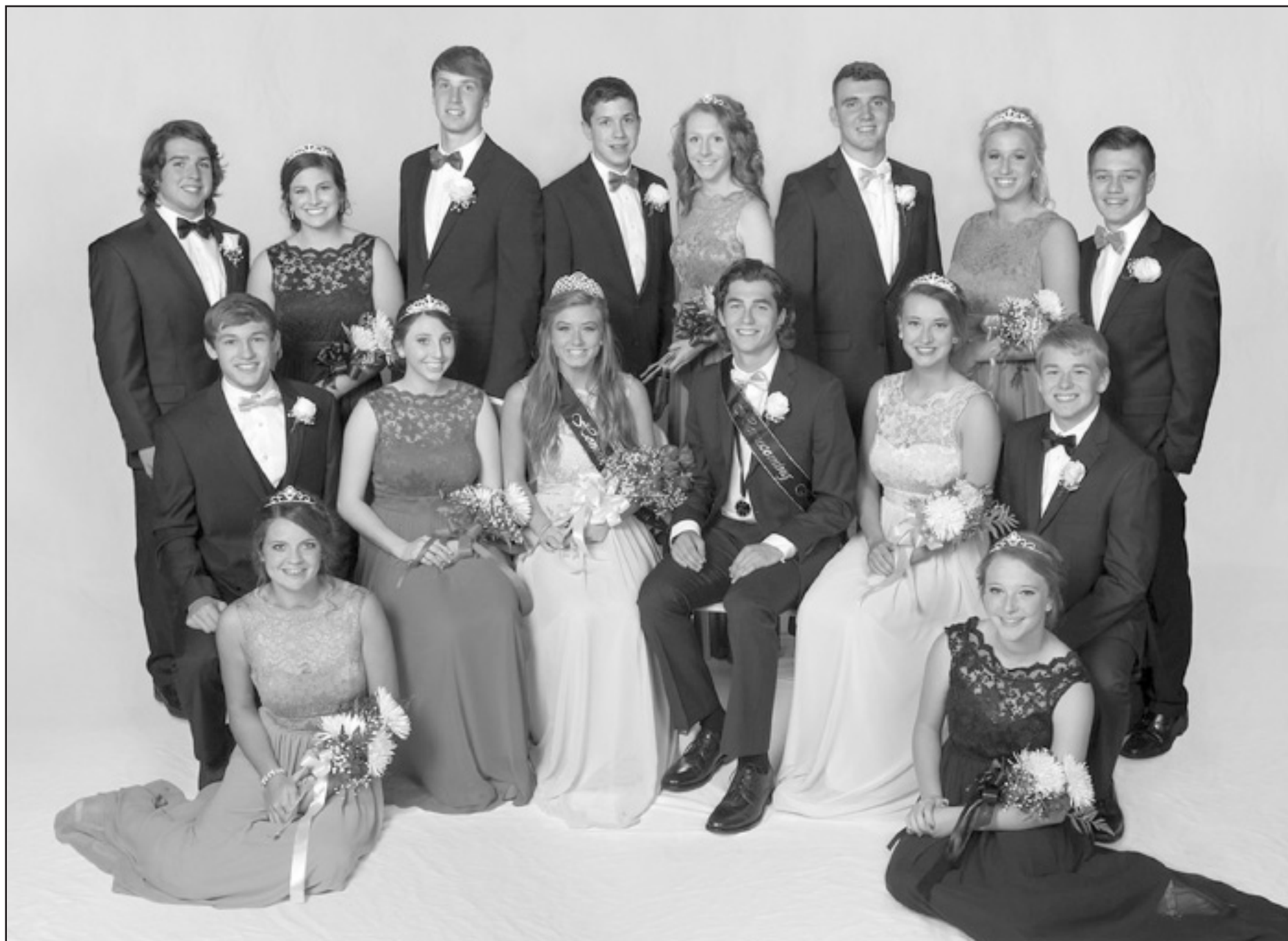


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Van Buren 2016 Homecoming

Back Row Standing: Senior Escort Brendan Roszman, Senior Attendant Kila Fultz, Senior Escort Braxton Fasone, Sophomore Escort Joshua Bishop, Sophomore Attendant Andrea Iliff, Senior Escort Riley Adolph, Senior Attendant Adysson Miller, Senior Escort McClain Brown. *Second Row Kneeling and Sitting:* Junior Escort Jacob Leal, Senior Attendant Alexis Kieffer, ***Queen Tori Bookwalter***, ***King Brandon Bell***, Senior Attendant Brylie Rampe, Freshman Escort Riley Simons. *Sitting on Floor:* Junior Attendant Lisa Simmons, Freshman Attendant Madison Trumbull.

School News

Alex Binger, Van Buren's New Treasurer

Van Buren Board of Education, Administration, faculty, and staff are excited to welcome Mr. Alex P. Binger as our new Treasurer.

Alex is in his first year with the district. Prior to joining Van Buren Local Schools, he was employed at Fisher-Titus Medical Center and Clyde-Green Springs Exempted Village Schools. Alex and his girlfriend, Karley, live in Bellevue, Ohio, and like to spend their time attending numerous professional sports events, including Columbus Crew SC, Detroit Red Wings, Columbus Blue Jackets, Green Bay Packers, and Cleveland Indians games. His father, Alan W. Binger, is also a School Treasurer, currently at Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers.

Alex shared, "I am very excited to lead the Treasurer's office here at Van Buren Local Schools. This community is an exciting place and I am blessed to be a part of it now. There are many exciting places this district can go, as well as many great things that have already happened. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together."



Ortinau Recognized with Findlay Rotary Golden Apple Award!



Mrs. Megan Ortinau, seventh grade math teacher, was recognized by the Findlay Rotary Club at their 26th annual Golden Apple Awards Dinner on October 19. Mrs. Ortinau was named the finalist for the middle school division, which included two other terrific Findlay/Hancock County middle level educators.

Mrs. Ortinau has taught seventh grade mathematics at Van Buren since 2012. Prior to teaching at VBMS, Mrs. Ortinau taught middle school in South Carolina after graduating from Miami University. Congratulations also to Mrs. Ortinau, who was a semi-finalist for the award last year.

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, November 17, 2016	5:45 - 9:00 P.M.
Monday, November 21, 2016	5:45 - 9:00 P.M.
Tuesday, November 22, 2016	8:00 - 11:00 A.M. 1:15 - 3:00 P.M.

Scheduling conferences with your child's teacher will be done online. Please go to Van Buren Local School District website (www.vbschools.net) and click on your child's school and enter the required information.

Attention Senior Parents

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. in the Van Buren Auditorium about the senior class trip to Chicago, Illinois.

It is recommended that at least one parent of each senior be in attendance to receive information.

If there are any questions, please email Senior Class Advisor Linda Schwemley at lschwemley@vbschools.net.

Van Buren High School/Middle School Guidance - Mr. Zender

- The parent CCP meeting to provide information on taking college courses next year will be on December 14 in the high school auditorium at 6:30 PM. Those students currently in grades 6-11 who may be interested in taking college classes next year should attend as well as at least one parent. This meeting is much earlier than in previous years due to new state requirements.
- Seniors need to get their college applications in as soon as they are ready. Many of the colleges and universities have their scholarship deadlines at different times, including November 1. Students should check with their colleges of choice to be sure of application and scholarship deadlines.
- Millstream representatives will be here on November 15 to meet with all sophomores about courses that are available to them at Millstream for their junior year.
- The next ACT test will be given on December 10. Registration deadline is November 4.
- The school home page has all the updated guidance information, scholarships, as well as current news available for viewing. Check it out!
- The end-of-year exams make-up testing will be the week of December 5.

Student-Led Conferences

Student-led conferences will be scheduled online starting in early November at www.vbschools.net. Conference dates are Thursday, November 17 (evening), Monday, November 21 (evening), and Tuesday, November 22 (day). Watch your mailbox for more information!

Superintendent News

HS News

Great Things Happening Along with Some Discouraging Ones
Tim Myers, Superintendent

It's hard to believe that the school year is one quarter of the way over. It has been a great first part of the school year. As I walk the halls I can see hard working staff and students. October marks the end of the first nine-weeks grading period and the near end of fall sports and activities. Our students have performed extremely well in the classroom, on the field and court, and in competitions. Music, athletics, and academics have performed at a high level.

We have been blessed with another Findlay Rotary Golden Apple winner. Megan Ortinau, our 7th grade math teacher, received the middle school award. Thank you to Megan, and the rest of our teaching staff for the outstanding work you do with our students.

We also had the opportunity to have State Superintendent of Schools, Paolo DeMaria, make a visit to our school on Monday, October 31. As far as I can determine, this may be the first time in the history that the state superintendent has ever visited our district. Mr. DeMaria was genuinely interested and impressed with the Van Buren Schools. He is proving to be a passionate and understanding state superintendent. Thank you to Mr. Brand for arranging this visit.

The age and condition of parts of our buildings and our building systems is a constant strain on the budget. Repair costs are exceeding our Permanent Improvement Funds. Over the past several months we have made repairs to the parking lots, HVAC system, sewer system, roofs, and other general repairs. The PI levy produces approximately \$350,000 of revenue annually. Besides the maintenance and repair expenses that this fund covers, it is also utilized for technology and bus purchases. Repairs to the HVAC system have been over \$100,000. Piping, valves, and chiller coils have needed repairs and replace-

ments. Now the oldest boiler in the high school has failed. This 42-year-old, highly inefficient boiler has been relegated to back up duty and to help the newer boiler during peak winter demand. The availability of parts and extent of the failure of this boiler may be cost prohibited. Replacement of this boiler had been discussed and expected in the near future. Unfortunately, the future has become now. Replacement cost of this boiler alone will be over \$120,000. A project to replace this boiler and change our method of heating the domestic water in this building, including the removal of a large asbestos insulated hot water storage tank has been estimated at approximately \$300,000. Part of this work must be done now to assure adequate heat during the cold winter months. Not fixing this problem could result in the cancelling of school during the coldest winter months, or, in a worst case scenario, split scheduling of the high school with the middle school and Elementary. With the cost of this repair exceeding the PI budget, operating funds for academics and learning will have to be utilized. We will continue to strive to maintain and keep our buildings and facilities operational. But with portions of our buildings being 50 to 100 years old, repairs and upkeep will continue to be necessary and costly.

The annual Senior Citizens lunch and program was held during the last week of October. It was rewarding to have some of the senior citizens of our community attend our school and to watch the students in our music programs perform. Attendance increased from last year and hopefully will continue to grow in the future. Thank you to everyone who organized, served, performed, and made this day a success.

November marks the start of our new school district treasurer, Mr. Alex Binger. I look forward to working with Alex. We will be setting up some opportunities to introduce Alex to the staff and community.

2016 - 2017 Mid-term HS Exam Schedule

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

7:50 AM – 8:40 AM	AA (Period 1)
8:43 AM – 10:23 AM	Period 1 Exam
10:26 AM – 12:06 PM	Period 4 Exam
12:06 PM – 12:36 PM	Period 6 (Lunch/SH)
12:39 PM – 1:09 PM	Period 7 (Lunch/SH)
1:12 PM – 2:51 PM	Period 9 Exam

Thursday, December 15, 2016

7:50 AM – 8:40 AM	AA (Period 1)
8:43 AM – 10:23 AM	Period 3 Exam
10:26 AM – 12:06 PM	Period 5 Exam
12:06 PM – 12:36 PM	Period 6 (Lunch/SH)
12:39 PM – 1:09 PM	Period 7 (Lunch/SH)
1:12 PM – 2:51 PM	Period 8 Exam

Friday, December 16, 2016

7:50 AM – 8:40 AM	AA (Period 1)
8:43 AM – 10:23 AM	Period 2 Exam
10:26 AM – 12:06 PM	Period 6 Exam
	Period 7 Exam
12:06 PM – 12:36 PM	Period 6 (Lunch/SH)
	Period 7 (Lunch/SH)
12:39 PM – 2:51 PM	Period 6/7 Study Hall

HIGH SCHOOL MID-TERM EXAM PROCEDURE

Mid-term exams are scheduled prior to Christmas Break (Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Thursday, December 15, 2016, and Friday, December 16, 2016). This will allow students to be better prepared for their exams due to the fact that they will be tested before they take their two week Christmas break. By taking mid-term exams at this earlier time, we also hope to avoid delays and cancellations that seem to occur in January. This time period will also allow students and staff time to make up exams prior to the end of the semester if we would incur delays and or cancellations. Even though mid-term exams are occurring prior to Christmas break, the end of the first semester will still be on Friday, January 13, 2017, with students continuing to receive credit for work they complete between Christmas break and the end of the first semester.

In respect to mid-term exams specifically, students are required to be in school for their first scheduled exam of each day and the remainder of the day, except for Friday. On Friday only, students may be excused at the end of their last scheduled exam period with the PARENT PERMISSION FORM received in the High School Office by December 9, 2016. Students may only leave at the conclusion of an exam period on Friday, December 16, 2016.

During exam days, students who arrive after 7:50 A.M., must sign in at the office when arriving and have presented by Friday, December 9, 2016, the PARENT PERMISSION FORM authorizing the late arrival. After signing in, all students will report to the cafeteria and remain there until the next period begins. No students are permitted anywhere in the building, other than the cafeteria during an exam period. Students also may not go to their lockers during an exam period since this could be disruptive to other students taking exams.

Once at school, a student may not leave early Wednesday (December 14, 2016) or Thursday (December 15, 2016). To be excused early on Friday (December 16, 2016), a student must have the PARENT PERMISSION FORM requesting early dismissal, turned into the High School Office no later than Friday, December 9, 2016.

Students may meet with other teachers during class/study time if they have secured a pass to that teacher prior to the start of school.

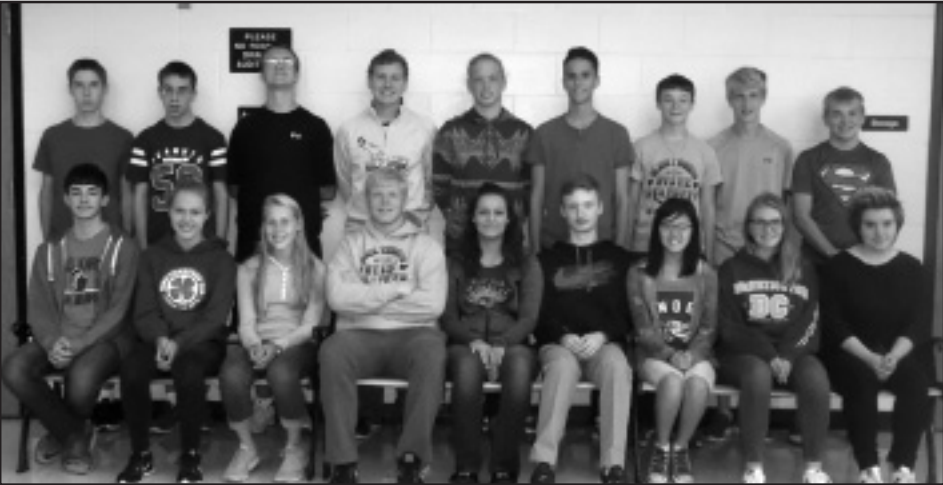
Students with schedule conflicts such as Millstream and Post-Secondary Options may reschedule an exam with the teacher. All other exams are to be taken during the scheduled times.

HS & MS Honors

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present September 2016 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; Outstanding Performance.**

All students chosen will receive a gift certificate and a certificate of recognition from the Academic Boosters organization. The gift certificate is sponsored by McDonalds of North Baltimore.



Back Row: Jason Runion, Josh Orians, Jacob Below, Josh Seitz, Ryan Domke, Justen Stall, Kyle Hoyng, Nic Rettig, Riley Simons. *Front Row:* Johnathon Farthing, Marisa Gilbert, Amelia Durliat, Tanner Schroer, Ivorie Garnes, Jon Baker, DeLainie Bland, Cora Thomas, Lily Saum. *Not Pictured:* Danielle Hall, Jordan Trenkamp, Cassie Waltmire, C.J. Wise.

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present September 2016 Virtuous Knights

QUALITIES OF A VIRTUOUS KNIGHT:
Generosity; Respect; Kindness; Pride in School; Responsibility; Enthusiasm; Pride in Self; Hard Working.

Thanks to the Van Buren Academic Boosters and Culver's for their support of the VBMS Virtuous Knight program.



Back Row: Jadin Marquez, Melodie Garnes, Brandon Buff, Connor Koehnke, Brandon Smith, Kadin Ogg, Mia Leal, Peyton Sendelbach. *Front Row:* Ben Hudok, Peter Harrington, Taylor Stewart, Faith Smith, Alec Muzy, Casey Donaldson.

Middle School News

Eighth Grade Team Recognized

Congratulations to our 8th grade team as they were recognized at the Ohio Middle Level Association conference October 27-28, 2016, in Cincinnati with a regional award for building community connections. The team has done a terrific job shaping opportunities for our students to experience service-learning, workplace tours, college visits, and presentations by military personnel... all of which provide our students a substantial edge as they begin planning for life beyond K-12 education. Way to go Stevie Brown, Mark Bunn, Seth Schaffer, Chris Henry, and June Miller!!!



Ohio Northern University Mathematics Shoot-Out Results

Even with the buzzer not being our friend through the first two rounds at the Ohio Northern University Mathematics Shoot-Out on Tuesday, October 18, the Van Buren Math Team of Amelia Durliat, Josie Masters, Autumn Pisarsky, and Lisa Simmons was still able to finish in 6th place out of 16 teams. The other fifteen teams that competed against Van Buren were: Ada, Allen East, Antwerp, Bellefontaine, Bluffton, Fort Jennings, Kenton, Liberty-Benton, Lima Central Catholic, Miller City, North Baltimore, Pandora Gilboa, Marion Pleasant, Upper Sandusky, and Wayne Trace. The eventual winner was Marion Pleasant with Miller City coming in second. Van Buren was the top scoring BVC team.

Even though we were unable to defend our championship title from last year, we want to say thank you and congratulations to Amelia, Josie, Autumn, and Lisa for a job well done.



Autumn Pisarsky, Amelia Durliat, Lisa Simmons, Josie Masters, Mr. Rader

High School News

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Van Buren Academic Boosters, Athletic Boosters, and Music Boosters welcomed 46 community members to our annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on October 25. A special thanks goes to members of the National Junior Honor Society for serving our guests, bringing desserts, and providing water for the event.

The Van Buren High School Band and our various Choirs provided several songs that were enjoyed by our senior citizens. Junior student, Miranda Eaton provided dinner music for the seniors as they enjoyed a spaghetti lunch that included, a salad, breadsticks, and a variety of desserts. Mr. Tim Myers, superintendent, welcomed our visitors and shared some of the many accomplishments of our school this year and some of our future plans. We enjoyed having Oletha Dysinger (98 years young) attend again this year. She is a proud Van Buren graduate of the class of 1938.

Thanks to all who attended and to all who made this a successful event.



Middle School News

Crafting a Good Story

The Arts Partnership brought storyteller Kevin Cordi to Van Buren Middle School on October 11. Mr. Cordi presented an assembly to sixth and seventh graders, then spent the rest of his day working with eighth grade language arts classes. Discussing the essentials of a good story, Mr. Cordi was engaging and kept everyone laughing! Thanks to the Arts Partnership for this terrific opportunity!



Elementary News

September 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 month of September. Students were also able to invite a friend or family member to join them at the round table. Congratulations to these students!



Back Row: Logan VanderEnde, Zack McKee, Ava McCracken, Zebb Leal, Tori Schroeder, McKenna Hall, Camryn Masters, Anna Durlat. **Middle Row:** Abigail Holtgreven, Trace Kisseberth, Heidi Griffith, Patrice Pullom, Carson Cripple, Tommy Basinger, Evan Hutton, Danielle Kelley. **Front Row:** Adeline Collins, Ella McMonigal, Lily Kaufman, Amelia Fry, Deminick Wise, Tyler Hummel, Chase Volland. *Not Pictured:* Maurice Bear.

ELEMENTARY PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Having a strong bond between school and home is vital in a student's success and parent/teacher conferences are key in making this happen! With conferences approaching, Van Buren Elementary will be using the same process we used last year. You will again go to the following website to register your child for a conference time:

<https://www.myconferencetime.com/vbs>

A few key things to remember:

- If you don't have access to the internet or prefer to schedule via phone, you can contact the elementary office @ 419-299-3416 and Mrs. Stumpp can help you out.
- You will also be able to access the above website from the elementary office page by going to <http://vbschools.net>, For Parents, School Offices, and choosing “Elementary School Office” from the tab at the top of the page. Once at the elementary page, you will see a link to click on to access the conference sign-up webpage.
- When signing up for a conference, please fill out as much information as possible, including an email. This will automatically generate an email back to you and the school to let us know you have signed up for a conference time.

Mazza Children's Art Exhibit

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to have their artwork exhibited at the Mazza Children's Art Exhibit; Pranav Dinavahi, Rylie Kark, Travis Carey, Maggie Gunder, Mia Leatherman, Sophie Endicott, Skyler Howard, Kenzie Steveson, Annie Moro, Carson Foltz, Landon Fisher, Ryan Harmon, Liam Hall, Kady Volland, Lily Grine, Lily Ayers, Brody Scoles, Ava Beuschlein, Selma Brant, Madelyn Fry, Morgan Johnson, Abby Badertscher, Adeline Collins, and Lacey Bowman.

After studying the author and illustrator Eric Carle, students completed a work of art based on his subject matter and artistic style. These students will have their artwork exhibited at the Mazza Museum located at the University of Findlay from October 19, 2016, until December 16, 2016.



Back Row: Kady Volland, Morgan Johnson, Abby Badertscher, Sophie Endicott, Carson Foltz, Ryan Harmon, Annie Moro, Liam Hall. **Middle Row:** Kenzie Steveson, Landon Fisher, Ava Beuschlein, Lacey Bowman, Brody Scoles, Maggie Gunder, Pranav Dinavahi, Skyler Howard. **Front Row:** Mia Leatherman, Madelyn Fry, Lily Grine, Lily Ayers, Adeline Collins, Travis Carey, Rylie Kark.

Fruit Sale

The Van Buren FFA is holding a fruit sale to raise money for the FFA. Some of the fruits that are being sold are oranges, tangerines, grapefruit, pears, apples, pineapples, and cheesecake. If you would like to buy something from the fruit sale, e-mail Ms. Bement at lbement@vbschools.net.



Or you can order online at the following link <http://freshfruitorder.org/vbfruitsales>

Thank you for supporting Van Buren FFA!

Van Buren MS Parent/Teacher Conferences Student-Led Conferences

- Thursday, November 17 5:45 - 8:45 P.M.; and Monday, November 21 (5:45 - 8:45 P.M.); and Tuesday, November 22 (8:00 - 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.)
- Scheduling conferences with your child's teacher will be done online. Please go to Van Buren Local School District website (www.vbschools.net) and click on your child's school and enter the required information.

Yearbook News

Yearbook Orders

Thank you to all who purchased a copy of the 2016 Knight and Squire. Last year's staff put in a lot of hard work to create a book that our community can be proud of, and this year's staff is working hard to do the same.

The 2017 Knight will include the high school and middle school, and the 2017 Squire will included elementary events. The first yearbook sale was held September 26 - September 30, and will run through December 20 or online until December 23. The price for the HS/MS yearbook is \$50 this year. A student can have his/her name stamped onto the book for \$5, and protective plastic covers can be purchased for \$3. The price for the 2017 Squire (elementary) yearbook is \$20. Another option is if you want both, you can **save \$10 off the total**. A student can fill out the form on this page and give it to his/her teacher (elementary) or give it to Mr. Bratt in Room 235. When your student makes an order, please make sure that if he/she is paying by check, the check is made payable to the 2017 Knight and/or 2017 Squire for the number of books purchased.

Another purchase option is to buy online. Simply go to www.vbschools.net, click on the Buy a Yearbook button, and follow the on-screen instructions. If you choose to purchase your yearbook(s) using this option, the individual prices are only available (\$50 and \$20). Prices are in effect through December 20.

The yearbook staff thanks you for your support of the Knight and Squire, and we look forward to serving you in the future. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Bratt, yearbook adviser, at (419) 299-3384 (ext. 407).

Order Form for the 2017 Knight and Squire

Van Buren Elementary, Middle School and High School

Name _____
Grade/Teacher _____ Date _____

\$50.00 each	Price of the 2017 <u>Knight</u> in FULL COLOR (coverage of the middle school and high school)
\$5.00 each	Price to have your name put on your yearbook (2017 <u>Knight</u> only) Write how you would like your name to appear _____
\$3.00each	Plastic protective cover for your book (2017 <u>Knight</u> only)
\$20.00 each	Price of the 2017 <u>Squire</u> in FULL COLOR (coverage of the elementary school)

Please fill out the following form and return it to your teacher (elementary) or Mr. Bratt in room 235 (middle and high school). Thank you, and enjoy your yearbook!

Quantity	Item	Price/Unit	Total Amount
	2017 <u>Knight</u>	\$50.00	
	Name on Book	\$5.00	
	Plastic Cover	\$3.00	
	2017 <u>Squire</u>	\$20.00	
	2017 <u>Knight</u> & <u>Squire</u>	\$60.00	
Please make all checks payable to: 2017 <u>Knight</u> and/or 2017 <u>Squire</u>.			TOTAL

PEOPLE WHO PURCHASED COPIES OF THE 2016 KNIGHT

The following alumni need to pick up their copies of the 2016 Knight and/or Squire that they ordered: Trenton Boyette, Logan Brooker, Evan Heminger, Rachel McIntyre, Ken Mock, Brant Morton, Brandon Shepherd.

Please stop to pick those up in the high school office at your earliest convenience. Thank you again for your support of Van Buren and our yearbook.

Parents/Guardians of SENIORS!!!

Please remember that your senior and baby pictures are due to Mr. Bratt by Friday, November 18, which is the last day of school prior to Thanksgiving break. If there are any issues regarding your ability to turn the pictures in by that date, please contact Mr. Bratt (bbratt@vbschools.net).

Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2017

What is the best way to show your senior student how much you care? Buy a parent ad! You can include a message, a picture, or both. Either fill out the order form that you should have received in the mail or the one here and return it to Brian Bratt, 217 S. Main St., Van Buren, OH 45889.

To reserve yearbook space, please respond by **12/20/16** by providing the following:

- This Order Form
- Ad Text
- Check payable to 2017 Knight

- Mail or deliver to:
Van Buren High School
ATTN: Brian Bratt
217 South Main Street
Van Buren, Ohio 45889

Student's Name

Parent/Purchaser's Name

Address/City/State/Zip

Your Signature

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Check the ad size requested:

	Color	
1/8 page	\$40	_____
1/4 page	\$65	_____
1/2 page	\$100	_____

Is this ad a surprise for the student:
_____ Yes _____ No

Number of photos provided _____

(Space limited in yearbooks, so ads honored first come, first serve.)

Neatly print ad text below (you may submit on another sheet of paper):

High School News

Follow the High School English Class Blogs

Mr. Bratt’s English students are continuing to blog (a regularly updated website or web page, typically run by an individual or small group, that is written in an informal or conversational style) this year in an effort to practice writing for authentic audiences. That is where you, the Van Buren community, come into the picture. We would like you to take a look at some of the blogs that interest you, comment on the blog posts, ask questions, etc. This will hopefully lead my students to a deeper understanding of writing for an audience and help them learn about what they enjoy at the same time. In the following chart you will find the topics (students chose these based on their interests) and addresses for each of the blogs. If there are any topics which look interesting to you, feel free to check out those blogs.

If you are new to blogging yourself, you might want to make your blog-reading life a bit easier by using an RSS feed like Feedly.com (there is also an app available for mobile devices). You can start following as many blogs as you like, and whenever there is new content, the new content will appear there automatically.

The goal I have set for students is that they should be posting new content to their blogs every two weeks, so you should have plenty to read over the course of this school year.

Thank you for your support, and please contact me at bbratt@vbschools.net or 419-299-3384 (ext. 407) if you have any comments or questions.

Senior Blogs		
Name	Blog Topic	Blog Address
Joe Adomanis	Random, yet constructive, thought	lwritethingsnstuff.blogspot.com/
Hunter Atchison	Youtube trends	hunterwritesaboutyt.blogspot.com/
Sydnee Atchison	Makeup/Beauty trends	latestmakeupandfashiontrendsandtips.blogspot.com/dtips.blogspot.com
Tyler Bair	The paranormal	thegalaxytoday.blogspot.com
Jon Baker	Console games	bakersconsolgames.blogspot.com/
Jacob Below	Random facts about random subjects	amessagefrombelow.blogspot.com
Jessika Cobb	World travel	travetheworldlwithjess.blogspot.com/
Parker Evans	Current events	myobtuseopinions.blogspot.com/
Jayden Foltz	Weight lifting	allthingslifting22.blogspot.com
Ashley Franklin	Fashion, lifestyle, health/fitness	passionforfashion4.blogspot.com
Sarah Franks	Book reviews	noneedforspoilers.blogspot.com/
Ivorie Garnes	Everything unexpected that happens to me	Unexpectedhappeningsofmylife.blogspot.com
Kordell Harr	Art	powerisart.blogspot.com/
Caitlyn Hoffbauer	American criminals	Choffbauer.blogspot.com
Justin Parker	Movie reviews	jarsamazingmoviereviews.blogspot.com/
Tyler Saltzman	Movie reviews	saltyandsweetreviews.blogspot.com/
Zack Scarberry	Movie reviews	zackscarberry.blogspot.com/
Noah Schumacker	The Pens with Shoeys Schumacker	thepenswithshoeyschumacker.blogspot.com
Ethan Stumpp	U of Michigan Men’s Athletics	thebigmblueblog.blogspot.com/
Nick Taoras	Myths, legends, and conspiracies	NicksTallTales.blogspot.com
Ryan Turner	University of Michigan sports	MaizeandBluewilldominateyou.blogspot.com
Justin Waller	Movie reviews	movieblogs12345.blogspot.com/
Lexi Woessner	My future career	otmyfuturecareer.blogspot.com/
Johanna Youngpeter	Perfection college planning	prefectioncollegeplanning.blogspot.com/
Jared Zimmerman	Personal sports	zimsinthegame.blogspot.com/

Sophomore Blogs		
Name	Blog Topic	Blog Address
Hannah Betts	Meat and fancy birds	bettsbestbirds.blogspot.com/
Josh Bowles	Cool stuff	1337hax0r5.blogspot.com/
Preston Braham	Video games	gamingwithpreston.blogspot.com/
Cameron Brenneman	BMX lifestyle	barspinbmx.blogspot.com/
Jaden Butler	Gaming	bladesbulletsandlasers.blogspot.com/
Kira Coe	Hunting	howtohunt08.blogspot.com/

EXTRA ELEMENTARY YEARBOOKS:

The yearbook staff has a limited supply of 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 elementary yearbooks available for \$20 each. Sales will be made on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, contact Brian Bratt at bbratt@vbschools.net or 419-299-3384 ext. 407.



Rotary Youth Exchange Program

The Findlay Rotary Club is seeking families interested in serving as a host family for an International Exchange Student for the 2017-2018 school year. We are also seeking area students who may be interested in learning more about traveling abroad for a year through Rotary Youth Exchange. If you are interested in learning more about this unique and rewarding cultural experience, contact Chris Alexander at calexander@e-fnb.com or 419-722-9607.

Follow @VanBurenMS on Facebook and Twitter! Get late-breaking updates on school events and see all of the amazing things our rockstar staff and students are going every day!!!

High School News

Sophomore Blogs (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Blog Topic</u>	<u>Blog Address</u>
Dom Donaldson	Media	interestingmodernmedia.blogspot.com/
Kurtis Edler	The gaming life	thegaminglife2.blogspot.com/
Emma Farison	Helping animals	missionpossible123.blogspot.com/
Johnathon Farthing	Tea thetea	4me.blogspot.com/
Dakota Feasel	Ohio State football	19feaselbuckeyefootballnuts.blogspot.com/
Olivia Flugga	Vegan lifestyle	journeytovegann.blogspot.com/
Taylor Franklin	All about pets	allaboupetsblog.blogspot.com/
Johann Franks	Law and business	lawandbusiness.blogspot.com/
Payton Franks	The life of a food service worker	eatmoretacobell.blogspot.com/
Nate Gregory	Car news and reviews	carchat4u.blogspot.com/
Trey Gregory	Entrepreneurship	theblogofentrepreneurship.blogspot.com/
Marissa Gilbert	Furry friends	furryfriends19.blogspot.com/
Olivia Harr	Writing	quilltopaper19.blogspot.com/
Alexis Keith	Music	musicmansbestfriend.blogspot.com/
Brandon Klausing	Late-night cooking	latenightcooking71.blogspot.com/
Ron Koehnke	Cars	carsandracing51.blogspot.com/
Tyler Lambert	3D-printing	3Dprintinginventions.blogspot.com/
Chloe Luke	Traveling	exploringeverywhere.blogspot.com/
Scot Marshall	NFL & NBA news	newsofnbaandnfl.blogspot.com/
Savannah Martin	Animal and wildlife conservation	wildforanimals1.blogspot.com/
Allison McComas	Photography	secondaryshutter.blogspot.com/
Bobby McGough	Van Buren sports	theknightstable.blogspot.com/
Connor McKee	Stargazing/Space	stargazingisamazing.blogspot.com/
Tristan McKee	Why war?	whywar821.blogspot.com/
Mason McMonigal	Random posts	randomposts42.blogspot.com/
Reyna Mendoza	Music	theamazingworldofmusic.blogspot.com
Megan Muzy	Figure skating	keepcalmandskateon19.blogspot.com/
Audrey Nessler	Van Buren varsity sports	vbvarsity.blogspot.com/
Howard Nichols	Video gaming = pro sport?	isvideogamingasport.blogspot.com
Drew Odenweller	Shoe reviews and news	kickskrazy.blogspot.com/
Mackenzie Phillips	Food to munch on	munchiemaids.blogspot.com/
Thomas Piccirillo	Shoes	picscustomkicks.blogspot.com/
Ricky Reed	NFL/NBA	thetwomajors.blogspot.com/
McKenzie Rigsby	Sign language	thesigning.blogspot.com/
Michael Rinebolt	Life of a nursing home employee	iservefoodtopeople.blogspot.com/
Jason Runion	Cars	absolutelyauto.blogspot.com/
Jacob Sanders	Could animals, places, or items from video games exist	coulditexist.blogspot.com/
Hope Serrano	DIY projects	craftsfrombowtotoe.blogspot.com/
Amanda Strapp	In the circle: National pro fastpitch softball news and history	inthecirclenpf.blogspot.com/
Ally Strong	Inner beauty	fullofbeauty15.blogspot.com
Danny VanAtta	Ohio pro and college sports	VBsports1.blogspot.com
Jayla Waller	Flag Corps	flagsriflesandsabres.blogspot.com/
Reid Wiegiers	Game reviews	ragincagingamingreviews.blogspot.com/
CJ Wise	Computers	thiscpuisonfire.blogspot.com/
Jerod Wright	Guns and weaponry	theyoungun1873.blogspot.com
Reece Young	Military and government organizations	militaryandgovernmentorginizations.blogspot.com/

Van Buren Local Schools has established and approved a Wellness policy. If you would like to read it, go to *www.vbschools.net*. At the top ribbon, click on About Us, then go to District, and then to Board of Education. When you have the Board of Education page up, click on the upper left hand side on Board policy and go to 8510 Wellness.

Elementary students have the opportunity to attend Good News Club, Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM in the Elementary School Cafeteria, starting October 12. Hear stories, learn songs, and enjoy a light snack. For more information, contact Mike Todd 419-957-0403. Good News Club is sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship and area local churches. Students of any or no faith are welcome to attend. Parents may come too! You are welcome to start attending at any point in the school year!

Monday,
November 21, 2016
Teacher Inservice
No School for
students only

Tuesday - Friday
November 22 - 25
Thanksgiving Break -
No School

Early dismissals have been scheduled for Teacher Inservice meetings. Students will be dismissed at 1:00 P.M.
Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

Friday, November 18, 2016 • Tuesday, December 20, 2016 • Friday, January 20, 2017 • Friday, February 17, 2017
Friday, March 17, 2017 • Friday, April 21, 2017 • Friday, May 12, 2017

Sports News

All Sports Passes & Season Tickets for 2016-2017

All BVC JV/Varsity tickets prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Middle School prices remain the same at \$3 Adult and \$2 Student. 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 now includes the Van Buren Wrestling Invitational and all track invitationals). These passes are non-transferable. The family members, upon purchasing the passes, will have their names put on the pass. **Passes must be present to enter the event.** It does not matter how many members are in the family.

- 1. **FAMILY PASS - \$275.** 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 cotests, 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 BOYS BASKETBALL PASS - \$66/ADULT, \$44/STUDENT.** General admission for all home boys' varsity basketball games.
- 5. **SEASON GIRLS BASKETBALL PASS - \$66/ADULT, \$44/STUDENT.** General admission for all home girls' varsity basketball games.

NOTES:

- 1. You may order your passes by filling out the following application, make checks payable to school, and mail to this address:
**Van Buren High School, c/o Justin Slauterbeck
217 South Main Street, Van Buren, Ohio 45889**
- 2. Senior Citizens - VAN BUREN SCHOOL RESIDENTS ONLY, 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.
- 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 held reserved seats this past year for Boys' Basketball, and would like to purchase the same seats, please indicate below.
- 6. If you have any questions or would like to purchase reserved basketball seats for the first time this upcoming season, please contact *Justin Slauterbeck, Athletic Director *419-299-3254 or *jslauterbeck@vbschools.net.*

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

All-Sports Pass:
Family: _____ @ \$275.00 = \$ _____
Adult: _____ @ \$125.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$75.00 = \$ _____

Girls' Basketball Season Tickets:
Adult: _____ @ \$66.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$44.00 = \$ _____

Boys' Basketball Season Tickets:
Adult: _____ @ \$66.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$44.00 = \$ _____

Reserved Seat Holders for Boys' Basketball:

- if you wish to purchase reserved seats for the first time or change your seat location, please contact the AD.
- If you previously purchased reserved seats and would like the same location, please check below.
_____ I would like to purchase the same reserved seats from the past school year.
_____ x \$20 per seat = \$ _____

Van Buren Resident Senior Citizen Pass: _____ (Free to resident 65 & older)

Names to be listed on passes: **Total enclosed:** = \$ _____

The Elementary Book Fair Quite a Success

Thank you to the many volunteers who made sure our book fair ran smoothly. Many new books will be added to the elementary library due to the year's strong sales.

Special thanks to the middle school students, Cordel Hamlin, Mia George, Madelyn Riesen, Connor Waltmire, Eli Holman, and Maddie Marks (not pictured) who assembled the book fair flyers and letters. Thank you to Mr. Newcomer for his help. Thank you to Mrs. Stumpp as well. A huge thank you to Nicki Harrington, and to Melissa Grady for organizing the PTO volunteers. Those volunteers are Shanda Still, Charissa Gregory, Priscilla Garcia, Ashley Jacobus, Kathy Ware, Jen Overmyer, Mandy Vermillion, Jessica Nichols, Megan Smith, Kristen Sheeks, Mr. & Mrs. Francis, Yoko Harnjo, Nicole Craft, Lori Metsker, Amy Ingwersen, Vanya Mincheva-Vichailak, Katie Griffin, Stephanie Creamer, Brenda Endicott, Michelle Clymer, Charity Odey, Kelli Stahl, Tim Burkhart, Lisa Harmon, and Amie Noel. These parents ran the school day hours so that students could continue their library schedule. Additionally the PTO also purchased \$50 of books from the book fair for each teacher to use in their classroom. Thank you also to parents, students, grandparents, and community members for their contributions. Our students and the elementary library are enjoying great new books.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
** Menu subject to change ** 13NOVEMBER	•Mini Corn Dogs, Curly Fries, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Mini Corn Dogs, Curly Fries, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> MS Girls Basketball @ Leipsic Music Boosters - 7:00 PM, Fine Arts Wing 14	•Beef Ravioli, Cheese Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Tuna & Noodles, Peas, Dinner Rolls, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> VBPTO Meeting, 6:30 PM, Elementary cafeteria 15	•Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Pizza, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Genoa (scrim) Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 16	•Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Cookie, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Cookie, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES EVENING Academic Boosters - 2:00, Comm Rm JV & Var Girls Basketball w/Northwood & Temple Christian (scrim) MS Boys Basketball @ Riverdale 17	•Pepperoni Pizza Rolls, Corn, Cookie, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Beefy Nachos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> Early Dismissal @ 1:00 PM for Inservice 18	Var & JV Girls Basketball Scrimmage @ Upper Sandusky w/Fremont Ross, 10:00 AM Var Wrestling @ Findlay w/ Multiple Teams, 9:00 AM District III HS Honors Festival Auditions @ Van Wert HS, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM 19
Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5) Italicized Print - <i>MS & HS Menu (6-12)</i> 20	NO SCHOOL for Students Teacher In Service PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES IN THE EVENING MS Boys Basketball w/Hopewell Loudon MS Girls Basketball @ Hopewell Loudon 21	NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ALL DAY AND EVENING 22	NO SCHOOL Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 23	NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING  24	NO SCHOOL 25	Var Boys Basketball @ Ottawa Glandorf (scrim), 9:00 AM JV & Var Girls Basketball w/Elmwood, 6:00 PM 26
Lunch Prices: K-5 \$2.25 6-12 \$2.50 Ala Carte \$2.75 Salad Bar \$2.75 Adult \$2.90 Milk \$0.50 Sandwich \$1.80 French Fries \$1.65 Ice Cream \$0.90 27	•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Chicken Breast Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Cheese Broccoli, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> MS Boys Basketball @ Arcadia- MS Girls Basketball w/Arcadia 28	•Chili, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Lasagna, Corn, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> MS Wrestling @ Glenwood MS Winter Choral Concert, 7:00 PM, Auditorium 29	•Pizza, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> Interim Reports Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 30	•Macaroni & Cheese, Buttered Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Sausage Gravy over Biscuits, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> JV & Var Girls Basketball w/ Riverdale 1 DECEMBER	•Hot Dogs, Tater Rounds, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> Var Wrestling @ Northwood Derr Invitational, 4:00 PM Show Choir HCCIL Concert @ Heminger Auditorium FHS, 7:00 PM 2	Hancock County HS Honors Festival Auditions, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM, LBHS Freshman, JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Carey, 4:45 PM JV & Var Girls Basketball w/Hardin Northern, 12:00 PM Var Wrestling @ Northwood Derr Invitational, 10:00 AM MS Wrestling - East of Chicago Invite @ Upper Sandusky, 10:00 AM 3
District III HS Honors Festival Jazz Rehearsal @ Bluffton HS, 2:00 - 5:00 PM 4	•Pepperoni & Cheese Breadstixs, Corn, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> MS Boys Basketball w/Cory Rawson MS Girls Basketball @ Cory Rawson Athletic Boosters - 7:00 PM, Community Room 5	•Chicken Breast Sandwich, Baked Beans, Fritos, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> MS Wrestling @ Glenwood MS Winter Choral Concert, 7:00 PM, Auditorium 6	•Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Pizza, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 7	•Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> JV & Var Girls Basketball @ HL Freshman Boys Basketball w/HL MS Girls Basketball @ Donnell Board of Education meeting 7:00 PM, Community Room 8	•French Toast Stixs, Eggs & Sausage, Hash Browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>French Toast Stix, Eggs & Sausage, Hash Browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Arcadia 9	District III HS Honors Festival Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 1:30 - 4:30 PM JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Miller City JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Kenton, 12:00 PM Var Wrestling @ Arcadia Invitational, 10:00 AM MS Wrestling @ HL Holiday Tourney, 9:00 AM 10
This institute is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 11	•Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Tacos, Corn, Nachos & Cheese, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> MS Boys Basketball @ McComb MS Girls Basketball w/McComb Band Holiday Concert, 7:00 PM, Auditorium Music Boosters - 7:00 PM, Fine Arts Wing 12	•Ham, Egg, & Cheese Bagels, Tater Rounds, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> HS Winter Choral Concert, 7:30 PM, Auditorium 13	•Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> SEMESTER EXAMS Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 14	•Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Chili w/Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> SEMESTER EXAMS Academic Boosters - 2:00, Comm Rm 2nd & 3rd Grade Musical, 7:00 PM, Auditorium JV & Var Girls Basketball w/Arcadia Freshman Boys Basketball @ MC MS Boys Basketball @ Glenwood 15	•Sloppy Joe Sandwich, French Fries, Brownie, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Baked Beans, Chips, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> SEMESTER EXAMS JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Arlington 16	JV & Var Boys Basketball w/ Upper Scioto Valley JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Bluffton, 12:00 PM Var Wrestling @ Mohawk Warrior Tourney, 10:00 AM MS Boys Basketball w/ New Riegel, 10:00 AM MS Girls Basketball @ New Riegel, 10:00 AM MS Wrestling @ Mohawk Warrior Tourney, 10:00 AM 17
District III HS Honors Festival Jazz Rehearsal @ Elida HS, 2:00 - 5:00 PM 18	•Walking Tacos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> MS Boys Basketball @ Liberty Benton MS Girls Basketball w/Liberty Benton 19	•Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk •<i>Pizza, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar</i> Early Dismissal @ 1:00 PM for Inservice JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Ada Var Wrestling @ McComb w/St. Wendelin, & NB, 5:00 PM Freshman Boys Basketball w/Leipsic MS Wrestling @ Elmwood w/Fassett, 4:30 PM 20	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Begins Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 21	NO SCHOOL JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Cory Rawson Freshman Boys Basketball w/Cory Rawson 22	NO SCHOOL JV Wrestling @ Findlay JV Invite, 10:00 AM 23	24

Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 17, Thursday evening
November 21, Monday evening
November 22, Tuesday (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

Thanksgiving Break
No School for Students
Monday - Friday
November 21 - 25, 2016

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**Invitation to All Van Buren Graduates Who
Are Now in College or the Military**

We would like to invite you back to share your experiences with this year's Senior Class on Monday, December 19, 2016, from 7:50 - 9:30 A.M. in the auditorium. We would like a variety of colleges represented. We are hoping we can get a panel of about 8 - 10 people.

If you are able to attend, please contact Linda Schwemley, Senior Class Advisor, at 419-299-3384, ext. 414, or e-mail at Lschwemley@vbschools.net by Friday, December 9, 2016.



Election Day
Tuesday,
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Don't forget to Vote!



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