VFHS Principal's Board Report
June 8, 2026

Graduation was held on May 17th with all other students finishing on May 19th for summer break. The Dragon baseball and softball teams finished their season in regionals. The VFHS track team qualified three participants for the state meet in Wichita that included Flint Seymour in the 300 m hurdles, Caydren Strickler and Lucas Bernasek in high jump. Many other track team members set many personal records showing improvement throughout the season. Summer school started on May 26th and will wrap up on June 12th with several students recovering credits in the extended time! Driver's Education started classroom work on May 21st, they will be in the classroom and in driving sessions through late June. FCCLA is preparing for their trip to the National Convention, July 6-10th in Washington, D.C. The group continues to work to raise funds and fine tune presentations for competitions during the event. FFA attended the Kansas state convention May 26 -30th in Manhattan.

Projected Enrollment:

9th-27
10th-29
11th-23
12th-31
Projected Total: 110 for Fall of 2026

Staff Updates:

May 21st was the last day in the building for staff members on contract. The district and PTO provided an end of the year meal to all staff members on May 19th as a thank you for the hard work that has been done throughout the year. In addition, Margo Ellerman and Brenda Lloyd were honored as retirees after over 34+ years of service to education and to the district.

We have worked diligently to address staffing concerns, currently all teaching positions at VFHS are filled for the 2026-27 school year and we are working to fill all supplemental positions at this time. New and returning staff members are engaging in many professional development workshops this summer including Greenbush University, mentorship/leadership training, and the Kansas Career and Technical Education workshop. As we work through the summer there is a lot going on behind the scenes in preparation for next year by faculty, staff, and administration throughout the buildings.

In-Service Updates:

- The May 20th In-Service days was spent reviewing results from state assessments, Spring FastBridge testing, finalizing plans for summer school and working with VFMS staff on the 8th grade to Freshman transition process.

2026 VFHS Summer School/Driver's Education Updates

- Driver's Education started May 21st with 14 participants, the class meets daily for classroom sessions in the morning and driving group time in the afternoon.
- Several students have or will recover credit through summer school offerings by June 12th, at the time of this report two students have recovered credits from the 2025-26 school year due to this opportunity.

State Reporting Updates

- End of the year reports are complete for and submitted to the state.

Activity Updates:

■ FFA attended the Kansas State Conference May 26-30th. Five VFHS FFA members received their state degrees at the convention. Congratulations to Gracie Conner, Paisleigh Heinen, Taygen Pannell, Dani Reeves, and Carley Sprang on earning this honor.

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■ FCCLA members who qualified for the National Competition continue to practice and prepare for their trip to D.C. July 6-10th..

■ Summer conditioning started May 26th participants and coaches are looking to get their athletes bigger, stronger, and faster prior to the start of Fall Sports season.

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● Track Finished their season at JCN in a very strong regional-with three state qualifiers that headed to Wichita, May 29 and 30th.Caydren Strickler and Lucas Bernasek in the high jump and Flint Seymour in the 300 m hurdles. (Photos courtesy of Strickler Photography).

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- Baseball and Softball Updates
    - Softball finished their season in the Regional semifinals with a loss to Bennington. The team finished the year 14-11.
    - Baseball finished their regular season 16-6 overall and won the NEKL. The Dragons advanced to Regionals where they dropped a heartbreaker to JCN in the opening round.