
Knighly News

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Message from the Superintendent

The school year is off to another great start. We recently received our annual report card from the State of Ohio Department of Education and I am happy to report that for the fourth year in a row, and for the fifth time in the past six years, the Van Buren Local School District has been rated as "EXCELLENT". This is what the Van Buren Schools is all about, striving for excellence. The parents and community expect it, the students deserve it, and the school staff believes in it and works hard every day to attain it. It is a group effort and I want to say thank you to each of you for your part in this achievement.

While we are proud of our accomplishments, we are constantly looking at our educational data and trying to find new and better ways to meet our students' needs. The elementary staff works extremely hard to prepare our students. They are constantly looking at new programs to utilize in their classrooms. Our elementary achievement score of 98.6 in third grade mathematics is remarkable. All across the state, math has always been one of the more difficult areas on the report card. This score is phenomenal. The middle school is incorporating 1-to-1 computing and distance learning to provide opportunities for our students that they could not get at any other local school. The high school has a brand new computer lab available to use and is in the process of reviewing our curriculum to see where we can provide additional learning opportunities for our students. Your support, along with your high expectations is a great motivator and deeply appreciated.

We are just finishing up a project to add some additional parking to our campus. There are new parking spots being added to the north of the elementary gym and behind the HS/MS cafeteria near the community room entrance. These areas will be utilized by staff during the school day freeing up additional parking spots for parents and students in the main west lot and will be available for community use for after school and weekend activities. As outlined in the district's strategic plan, parking and available space for future growth is limited to us. We are constantly looking at options and opportunities to elevate these problems.

Financially, we continue to look as though we are in good shape. We are very concerned about and will be watching closely the November elections and the implications for school funding. While the huge deficit that the state is looking at for the next biennial budget is concerning, we have been informed that latest county property reassessment will be at best flat and more than likely show a decrease. This is where the majority of the funding for the Van Buren Schools comes from and we will be watching this situation closely.

As always, your presence, concerns, and ideas are always welcome and appreciated. Please take the time to visit our web site, attend school functions, keep in touch with your student's teachers, principal, guidance counselor, etc. Call, email or stop in to visit if you have concerns, questions, or ideas about the Van Buren Schools. Your input is valued and appreciated. Many people have shared concerns which we have tried hard to address and others have shared knowledge and ideas that we have explored and attempted to utilize to improve our school.

Van Buren's Boys Golf Team Does it Again

Congratulations to the Van Buren Black Knight Boys Golf Team for winning the BVC for the fourth year in a row! Thanks to excellent playing by Colin Stacy, who was chosen as BVC Player of the Year, and the rest of the Black Knights, they were able to bring home yet another BVC Championship. This championship now brings the total to 14 overall. Congratulations also to coach Eric Heitkamp, who was chosen as Coach of the Year, and for all his years of success with the golf team. He is in his 9th year as head coach and passed the 100-win mark earlier this month.

Keep up the good work guys, and best of luck at Sectionals!



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VB Welcomes New Teachers & Staff



Allison Betts

Allison is joining Van Buren as a bus driver. She was born and raised in Wood County and graduated from Bowling Green where she was active in band/FFA/FFA officer/4-H/SAB. After high school, she attended F.A.C.E.S. Allison has been married to her husband, Mike, for seven years and they have two children, Hannah, a kindergartener at Elmwood, and Haylee, a pre-schooler at Elmwood. They all live on a farm in Southern Wood County. Allison love OSU, the outdoors, and being with her family.



Gina Campbell

Van Buren Schools is where Gina is beginning her teaching career as a high school english teacher. She graduated from Van Buren and is still a resident of Van Buren. She is happily married and has six children. Gina graduated from BGSU with an English degree and is completing her Masters from the University of Findlay. She is also a U.S. Army Veteran and is entering the teaching field after working in sales and marketing for Microsoft and Equifax. She LOVES teaching and is VERY EXCITED about being part of Van Buren Schools.

teaches business and computers at the high school, as well as coaching golf. Together, they have three children: Grace, 7, Weston, 5, and Ben, 2. The Heitkamps live in Findlay and love to spend time outside with their kids and their greyhound, Nina. They also enjoy cheering on the Cincinnati Reds.



Megan Lawson

This is Megan's first year teaching and she is very excited to have Van Buren be her first school. She grew up in Sidney, Ohio on a small dairy farm and graduated from Fairlawn High School. Megan received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education from Wilmington College in 2010. She recently got married on June 19, 2010, to Matthew Lawson. She is currently teaching Agricultural Science 1 and 2, Agricultural Business 1 and 2, and also coaches the 7th grade volleyball team.

a lunch and recess monitor. She is excited to now be working as an aide in the newly constructed high school computer lab. She resides in the country with her husband, Denny and son, Tyler, who is a junior here at Van Buren. She also has a daughter, Alexandra who recently graduated from Van Buren and is attending Tiffin University.



Tammy Routson

Tammy joins Van Buren Middle School as a paraprofessional teacher's aide. She is married to Chris (former Van Buren Black Knight) and they have one son, Christopher. Christopher is a third grader at Van Buren. They own a business-Home Pro Lawn Care, and she is also a recruiter for the Miss USA pageant system. Tammy is formerly from Kentucky, alumni of Eastern Kentucky University and an avid UK Wildcat fan. She teaches Pioneer Club at Cornerstone Baptist Church to 4th, 5th and 6th graders, and is treasurer for the VBEP and on the finance committee for a candidate for Governor in Kentucky. Tammy lives in the Van Buren area and has substituted for the school for the past 3-4 years.

Tammy says she has some amazing kids in her 7th grade homebase, and really enjoys the Latin class and the wonderful students participating in the program.



Traci Brooks

Traci has been working for Van Buren School for a year now as a custodian. She graduated from Findlay High School and lives in Findlay. She has three children ages 21, 19, and 16, and a wonderful 5 month old grandson.



Molly Heitkamp

Molly is the new fourth grade Science teacher. She comes to us from Cory-Rawson Elementary, where she taught for seven years. She taught in Lima for several years before that. Molly is very thankful for the opportunity to come back to Van Buren, having graduated from VB in 1996. She graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1999. Molly is the wife of Eric Heitkamp, who



Kathy McGrain

Kathy is joining the high school staff after working 10 years in the elementary as

Preview Night

presented by

The Association

Thursday, October 28, 2010

at 8:00 PM

Van Buren Auditorium

VB Welcomes New Teachers & Staff

FFA News



Kevin Shoup

Kevin graduated from Bethel High School in Tipp City, OH. He then went to Ohio Northern University where he earned 3 varsity letters in football and earned his Bachelor's degree in Biology Education. He taught science, coached football and coached freshman boys basketball for 3 years at Findlay High School. He is currently a physical science teacher and head football coach at Van Buren High School. He is taking classes toward his Master's in Education Administration. Kevin and his wife Megan reside in Findlay.



Josh Tyree

Josh is a part of Van Buren's transportation department as the mechanic/maintenance/utility personnel. He was born in Tiffin, Ohio, and is a 2002 graduate of Hopewell Loudon. He currently lives in Findlay, and has a 2 year old son named Jace that he enjoys spending most of his

time with, as well as the rest of his family. In his spare time he enjoys working and fixing up cars. He also enjoys drag racing which has been a passion since a child.



Leslye Winkle

Leslye is beginning her twelfth year at Van Buren in the position of elementary librarian. Previously she was a paraprofessional working with special needs students. She attended college at BGSU earning her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and taught second grade in Findlay. Leslye and her husband Jeff, a Van Buren graduate, were owners of Winkle's Open Book in Findlay for 20 years. They have 2 daughters, Nicole and Katy, both Van Buren graduates. Leslye is very excited to be able to combine her passions of reading and education and share them with Van Buren students.

**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, December 10, 2010
Friday, February 18, 2011
Friday, May 6, 2011**

FFA Members Busy at Hancock County Fair

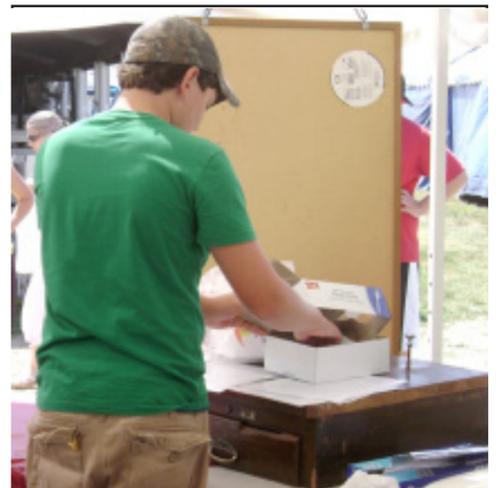
Over the week of fair the Van Buren FFA members were very busy with projects and working different booths. The FFA members signed up to work three different booths at the fair and broke them into several different shifts. Some students worked one booth while others worked two or even three. You may have seen us at some of them. To start the fair off, they were working the Lamb Producers Booth on Wednesday. Here the students cooked and prepared food for the public. It gave them a chance to work on their public skills and working skills. Pork Producers was our next venture. This took place on Friday where students split two three-hour shifts where they prepared and served food. While doing so, they had the chance to use their strategies for the best setup and figure a way to work quickly and efficiently as a team. Our last venture was at the Farm Bureau Tent, where many people came for the free popcorn. Here the students were able to socialize with fairgoers and answer any questions about agriculture that they might have. Many of the FFA members are on the fair board, and were busy with their animal at the fair, but that didn't stop any of them from working their shifts and being on time to work. If you see any of the FFA members, be sure to stop and congratulate them on a great year.



Three new FFA Leaders, Austin Corey, Dean Brink, and Collin Hiatt, ready to serve at The Pork Producers.



Jordan Cassidy and Olivia Roberts serving popcorn at the Farm Bureau Tent.



Robbie Sanders returning change at the Lamb Booth.

Faculty/Staff Recognition

Congratulations to the following teachers and staff who were recognized at the Teacher/Staff Work Day at the beginning of the school year. The day began with a breakfast and then followed with special recognitions and meetings.



5 years of Service - *Back Row:* Mark Vennekotter, Bridgett Brant, Bethany Archer, Jenny Murphy. *Front Row:* Alison Pergram, Denise Keeran, Carie Gilliland.



15 years of Service - Sharon Lafountain, Stevie Brown, Ann Kuhlman. *Not Pictured:* Jan Baker.



10 years of Service - *Back Row:* Meg Ramlow, Jack Marshall, James Vaughn. *Front Row:* Diane Erford, Roxanne Parsell, Amy Tabler. *Not Pictured:* Lynne Bell, Lora Lenhart.



20 years of Service - *Back Row:* Michael Brand, Rick Eakin, Lark McCormick. *Front Row:* Beppie Walerius, Terry McDougle, Terri Sattler.



25 years of Service - Rhonda Nye



30 years of Service - Jane Vanden Eynden, Don Masters, Pam Koehnke, John Rader, Chris McMonigal.

Middle School News

School News

News from MS Principal Jay Clark Impressive VBMS Latin Learners

Students sit down, open their text books, and begin as the monitor displays a classroom scene not unlike any at Van Buren. The teacher begins the class, welcoming "Van Buren" and acknowledging the students sitting much closer to her.



Van Buren seventh graders during their Latin video distance learning class.

Students meet daily as a class at the same time Mrs. Behrensmeyer teaches Latin I at Mount Vernon High School northeast of Columbus.

Mrs. Behrensmeyer shares stories about ancient Rome along with her own accounts of her summers as an archeologist. She's teaching more than a long lost language. Students are learning valuable lessons to help them in any language along with additional content in World History and cultures.

Mrs. Behrensmeyer, who is also president of the Ohio Classical Conference, an organization of state Latin teachers and professors, is impressed at the enthusiasm and work ethic of her Van Buren students.

A group of VBMS seventh graders started the year with a class not on a Van Buren schedule in many years: Latin. With the help of technology, a number of courses can be accessed by students from around the globe with a simple internet connection. Our students

A Strong Foundation for Home Base

On Tuesday, August 31, Home Base Advisory groups gathered throughout the day to begin the year with a strong foundation. The purpose of advisory groups is to provide a small group relationship that fosters goal-setting, teamwork, and communication skills. In addition to advisory groups, students are also assigned the advisors to meet individually throughout the school year to problem-solve, set goals, and check student progress. Over last spring and summer, a group of teachers designed our program to best meet our students' needs.

- **Pizza and Shirts** - The eighth grade home base advisories enjoyed a pizza lunch, then created identities for their individual home base groups with t-shirts they designed. Shirts varied from the "Fieldinators" to "It's all Good" in Mrs. Obenour's home base.

- **Outside Resources** - The seventh grade home base advisories worked outside in different challenges thanks to the resources of Campfire USA. Home base advisories rotated through different stations led by Campfire USA volunteers.

- **A Strong Shield** - The sixth grade home base advisory groups met individually to design a t-shirt including a shield with a common sixth grade element along with elements from each of the five advisory groups. After completing their shirts, they worked through some teamwork challenges and ended the day with "Drip, Drip, Drench"... a version of "Duck, Duck, Goose" involving water.



Mrs. Obenour's Home Base works together to lift a wooden rod using only two fingers each as part of a team-building and communication exercise during home base advisory orientation day.

The Van Buren High School 2010 Homecoming Chicken Barbecue

The Van Buren High School 2010 Homecoming Chicken Barbecue sponsored by the sophomore class will be held on Friday, October 22, 2010! It will be served prior to the Homecoming game between 4:30 – 6:30 P.M. The total cost of the meal will be \$8.00, and will consist of:

1/2 Barbecued Chicken	Cole Slaw	Augratin Potatoes
Dinner Roll	Homemade Dessert	Beverage

Take-out orders will also be available.

To purchase tickets, contact any sophomore student or contact Mr. Heitkamp (419-299-3384, ext. 416) or ehaitkamp@vbschools.net. Limited tickets will be available at the door.

We are looking forward to seeing you there! The meal is provided by Harlan's BBQ & Catering.

HELP THE YEARBOOK STAFF

Are you a fan of Biggby coffee? If you are, your love of coffee could help the Van Buren yearbook staff. Each month Biggby will be giving \$200 to an organization, and we would love it if our yearbook received some of that money. You can help by going to Biggby (corner of SR 224 and CR 236) on any Monday and ordering your favorite item from their menu. When you order, you have an opportunity to place a vote for the 2011 *Knight* staff. If our name is chosen during the monthly drawing, the staff receives \$200. The more people we can have put our name in, the better odds we will have to win the money. The yearbook staff appreciates all of the help many of you have given to us in the past, and we hope this will be a tasty opportunity to help us throughout this school year.

School News

Van Buren High School/Middle School Guidance

- Millstream representatives will be here on November 17 to meet with all sophomores about courses that are available to them at Millstream for next year.
- All sophomores will be taking the PLAN test on November 3. This is the pre ACT test and will help them prepare for future ACT testing as well as give them a career profile that will be used in their sophomore English class.
- Seniors need to get their college applications in by December 1. Many of the colleges and universities have their scholarship deadlines at that time also. If students are taking the October ACT testing, they can wait to send in applications until we have those results in the middle of November. If not, they should send their college applications in at any time before December 1. Seniors are also reminded that they must contact the guidance office when sending in college applications so I can send in a high school transcript.
- The school home page has all the updated guidance information, scholarships, as well as current news available for viewing. There is also a link to the OGT practice test, which is a graduation requirement for all Ohio high school students. The OGT make-up testing will be the week of October 25 for those students who still need to pass one or more sections.
- All 8th graders will be attending Millstream on October 28 to participate in their Future Options program to learn more about Millstream and their programs.
- Liberty-Benton will be hosting a free ACT review session on Monday, October 11 and Monday, October 18. Any student who plans on taking the ACT test sometime this year is welcome to attend. Sessions will start at 7:00 PM each night. Fliers will be sent home with all juniors and seniors.
- The PSAT/NMSQT will be given to any interested junior on October 13. The cost is \$13 and will be given at the high school. Any interested student must sign up in the guidance office.

*Senior
Citizen
Luncheon*



*You're Invited!
Tuesday,
October 26, 2010*

*The Van Buren High School National Honor Society, along with Van Buren's Booster Groups, is sponsoring a **Senior Citizen Luncheon**. Join us at 10:45 A.M. for a concert in the High School Auditorium featuring our High School Choir and Marching Band. A complimentary lunch will be served in the Community Room immediately following the concert.*

*Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 19,
by calling the VBHS office (419-299-3384).*

Booster News

VAN BUREN ACADEMIC BOOSTERS DRAWING Win a \$50 Lunch Account Credit

Join the Academic Boosters today and receive a chance to win a \$50 lunch credit to your student's account! For every \$10 donated to the Academic Booster fund, your child will receive one chance at winning a \$50 lunch credit.

The Academic Booster's goal is to foster and support academic growth of the students and faculty at Van Buren Middle School and High School.

Come to our meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Home Resource Management Classroom, Room 121, or contact the High School office to make a donation or to get on the Academic Booster email list to be made aware of all we do. We welcome your ideas and support!

The drawing will be held on November 22, 2010. The winning lunch credit can be applied to an elementary, a middle school, or a high school student's lunch account. To enter please fill out the entry form below and return it to the high school office with your donation included. Please make your checks payable to VB Academic Boosters. Thank you for supporting the students and teachers at Van Buren Schools!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Please mail to: Van Buren Academic Boosters
c/o Van Buren High School
217 South Main Street, Van Buren, OH 45889



The Findlay Rotary Club wants you to nominate a teacher who has made a difference in your life or whom you know goes above and beyond to teach our children. To nominate a teacher go to WWW.FINDLAYROTARY.ORG and submit your nomination online or mail your nomination to : Findlay Rotary P.O. Box 554 Findlay, OH 45839. Please make sure to include the teacher's name, teacher's school, and your name and phone number. For more information call John Harrington at (419) 957-4119.

Yearbook News

PEOPLE WHO PURCHASED COPIES OF THE 2010 KNIGHT

The following alumni need to pick up their copies of the 2010 Knight that they ordered: Justin Baker, Daniel Duncan, Luke Erwin, Riley Patterson, Justin Potteiger, and Addison Sterling. 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.

Yearbook Orders

Thank you to all who purchased a copy of the 2010 Knight. 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 2011 Knight will again include the high school, middle school, and elementary photos. The first yearbook sale was held September 27 - October 1, and has been extended to December 22. The price is \$45.00 again this year. A student can have his/her name stamped onto the book for \$5.00, and protective plastic covers can be purchased for \$3.00. 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 2011 Knight 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 using this option, the cost will still be only \$45 through December 22.

The yearbook staff thanks you for your support of the Knight, 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 2011 Knight

Van Buren Elementary, Middle School and High School

Name _____
Grade/Teacher _____ Date _____

\$45.00 each Price of the 2011 Knight in FULL COLOR (coverage of the whole school including the elementary, middle school, and high school)

\$5.00 each Price to have your name put on your yearbook
Write how you would like your name to appear

\$3.00 each Plastic protective cover for your book

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
	2011 <u>Knight</u>	\$45.00	
	Name on Book	\$5.00	
	Plastic Cover	\$3.00	
Please make all checks payable to: 2011 <u>Knight</u> . TOTAL			

Parents/Guardians of SENIORS!!!

Please remember that your senior and baby pictures are due to Mr. Bratt by Monday, November 22, 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 2011

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 12/10/10 by providing the following:

- This Order Form
- Ad Text
- Check payable to 2011 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 \$45 _____ Is this ad a surprise for the student:
 1/4 page \$70 _____ Yes _____ No _____
 1/2 page \$100 _____
 Full page \$175 _____ Number of photos provided _____

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

**Don't forget to turn your clocks back at 2:00 A.M.
 Sunday morning, November 7, 2010.
 Daylight Savings Time ends!**

HS News

Freshmen Mentoring News

On Tuesday, August 31, before the fair break, a teambuilding day was held for all freshmen. All freshmen and their junior/senior mentors gathered on the football practice field to engage in activities that encouraged teambuilding, cooperation, communication, and trust. It was very hot, but everyone managed to have fun.



**21st Annual
VAN BUREN LION CLUB
APPLE BUTTER FEST & CRAFT SHOW
Saturday, October 9, 2010
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

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• Demonstrations • Apple Butter
• Entertainment • Variety of Food
• Children's Activities
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**PLAN TO COME AND SPEND THE DAY - RAIN OR SHINE
VAN BUREN HIGH SCHOOL
VAN BUREN, OHIO**

**SPONSORED BY THE VAN BUREN LIONS CLUB
ANY QUESTIONS CALL 419-423-9710**

**INFORMATION FOR QUILT SHOW
ANY QUESTIONS CALL 419-299-3628**

Elementary News

Readers Set Up Camp at Van Buren

On a warm June day, where could you find 36 children excited to come to school for three hours? At Van Buren Elementary summer Reading Camp!

Who wouldn't welcome the chance to yell "Jingo" during fairy tales and fables Bingo, earn points for an ice cream sundae or participate in an amusing Readers' Theater play?

Other special activities included reading board games, "Draw a Story," and a Book Trade Day. A whole group snack featuring a tray full of all kinds of fruits and vegetables was also something campers awaited eagerly each day.

During the week-long camp, students spent part of each day working on reading fluency by practicing a Readers' Theater play in their small group. At the end of the week, the students presented their play to all the camp participants. The campers also celebrated their week's efforts with ice cream sundaes and a prize from the treasure chest.



Mrs. Ramlow directing "Draw a Story" board game.



Students checking out all the books for "Book Trade Day."

Elementary News

Knights' Fest is Friday, October 29!

On Friday, October 29 from 12:30 – 2:30 PM, the Van Buren Elementary will be hosting "**Knights' Fest**" in the elementary gym and cafeteria. This activity will be open to all Van Buren Elementary students, their parents, younger siblings, and community members. This festival will highlight the Middle Ages theme.



On the day of Knights' Fest, the students will dress in a costume that represents this time period and will enjoy a medieval luncheon. Next, parents and younger siblings are invited to view the "Grand Parade," which will take place at approximately 12:30 P.M. After the parade, everyone is invited to the auditorium in the high school for a medieval musical performance by the 4th and 5th grades. Following the performance, everyone will travel to the castle for games (located in the gym) and crafts (located in the cafeteria).

Please keep the following information in mind as you prepare for the festivities.

- **Please allow your child to wear his or her Knights' Fest costume to school.**
- **ALL visitors attending Knights' Fest must sign-in and be issued an entry pass** before being granted admission to the building. Please **bring the attached sign-in slip on the day of Knights' Fest** to the "Pre-Signed" table in the auditorium lobby beginning at 12:15 P.M. to receive your entry pass. Blank sign-in slips will be available at the "Sign-In" table in the lobby if you forget the one that is attached. After the performance in the auditorium, present your entry pass at the main entrance of the elementary building to join in the merry-making.
- No swords are allowed.
- Avoid parking near the bus garage and on the driveway from the bus garage to the east parking lot. Parking is available on Main Street and side streets.
- **New Parade Route:** This year, **students will be circling the island in front the elementary building, then crossing the bridge to the auditorium rather than traveling down Main Street.** Please stand along the sidewalks and driveways by the elementary and high school, leaving a space in front of the second grade and auditorium doors for the students to pass through. If it rains, the parade route will exit the main doors of the elementary, go across the stone bridge, enter the doors to the auditorium in the high school, and snake through the aisles of the auditorium. Visitors may view the parade from the sidewalks and driveways adjacent to the route or from inside the auditorium. Please do not try to view the parade from inside the elementary building.
- After the performance in the auditorium, please allow students and teachers to return to the elementary first. Guests may follow. Talk with your child to designate a meeting place in the gym or cafeteria.
- No strollers will be permitted in the cafeteria and gym. There will be stroller parking available in the art room.
- There will also be a special area called "Munchkin Village" for siblings and children ages 6 and under.
- If you are unable to join us for Knight's Fest, Mr. Kniss will be doing a live webcast of the event. Check it out at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/knight-s-fest-2010>.
- **If you are picking up your child, you must send a note to your child's teacher. Students may be picked up after the festival at your child's classroom. If you take your child out of school before the official end of Knight's Fest, you must sign them out in the main office. DO NOT TAKE YOUR CHILD WITHOUT CONSULTING HIS/HER TEACHER.**

We look forward to seeing you!

Due to safety laws, we must account for all visitors. If you will be attending Knights Fest, please list the names of all visitors and bring this ticket with you to turn in at the "Pre-Signed" table in the auditorium lobby. This will help you avoid a long sign-in line. Thank you!

Knights' Fest will only be successful with the help of many parent volunteers. Please let your child's teacher know if you are willing to contribute your talents in any way by completing the form below by **October 8** so assignments can be finalized. Knights' Fest promises to be an adventurous, educational, and fun-filled family experience. Come frolic in the "castle."

I am willing to volunteer for Knights' Fest between 12:00 and 3:00 P.M.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

You will be contacted with your assignment and the time you are needed.

If you have Knight's Fest costumes that you no longer need, the elementary would greatly appreciate your donations to our costume bank. Every year we have students that for various reasons do not have anything to wear for this special day, so we are hoping to keep a small variety of costumes here to loan to students in need.

Visit Van Buren Local School at our website
www.vbschools.net

Sports News

VB Football Team Paints the Town

On the morning of Thursday, August 19 the Van Buren High School football team participated in a community service project for the village. Head Coach Kevin Shoup and Ed May organized the project of which the entire football team participated in. The players were put into groups and some went around the village scraping old paint off of curbs and catch basins and repainted the areas. Other groups were responsible for repainting all of the fire hydrants in the village. This was a great service and experience for the team and the village was very appreciative. The Dragon's Lair also contributed to the project by supplying delicious pizza and drinks to the team for their efforts.



VAN BUREN VS. LEIPSIC

Monday, October 4, 2010
Van Buren H.S. Gym

(7th grade begins at 5:00 PM, followed by the 8th grade, then Varsity)



800 Volleyball Teams vs. Breast Cancer!

Join the Van Buren and Leipsic teams and



during our MS and Varsity volleyball matches in an effort to promote breast cancer education and awareness!!

ADULT tickets \$6
 STUDENT tickets \$4

One price gets you into all matches

HALF PRICE FOR ANYONE WEARING A PINK SHIRT!!

Proceeds will benefit:
 Susan G. Komen For The Cure

Elementary Cheerleading Clinic

The Varsity & J.V. Football Cheerleaders are conducting an elementary cheerleading clinic for students in grades 1-5 on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. The students will perform after the pre-game introduction of the players at the home game against Arlington on Friday, October 8. Students should wear spirited orange and black attire to "cheer" at the game!

The clinic will be held in the elementary gym from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Forms have been distributed to the students in their classrooms. If a form didn't come home with your child and they would like to participate, extras are available in the elementary office. All forms should be returned to Lynne Bell (Treasurer's Office) by Friday, October 1.

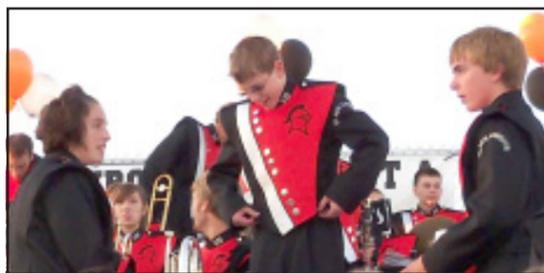
Music Booster News

Marching Band Reveals New Uniforms



Jacob Szczblewski zips the back zipper of Preston Potteiger's uniform.

Friday, September 17 in Van Buren was a night to remember. Right from the beginning, you could feel the excitement in the air. The students were encouraged to wear their best black and orange, the tunnel returned (in a little different



Austin Lako checks out his new uniform as Janelle Maynard and Wade Schimmoeller look on.



The band stands in review in front of the Van Buren fans.

format), the band seating had been relocated next to the student section - all in an effort to bring renewed spirit to the school. And the weather was perfect.

A spirit of excitement was building in the band room too. The doors were closed and windows covered with paper. The band was preparing to perform in their new uniforms for the first time - a year's worth of fund-raising was about to become a reality! To thank the Uniform Committee, the band had corsages made for them.

Soon the overhead door was raised and the 5 members of the Flag Corp led the 44 members of the band out of the building. They marched past Channel a 13 News camera and the funnel of students and parents forming at the concession's area, and then entered the stadium; gathering cheers all along the way.

Once in the stands, they found the new band section had been decorated by band parents with balloons and a banner announcing that "Everybody's crazy 'bout a Sharp Dressed Band".

This year's band show is entitled "Stuck", but the members not 'stuck' in their new uniforms. They are honored & grateful to be a "Sharp Dressed Band"! To top off a great evening for the band, the Black Knights football team defeated the Hardin Northern Polar Bears 14 to 7!



Halftime performance under the lights.

Homemade Pies a hit at Music Boosters Fair Tent

Homemade fruit and baked sugar cream pies were back this year at the Fair! For the past few years, we have had to purchase most of our pies. Mary Domke and Cyndi Lako stepped up this year to be our Dessert Coordinators and did an excellent job of securing fresh pies and other sweet treats to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth. They held a Pie Baking 101 course that focused on homemade pie crust and estimate that 66 pies were donated. Jim Schuh contacted his employer, Mennel Milling of Fostoria, who donated 50 pounds of pastry, which was available to any Van Buren volunteer baker.



Van Buren's food tent was often packed at mealtime. One fairgoer enjoys a cup of our ever-popular chicken & noodles.



Senior Jessica Domke (Choir & Flag Corp) and sophomore Harley Ganshaw (Choir & Band) worked everyday at the Food Tent - and always wore a smile.

In the end, about 230 music students, parents, alumni and staff combined to volunteer over a two-week period (including set-up and tear-down) to make the Music Booster's Food Tent at the Hancock County Fair a success. Several of these volunteers worked multiple shifts.

The fair is our largest fund-raiser of the year and helps to cover the costs of entry fees and travel to competitions, instruments, risers, props and other items that benefit our many musical groups. It also helps to cover awards and entry fees for individual students at the state, district and county levels as well as scholarships.



Mr. Eakin accompanies the band into the stadium. Pictured Left to Right. Row 1 - Teresa Schultz & Thomas Wolford (almost hidden by the drum); Row 2 - Joel Schumacker; Row 3 - Cameron King & Wade Schimmoeller; Row 4 - Dean Rodabaugh, Janelle Maynard & Mike King; Row 5 - Kodie Edler & Kelsey Aukerman: Matthew Wilkins in back.

September - November — Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">** Menu subject to change **</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26 SEPTEMBER</p>	<p>•Chicken & Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Fruit, Milk •Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, Milk Volleyball @ CR, 6:30 PM MS Volleyball w/Cory Rawson Girls Var Soccer @ Delta, 5:00 PM Academic Boosters - 7:00 PM, Home Resource Management Classroom 121</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk •Chili w/Cheese, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk Boys Var Soccer @ Miller City, 5:00 PM Girls Var Soccer @ Cardinal Stritch Boys JV Soccer @ Miller City, 6:30 PM 7th Grade Parent Meeting, Auditorium, 7:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p>•Chicken Pot Pie, Buttered Broccoli, Fruit, Milk •Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk Volleyball @ Hardin Northern, 6:00 PM Boys JV Golf @ Findlay, 4:00 PM MS Volleyball w/Hardin Northern Interim Report Day Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p>•Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk •Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Old Fashion Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk Boys Var Golf - Sectionals @ Sycamore Springs, 9:00 AM Cross Country @ Riverdale, 5:00 PM Boys Var Soccer w/Ada MS Football @ Arcadia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<p>•Mini Corn Dogs, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk Early Dismissal @ 1:00 P.M. for Teacher In-Service Var Football w/Arcadia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 OCTOBER</p>	<p>JV Football @ Arcadia Volleyball @ Cardington Invite, 8:30 AM Cross Country @ Kalida, 9:00 AM Girls Var Soccer @ Lima Senior, 12:30 PM Boys JV Soccer @ Liberty Center, 1:00 PM VB 8th Grade Volleyball Invite, 8:30 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>
<p>Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5) Italicized Print - MS & HS Menu (6-12)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>•Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk •Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Milk Volleyball w/Leipsic, 6:30 PM MS Volleyball w/Leipsic Athletic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Community Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>•Chili w/Cheese, Buttered Bread, Fruit, Milk •Chicken Pot Pie, Buttered Broccoli, Fruit, Milk Boys JV Soccer @ Bluffton, 5:00 PM Boys Var Soccer @ Bluffton, 7:00 PM Girls JV Soccer @ Woodmore, 5:00 PM Girls Var Soccer @ Woodmore, 7:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>•Mexican Pizza, Tossed Salad w/Ranch, Fruit, Milk •Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk Volleyball w/Pandora Gilboa, 6:30 PM Cross Country @ Elmwood Royal European, 4:30 PM MS Volleyball @ Pandora Gilboa Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p>•Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk •Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk Boys Var Golf - Districts @ Stone Ridge Girls Var Golf League @ Inverness, 2:30 PM Boys Var Soccer @ Calvert MS Football @ Arlington</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7</p>	<p>•Pepperoni & Cheese Breadsticks, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Hot Dog or Coney Dog, French Fries, Fruit, Milk Var Football w/Arlington</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p>JV Football @ Arlington Cross Country @ Fostoria Booster Invite, 9:00 AM Boys JV Soccer @ Liberty Center, 1:00 PM Girls JV Soccer @ Liberty Center, 11:00 AM VB Lions Club Apple Butter Fest, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM OMEA Marching Band Competition @ Findlay</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9</p>
<p>Lunch Prices: 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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher Inservice</p> <p>Volleyball @ Arcadia, 6:00 PM MS Volleyball w/Arcadia (8th Grade plays first) Music Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Fine Arts Wing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Milk •French Toast Stixs, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Oranges, Milk Volleyball w/Uppr Scito Vily, 6:30PM Girls Var Soccer w/Shawnee, 5:00 PM MS Volleyball @ Hopewell Loudon, 5:00 PM 6th Grade Parent Meeting, Auditorium, 7:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p>•Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk •Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk Girls Var Soccer @ Liberty Benton, 5:00 PM Girls JV Soccer @ Liberty Benton, 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p>•Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk •Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk Volleyball @ Bluffton, 7:00 PM Cross Country @ Kalida, 4:45 PM Boys Var Soccer w/Old Fort MS Football w/Pandora Gilboa Board of Education meeting 7:00 P.M., Community Rm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14</p>	<p>•Fish Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk •Pizza Bobs, Corn, Fruit, Milk Var Football @ Pandora Gilboa Boys Var Golf - State @ OSU</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p>JV Football w/Pandora Gilboa Boys Var Soccer @ Pettisville, 11:00 AM Boys JV Soccer @ Pettisville, 12:45 PM Girls Var Soccer w/Riverdale, 11:00 AM 7th Grade Volleyball @ Liberty Benton tournament, 9:00 AM OMEA Marching Band Competition @ OSU stadium</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p>•Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Fruit, Milk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18</p>	<p>•Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk •Tuna & Noodles, Peas, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk •Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<p>•Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Fruit, Milk •Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk MS Football @ Vanlue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21</p>	<p>•Sloppy Joe Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit, Milk •Taco Salad, Corn Chips, Fruit, Milk Chicken Barbecue Dinner HOMECOMING Var Football w/Vanlue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p>JV Football @ Bluffton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p>•Chicken Breast Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Fish Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk 7th Grade Outdoor Education Experience Camp Nuhop Academic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Home Resource Management Classroom 121</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<p>•Vegetable Beef Soup, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Fruit, Milk •Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk 7th Grade Outdoor Education Experience Camp Nuhop Senior Citizen Concert & Luncheon, 10:45 AM, Auditorium MS/HS Marching Band, Findlay Halloween Parade, 6:00 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26</p>	<p>•Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk •Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk 7th Grade Outdoor Education Experience Camp Nuhop Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p>•Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk The Association Preview Night, 8:00 P.M., HS Auditorium</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p>•Knight's Fest Meal •Ham, Egg, & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit, Milk End of 1st Nine Weeks Var Football w/Cory Rawson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p>Findlay Fall Festival of Show Choirs, Central Auditorium, 7:00 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> Happy Halloween</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31</p>	<p>•Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk •Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Fruit, Milk MS Girls Basketball @ Liberty Benton Athletic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Community Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 NOVEMBER</p>	<p>•Macaroni & Cheese, Buttered Broccoli, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk •Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk BVC Fall Senior Banquet @ Northridge Club, 6:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p>•French Toast Stixs, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patties, Oranges, Milk •Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk NHS Induction Ceremony @ Van Buren HS, 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk •Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk Black Knight Marching Band Awards Banquet, 6:15 PM, HS Cafeteria</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>•Pepperoni & Cheese Breadstixs, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Chicken Breast Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>