

Knightly News

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2015 National Honor Society Inductees

The Van Buren National Honor Society inducted 26 new members during a county-wide ceremony on November 2, 2015. The ceremony was held in the Van Buren's auditorium. This year's local officers include President Kylie Sturgill, Vice-President Becca Kheiry, and Secretary Carlee Schmelzer.



Back Row: Emily Bado, Brandon H. Bell, KiaLynne Bland, Logan Brooker, McClain Brown, Brady Deitrick, Mitchell Endicott, Braxton Fasone, Kila Janee Fultz. **Middle Row:** Advisor Mr. Vennekotter, Alexis Kieffer, Lindsey Klausing, Adysson Miller, Zoie Nieto, Abby Patterson, Brylie Rampe, Luke Rickenbacher, Brendan J. Roszman, Zachary Matthew Schiefer, Principal Mr. Brand. **Front Row:** Carlee Schmelzer, Lauren Ashley Shaw, Justen Stall, Emma Strong, Jordan Trenkamp, Cassandra Waltmire, Mercedes Williamson, Aaron David Keck.

Christmas Break - No School

Monday - Friday, December 21, 2015 - January 1, 2016

Distinguished Teacher Award

On October 21, 2015, Mr. John Rader was awarded the Distinguished Teacher Award from Heidelberg University. This was awarded to Mr. Rader as an outstanding and inspiring educator on the recommendations of Heidelberg University students!

Congratulations Mr. Rader for being recognized as an outstanding educator even at the collegiate level.



Congratulations

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Superintendent News

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As school returns to session in the new year, the Van Buren School District will be facing many challenges in both the short term and over the long term. To adequately prepare and address those concerns, organization, information, and planning are key. The last Strategic Plan of the Van Buren School District was authored in 2009. Many of the goals of that plan have been achieved, others have been carried out to unsuccessful conclusions, and others, for whatever reason, were not completed. We now have all-day, every-day Kindergarten. A facilities plan was carried through to completion in accordance to the parameters of the plan, and some community goals were not achieved.

It is time now to plan and organize for the future. Funding will be an issue. Facilities will continue to be an issue. Curricular needs of today’s students are constantly changing. Community relations and the way that people communicate have rapidly changed. A clear vision and purpose for our school needs to be developed, shared, believed, and practiced by all. Our investment in technology needs to be effectively used for student learning, achievement, and communication.

Beginning with our return to school in January, we will be seeking volunteers and interested parties to serve on committees to help us develop these plans.

These committees include:

- Finances
- Facilities
- Curriculum
- Vision/Mission/Beliefs
- Community Relations/Communication
- Technology

We are asking anyone with an interest, belief, or concern in any of these areas to consider becoming a member of one of these committees. Ideally, each committee should include:

- 1 or 2 Board of Education Members
- Superintendent
- 3 Teachers (1 HS, 1 MS, 1 EL)
- 3 Parents (1 HS, 1 MS, 1 EL)
- School Administrator or Supervisor
- 1 Local Government Official (Village, Township, County)
- 1 Local Business/Industry Leader
- 1 Expert in the field
- 2 - 5 others with interest, experience or expertise in these areas.

Individuals who can fulfill multiple roles would be an asset, but certainly not a requirement. While ideally in order to function efficiently a committee membership of 12 to 20 might be a goal. Even more individuals could be needed as some committees may divide into sub-committees to address particular needs such as athletic facilities and academic spaces under Facilities, High School, Middle School, and Elementary areas under Curriculum, and a foundation or endowment sub-committee under Finances.

The goal is to establish these committees in January and have a fully developed plan prepared to present to the Board of Education by the May 2016 or at the latest the June 2016 regular Board of Education Meeting. That’s a lot of work in a short period of time, but working together efficiently and effectively it can be accomplished. With so many issues effecting the district, taking 9 months, a year, or more can render some early planning obsolete before the entire plan is completed.

In order to expedite the scheduling of this many committees in a confined time period, the following schedule has been devised. This will allow you to check your calendar to ensure maximum attendance. With today’s busy schedules it is anticipated that everyone on a committee will not be able to attend every meeting, but this scheduling may minimize that issue. The following schedule has been devised:

1 st & 3 rd Mondays	Technology
2 nd & 4 th Mondays	Vision/Mission/Beliefs
1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Facilities
1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	Community Relations/Communication
2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays	Finances
1 st & 3 rd Thursdays	Curriculum

Meeting times are tentatively set to begin at 6:00 PM and meetings should be limited to approximately 2 hours. Times and dates could be altered by each committee, but this general schedule helps in overall coordination of the process.

Interested individuals can sign up for a committee by calling or emailing the Superintendent at tmyers@vbschools.net, calling 419-299-3578 and speaking with the Superintendent, or going to our website at www.vbschools.net. Your input is vital. Your thoughts, ideas, and support are needed. Together we cannot only maintain the excellence of the Van Buren Schools, but we can make it even better.

Quality Teachers + Highly Achieving Students + High Parental Expectations + Community Support = Highly Successful Van Buren Schools

Tim Myers, Superintendent

The state has tentatively scheduled the release of the 2014-2015 Local District State Report Cards sometime after the first of the year. Receiving testing results half way through the following school year does little to help us evaluate those results and use them in making improvements, which was the initial purpose of state accountability and the report card results. Now, it becomes general information only useful in making local and statewide comparisons between schools and school districts. Even at that, the report card only provides a single snap shot of a particular point in time and does not, nor cannot, tell you everything about a school. Knowing that, I can still say that after reviewing our preliminary numbers released by the state, we can all exhibit pride in our school. Taken as a whole, the Van Buren Schools has done an outstanding job on the state tests. This is accomplished with contributions from all facets of our school and community. Great, caring teachers, intelligent, hardworking students, educated parents with high expectations for their students and the school, and strong community support are what make us great.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, May 9, 2016

8th Annual Locks of Love Event

If you are interested in donating your hair to Locks of Love, mark your calendar now.

More information coming in the future.

Questions? Contact Rosemary Salisbury

At RSalisbury@vbschools.net or

Megan Ortinau at MOrtinau@vbschools.net

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HS/MS Honors

VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First Nine-Week Grading Period 2015 - 2016 School Year

ALL “A's”

6th Grade	Catherine Cavera, Rachel Cavera, Owen Coffey, Christopher Emerine, Clare Hoerig, Benjamin Hudok, Abigail Losiewicz, Kendra Odenweller, Sophia Reineke, Ashlynn Sortor, Lindsey Stultz, Ella Webster, Alan Woodall
7th Grade	Taylor Adams, Lillian Badertscher, Kaleb Bishop, Mercy DeWalt, Steven Franks, Gabrielle Gearhart, Elijah Holman, Jonathan Hudok, Alexis Jackson, Blake Jones, Shaina Lako, Mia Leal, Alexandra Marshall, Evelyn Masters, Alisa Matsuo, Jace McCartney, Lillian McKeown, Madilyn Pawlak, Annika Rinehart, Justin Ring, Peyton, Sendelbach, Megan Sheeks, Gage Swaisgood, Breanna Tabler
8th Grade	Nicole Conine, Landon Forsyth, Amber Pisarsky, Emma Reineke, Christopher Routson, Zachary Seitz, Kaleb Snodgrass, Grayson Temple
9th Grade	Carrie Below, Joshua Bishop, Faith DeWalt, Hope DeWalt, Miranda Eaton, Emma Geyman, Brady Harmon, Grace Hoerig, Kyle Hoyng, Andrea Iliff, Sydney Leeper, Jordan Lonyo, Jenessa Miller, Megan Muzy, Connor Ohlrich, Nicholas Rettig, Jessica Rinehart, Jason Runion, Mackenzie Saltzman, Hope Serrano, Olivia Sexton, Natasha Simons, Amanda Strapp, Sean Trenkamp, Lily Wagner, Quentin Weddell
10th Grade	Madelyn Badertscher, Riley Calzada, Kara Conine, Elizabeth Conner, Sarah Dishong, Amelia Durliat, Khail Fasone, Anna Girdler, Andrew Godzak, Matthew Iliff, Drew Insley, Morgan Jackson, Jocelyn Masters, Brendan Miller, Kailee Missler, Miranda Mowrey, Samuel Phillips, Autumn Pisarsky, Cheyenne Potteiger, Lydia Reineke, Brendon Ring, Sara Rosenberger, Lisa Simmons, Carrigan Stacy, Madison Swope, Cora Thomas, Maria Trusty, Brandon Wehrle, Hunter Wymer
11th Grade	Emily Bado, Brandon Bell, McClain Brown, Kila Fultz, Ivorie Garnes, Aaron Keck, Lindsey Klausung, Matthew Nieset, Zoie Nieto, Brylie Rampe, Joshua Routzon, Zachary Schiefer, Justen Stall, David(DJ) Starr, Emma Strong, Jordan Trenkamp, Cassandra Waltmire, Mercedes Williamson
12th Grade	Marcus Brand, Logan Brooker, Aric Dewey, Morgan Drake, Alexander Duran, Rebekah Frampton, Taylor Gilliland, Samantha Hagans, Elexia Hassan, Brooklyn Hoyng, Mary Kane, Rebecca Kheiry, Brianne Lasley, Zachary Lonyo, Gabriele McCracken. Ruth Moon, Cole Ohlrich, Franklin Pina, Thomas Rowles, Olivia Sattler, Carlee Schmelzer, Callie Spears, Kylie Sturgill

ALL “A's” and “B's”

6th Grade	Grant Betts, Ali Bishop, Hayden Carr, Evan Clark, Chance Conley, Olivia Cramer, Taylor DeBoo, Jacob Deiter, Joshua Drake, Clarence Durliat, Elise Fenstermaker, Emma Henry, Jared Hocanson, Cassadie Jacobs, Connor Koehnke, Tyler Krider, Josiah McKeown, Madeline Northcutt, Annabelle Omlor, Justin Overmyer, Andrew Parsell, Megan Pisarsky, Brooke Riegle, Jose Roman, Brody Runion, Taylor Stewart, Ryan Strapp, Evan VanVorhis, Dylan VanAtta, Karissa Welte
7th Grade	Kaitlyn Baer, Dessa Darling, Skylar Deerwester, Dino Donaldson, Mia George, Maxwell Greenawalt, Aiden Haley, Grace Heitkamp, Jada Hicks, Ethan Johnson, Andrew Kostendt, Calloway Luke, Madison Marks, Travis Neumeister, Isabelle Pawlak, Kennedy Rader, Reese Recker, Alexandria Reichenbaugh, Keana Rider, Madalyn Riesen, Samuel Seitz, Kearstin Sherick, Brandon Smith, Drew VanAtta, Connor Waltmire, Grant Young
8th Grade	DeLainie Bland, Karissa Brown, Tyler Cain, Katelyn Chu, Aaron Clark, Hannah Davis, Steven Distel, Garret Drake, Agnes Durliat, Timmothy Emerine, Felicity Hocanson, Jewelya Hutchison, Spencer Ingwersen, Kendall Kretzinger, Braden Losiewicz, Nickolas McCracken, Hannah Missler, Andrew Overmyer, Madison Parker, Madelyn Parsell, Allyson Rickenbacher, Jacob Risner, Camrie Roberts, Riley Simons, Jordan Spoon, Nathaniel Stacy, Austin Switzer, Madison Trumbull, Danny VanAtta, Kyle Van Horn, Catelyn Vermillion, CJ Ware
9th Grade	Hannah Betts, Dawson Carruthers, Dominick Donaldson, Johnathon Farthing, Taylor Franklin, Payton Franks, Noah Frederick, Marisa Gilbert, Nathaniel Gregory, Natalee Harris, Wade Hiatt, Brandon Klausung, James Koehler, Tyler Lambert, Emily LeCroy, Ethan Marialke, Issei Matsuo, Audrey Nessler, Mackenzie Phillips, Thomas Piccirillo, Jacob Sanders, Natalie Williamson
10th Grade	Lydia Brown, Jessica Debouver, Carl Fleck, Hunter Fleck, Hunter Foltz, Alexander Godzak, Janelle Keck, Codi Leonard, Logan Marshall, Mason Miarer, Nathan Potteiger, Jessica Roberts, Joshua Seitz, Kade Steveson, Jaden Tabler, Alina Turner, Drace Wilson, Madilyn Youngpeter
11th Grade	Justin Adams, Brittany Arnold, Sydnee Atchison, Jacob Below, Kialynne Bland, Tori Bookwalter, Gage Chambers, Brady Deitrick, Mitchell Endicott, Braxton Fasone, Jayden Foltz, Ashley Franklin, Sarah Franks, Anne Gilliland, Kordell Harr, Austin Hickman, Breanna King, Marly McCartney, Adysson Miller, Abby Patterson, Luke Rickenbacher, Brendan Roszman, Tyler Saltzman, Lauren Shaw, Boston Siferd, Ryan Turner, Alexia Woessner, Jared Zimmerman
12th Grade	Alejandro Arriaga, Briana Barnhisel, Hannah Bayer, Zachary Bowling, Trenton Boyette, Lauren Brown, Mackenzie Edler, Amber Goeb, Avery Insley, Andrew Kelley, Ian Kern, Alexander Langel, Shelbi Leonard, Victoria Manley, Jaret Mowrey, Nicklaus Overmyer, Katelyn Reineke, Justin Routzon, Jared Smith, Vyshali Swaminathan, Mackenzie Wagner, Payten Whitticar, Wyatt Wiegors

Information about Van Buren School District
can be accessed through the internet at the following address
www.vbschools.net
To read the daily announcements once you reach the web
site...click the box in the top black tool bar "Announcements".

Thanks to Matthias Leguire for providing the
Homecoming picture in the October *Knightly News*!

High School News

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present October 2015 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.



October - Back Row: Olivia Harr, Johanna Youngpeter, Jacob Sanders, Mason McMonigal, Bobby McGough, Abram Cunningham, Evan Heminger, Brandon Bell, Gage Chambers. **Front Row:** Amelia Durliat, Lisa Simmons, Kara Conine, Marisa Gilbert, Grace Hoerig, Natalja Mendoza, Leah Norr, Amanda Strapp, Aliza Stahl. **Not Pictured:** Trenton Boyette, Breanna King, Franky Pina, Kylie Sturgill, Nick Winkel.



November - Back Row: Ron Koehnke, Breanna King, Ivorie, Garnes, Faith DeWalt, Josie Masters, Trevor Welford, Thomas Rowles, Tucker Squire, Marisa Gilbert, Janelle Keck. **Middle Row:** Lily Wagner, Joshua Bowles, Ruth Moon, Braxton Fasone, Brendan Roszman, McClain Brown, Madi Youngpeter, Autumn Pisarsky. **Front Row:** Emma Geyman, Aaron Hall, Issei Matsuo, Brady Harmon, Hope DeWalt, Miranda Eaton. **Not Pictured:** Alex Godzak, Rebecca Reichenbaugh.

Middle School News

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present October 2015 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.



October - Back Row: Landon Forsyth, Kaleb Snodgrass, Eli Dilgard, Nicole Conine, Dylan VanAtta, Treyton Still. **Front Row:** Alisa Matsuo, Cheyenne House, Jacob Deiter, Ben Hudok, Eliya Amos, Grace Heitkamp. **Not Pictured:** Lilly Badertscher, MaKade Miarer.

**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, Feb. 12, 2016**
- **Friday, May 13, 2016**

❧ No School ❧

Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 18, 2016

President's Day
Monday, February 15, 2016

HS News

Student Council Attends Leadership Conference

On October 21, eight of the Van Buren Student Council members had the opportunity to attend the Northwest Ohio Student Leadership Conference on the campus of Defiance College.

Ted Wiese, who is known as one of America's best youth leadership development speakers, lead the activity oriented workshop. The students participated in a highly interactive program throughout the day. The conference ended with round table discussion groups to share ideas with other schools in the area.

The students attending this year, along with Mrs. McIntosh and Mr. Zender, were Becca Kheiry, Ian Kern, Brylie Rampe, Kila Fultz, Lindsey Klausing, Sarah Dishong, Amelia Durliat, and Morgan Jackson.



Standing: Ian Kern, Brylie Rampe, Kila Fultz, Becca Kheiry. *Sitting:* Sarah Dishong, Morgan Jackson, Amelia Durliat, Lindsey Klausing.



Attn: Parents/Guardians

If your child(ren)'s workbook and classroom fees have not been paid, please take care of this obligation as soon as possible. If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact the office.



ANOTHER AMAZING WEEKEND!

The Association took all Class C caption awards (Best Vocals; Choreography; Instrumental Combo) and the Class C Grand Championship at Ada Music Feast on Saturday, November 7! Congrats to McClain Brown who was awarded the Best Individual Performer of the show choir, and congrats to the ENTIRE group for getting a great show together over the past couple of (very busy) weeks!

The Black Knight Marching Band received its SECOND STRAIGHT SUPERIOR RATING at the OMEA State Marching Band Finals on Sunday, November 8 in Dayton! The band performed at 2:45 PM and was one of several bands in its block to receive the highest rating. If you live in Van Buren, you heard the Allen Township Fire Department welcome us in to town with two fire engines! Congrats to the band on this huge feat; very few Class C bands are able to receive the highest rating possible!

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

- Reminder that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filled out by all students planning on attending college next year. Please take the time to have the FAFSA ready to submit as soon as possible after January 1. The FAFSA can be accessed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to get a student and parent FSA ID number ahead of time as well at fafsa.gov.
- Registration deadline for the February 6 ACT test is January 8.
- Information will be given to all students in late February regarding the new College Credit Plus (taking college classes) for next school year. If you have any questions prior to that, you may contact me at school.
- Many of the local scholarship applications will be coming in very soon after the holiday break. Students are encouraged to stop in the guidance office on a regular basis to see which scholarships are available at that time. All community foundation scholarships are available online after mid-February. A representative from The Community Foundation will meet with all seniors in February.
- County-wide financial aid meetings for college bound senior parents will be held at Findlay HS on January 5 at 6:30 PM, Carey HS on January 27 at 6:30 PM, and at Liberty-Benton on January 13 at 6:30 PM. It is recommended that at least one parent attend, especially if this is your first time having a student go on to college.
- College applications should be sent in by this time. Several of our students have already been accepted to the colleges of their choice! If you still have not done so, there is still time to get your applications sent in.

High School News

Travel the Globe- Experiencing Different Cultures at the University of Findlay

On Monday November 2, Van Buren Foreign Language students had the opportunity to attend the annual Travel the Globe Language and Culture Day at the University of Findlay. Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Bryan, and Ms. Wang, along with their Spanish III, French III, and Chinese II/III students, spent the day learning about different cultures from the University of Findlay International students. They were able to sample foods from different countries and speak with the students about life in their countries and their experiences here in the US.

The sessions included: Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic Women, Arabic Men, Saudi Women, Saudi Men, and Multi- Cultural Discussion Groups.

After the Travel the Globe event, students were treated to lunch at Henderson Hall on campus and also attended a UF information session.



Middle School News

Rachel’s Challenge Day

November 23 was a big day at Van Buren Middle School! The Rachel’s Challenge organization returned to work with students and present on Rachel’s Challenge. Rachel’s Challenge is based on the writings of Rachel Scott, the first victim in the Columbine school tragedy in 1999. Throughout the day, students had assemblies, we facilitated leadership training for our Friends of Rachel club, and our entire staff met with small cross-grade level groups for lunch to discuss what we learned during the assemblies. Thank you to our VIPs: The parents who helped facilitate the leadership training and representatives from the Findlay-Hancock Community Foundation and Findlay City Schools who came to see how we can build our Rachel’s Challenge network in Hancock County. For more information about Rachel’s Challenge, go to www.rachelschallenge.org.



Music News

OMEA District III HS Music Festival

Niswonger Performing Arts Center

Van Wert Middle/High School

Sunday, January 17, 2016 @ 3:00 P.M.

Band

AJ Arriaga - Euphonium

Choir

Mary Beth Kane - soprano
Katelyn Reineke - soprano
Lily Wagner - soprano
Mercedes Williamson - soprano

Wade Hiatt - tenor
Austin Lako - tenor
Tom Rowles - tenor
Josh Seitz - tenor
Justen Stall - tenor

Brittany Arnold - alto
Annie Mowrey - alto
Zoie Nieto - alto

Brendon Ring - bass

Congratulations



Hancock County Music Festival

Van Buren High School

Sunday, February 21, 2016 @ 3:00 P.M.

Band

Jacob Below - Trumpet
AJ Arriaga - Euphonium

Andrew Godzak, Tenor Sax

Choir

Brooklyn Hoyng - soprano
Morgan Jackson - soprano
Mary Beth Kane - soprano
Autumn Pisarsky - soprano
Marie Trusty - soprano
Lily Wagner - soprano
Mercedes Williamson - soprano

Brittany Arnold - alto
Carrie Below - alto
Annie Mowrey - alto
Zoie Nieto - alto
Olivia Sattler - alto

Aaron Keck - tenor
Tom Rowles - tenor
Joshua Seitz - tenor
Jared Smith - tenor
Justen Stall - tenor

Matthew Iliff - bass
Ian Kern - bass
Austin Lako - bass
Brendon Ring - bass
Zachary Schiefer - bass

Congratulations



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Middle School News

Seventh Graders' Outdoors Education



VBMS Welcomes Veteran

Our social studies teachers coordinated to bring MSgt. Don Beichler, who served in the United States Marine Corps for thirty years, to VBMS to speak with our students on Veterans Day. The first classes heard him live, the others were a video of his earlier presentation. Mr. Beichler was stationed in over 20 countries over his career and shared his experiences with all of our students.



Genius Hour Students Work with Community Partners

Students in the Genius Hour class spend one quarter working on an individual project and in the second quarter, began a cooperative project researching a solution to a problem posed by a community partner. We are fortunate to be working with Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Domino's of Bowling Green, Nuhop Center for Experiential Learning, Hancock Job and Family Services, and the Van Buren School District on a variety of problems ranging from parking on the school campus to how to keep small animals away from electric power substations, thus reducing power failures. Representatives of those community partners will return in January to hear students presentations on possible solutions. A big thank you to these community partners for providing our students real-world challenges!



Elementary News

Knights Fest

I enjoyed Knights Fest a lot this year but I am going to miss celebrating next year too. Before Knight's' Fest I prepared. We had to prepare for the performance we were going to have. We got ready by practicing our songs and making sure that they sounded festive enough and we were loud enough and sang with expression. Also I had to prepare by getting a costume to wear. For Knights Fest I was a queen and I wore a gorgeous, flowing gown. My medieval dress was red with gold at the center and it went all the way down to my feet. Its shoulders were puffy and the sleeves had a cut in them forming a triangle. At school we had to have the mini Wii tournaments in our classrooms during recess. I lost the first round I was in. I liked preparing for my last Knights Fest.



By: Allison Badertscher

The banquet is one of the most exciting things that happened at Knights Fest. For the banquet they made a special meal of chicken legs, corn, and a brownie. I loved the delicious Knights Fest meal. Also during the banquet there is the Wii swordplay tournament finals. The Wii swordplay tournament finals are when four students battle on the gigantic screen in the cafeteria and try to defeat each other and the winner of all four play Mr. Newcomer, the elementary principal. Griffin VanScoder won this year against Mr. Newcomer. It was very exciting and fun to watch. I sat by my best friends Avery, Casey, and Paige and we watched the tournament together. I really enjoyed the medieval lunch.

After the banquet was over we went back to our rooms to wait for the parade to begin. Before we went outside we stood in the hallway waiting for Mr. Newcomer and Mrs. Stumpp to come through the hallway and all of the fifth graders went and followed. After we walked through the elementary we walked around the loop outside twice. Parents took pictures and smiled as we walked by. It was a perfect day for the festive parade because the sun was shining and it was warm and beautiful. I walked by my friends Madeline and Casey. The band played at the entrance to the elementary school. The band played really festive, medieval, and loud songs. I enjoyed the parade.

After we walked around the medieval garden twice, we walked swiftly over to the entrance to the middle school. Then after we entered the open and wide lobby in the school, we headed over to the auditorium. When we got to the front of the auditorium and took our seats close to the front, we listened to the songs that the fourth graders presented. The fourth graders sang in unison and they sang beautifully. I enjoyed listening to them sing their songs from Scotland and England. A couple moments after the fourth graders finished their songs, the fifth graders went up to the brightly lit stage and took their places on the stands. After everyone was in their right positions, Mrs. Van Vlerah came up on stage and gave an informative speech about our songs we were going to sing. My dad listened to the songs near the back of the blistering hot auditorium. The songs we sang sounded amazing and I loved to practice and sing them.

When we got finished singing our Knights Fest songs, we headed back to the fully decorated elementary building to start the festivities. After I managed to get through the enormous crowd of people I looked for my friends and after we all found each other we went to make a craft. We started at a head wreath making

booth. I made a colorful one with two fake flowers on the back. When we all got done with our hats we headed to the gym to look at the games. I played a jousting game with Casey, and Avery and Paige played a fierce game of jousting after. Then after we finished our battle we headed back to the cafeteria to do another craft and look for our parents. I found my dad and we talked for a little bit while my other friends went to another craft booth. My friends got done and went to the gingerbread making for a snack and I made a sand filled necklace with my dad while they ate. When I got done, my dad went to talk with his friend and I went to find my friends. They were still at the gingerbread making so I made a cookie myself and ate it. Just as I finished eating, the storytelling ended so all of my friends and I went to the storytelling room to hear the storytelling one last time. The story was about three dragons and a knight who all became friends. When the interesting story was over, the festival was almost over so Avery, Casey, Paige, and I all went to do one last craft together and we each made a different colored pennant with a different medieval person or animal on it. Mine had a jester and my name. I enjoyed spending my Knights Fest with my friends and my dad.

I am sad that this was my last Knights Fest but I feel that I made good use out of my last one. I got to spend it with my friends and I got to do a craft with my dad and talk to him. I will cherish my amazing memories from my last Knights Fest. I had a great time at my last Knights Fest but I am still sad that it is my last one. I loved, enjoyed, and had a great time at this year's Knights Fest.



Elementary News

Knights' Fest of 2015

By: Peter Harrington

This Knights' Fest was very memorable because it was my last one. Before Knights' Fest I got my costume ready. I was Merlin. I also participated in the Wii tournament. I won the first round against Mason Greenawalt. Then in the second round I beat Hudson Sendelbach. In the third round I lost to Carter Thomas. It was a good fight and he went on to the finals, but more about that later. Before Knights' Fest we also practiced for the performance with Mrs. Van Vlerah who is my music teacher.

Knights' Fest was on October 30, 2015. It started during lunch time with the banquet. The cafeteria served chicken legs (drumsticks) with corn, a brownie and milk. During lunch we had the Wii Finale. The contestants were Jake Bishop, Weston Heitkamp, Carter Thomas, and Griffin VanScoder. Carter beat Jake in the first round. Griffin beat Weston in the first round too. Griffin beat Carter in the finale and went on to play Mr. Newcomer, our principal. Griffin won that too. Griffin versus Mr. Newcomer was probably the most incredible fight Wii Swordplay match I have ever seen.

After the banquet we had the parade. It was really cool because you got to walk in front of just about everyone in the elementary parents. We walked around the bus pickup twice and then into the auditorium for the performance. I walked next to Carter Thomas and Hudson Sendelbach. When we passed my parents they started taking pictures of us.

Next was the performance in the high school auditorium. My parents were there and watched. First, second, third, and fourth grade watched us. We sang two songs, "Mighty Medieval Men", and "Joust". I liked "Mighty Medieval Men" better because it sounded almost like the boys and the girls (knights and damsels) were bickering.

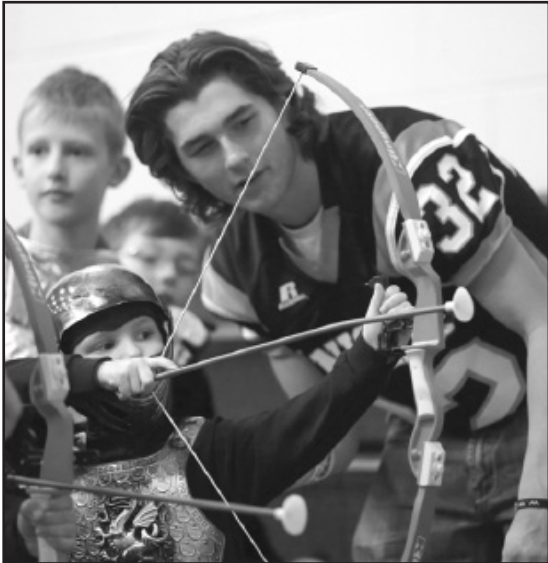
Finally it was time for the festival games. I walked around and played games with and against Hudson Sendelbach, Logan Dilgard, Jack Campbell, Griffin VanScoder, Carter Thomas, and Mason Greenawalt. They had everything from jousting with pool noodles to shooting marshmallows with a catapult and trying to make them in a hole in a board that was painted like a castle. My favorite game was called "Chicken Chuck". It was probably the most enjoyable game at the festival. It was where you put a rubber chicken into a slingshot and shot it at a target. Another game I played was Cornhole. I played this against Logan Dilgard. It was hilarious when he launched the bag up at the ceiling and he totally missed it. And the lady at that station was like "Great Job". You could also do crafts like make an appetizing looking gingerbread. You could get tattoos. Some of my friends got them. Or you could get a head wreath.

This Knight's Fest had my emotions mixed. It was really cool because they had some new games this year. It was also sad because it is my last Knight's Fest until I am a senior in high school and come over to help out with its execution. It was exciting because all of the little kids (kindergarten, first grade, and second graders) were looking up to me and my friends as we walked through the halls for the first part of the parade. I have only been at this school for two Knight's Fest now but this one was by far the best one ever! This Knight's Fest was phenomenal!



Elementary News

Knights' Fest (continued)



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



Back Row: Allison Badertscher, Katie Krantz, Madison Elliott, Catheryn Roy, John Wheeler, Ethan Greathouse, Gabriel George, Elijah Seitz, Curtis Ware, Reed Harmon. *Middle Row:* Savanna Eakin, Finn Martin, Lily Grine, Morgan Johnson, Anna Durliat, Cale Henry, Lucas Harrington, Rylee Orchard, Gracie Webster, Heidi Griffith, David Cavera. *Front Row:* Preston Harnjo, Daphne Tao, Carson Stone, Emma Krupp, Brooklyn Wilkin, Grady Miller, Ashleigh Doyle. *Not Pictured:* Abby Eatherton, Yashaswini Sreenath.



Several of the elementary staff made their yearly trip to City Laundry to assist with the Coats for Christmas program by hanging freshly laundered donated coats so that they can be distributed to those in need across the community and local area.

Yearbook News

Yearbook Orders

Thank you to all who purchased a copy of the 2015 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 2016 Knight will include the high school and middle school, and the 2016 Squire will include elementary events. The price for the HS/MS yearbook is \$55. 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 2016 Squire (elementary) yearbook is \$20. Unfortunately no extras can be purchased with this as it has a soft cover. 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 2016 Knight and/or 2016 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 (\$55 and \$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 2016 Knight and Squire

Van Buren Elementary, Middle School and High School

Name _____
Grade/Teacher _____ Date _____

\$55.00 each Price of the 2016 Knight in FULL COLOR (coverage of the middle school and high school)

\$5.00 each Price to have your name put on your yearbook (2016 Knight only)
Write how you would like your name to appear

\$3.00each Plastic protective cover for your book (2016 Knight only)

\$20.00 each Price of the 2016 Squire 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
	2016 <u>Knight</u>	\$55.00	
	Name on Book	\$5.00	
	Plastic Cover	\$3.00	
	2016 <u>Squire</u>	\$20.00	

Please make all checks payable to:
2016 Knight and/or 2016 Squire.

TOTAL

PEOPLE WHO PURCHASED COPIES OF THE 2015 KNIGHT

The following alumni need to pick up their copies of the 2015 Knight and/or Squire that they ordered: Bryce Bowers, Marcuise Fornof, Eli Franks, Rachel George, Seth Jacomet, Cole Martin, Shayna Selario, Aaron Scasny, Rachel Silver, Audrie Ward, Alyssen Welch, Thomas Wolford.

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.

2015 Knight Staff Earns Silver Rating From CSPA

The 2015 Knight staff recently learned it earned a silver rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for its work on last year's yearbook. This rating reflected a score increase from 583 (a bronze rating for the 2014 Knight) to 700 this year.

The goal of entering the CSPA contest each year is to gain feedback about the previous year's publication which can be applied during the current year. 2014 was the first year the Knight staff entered the contest, and the ultimate goal is to earn a gold rating, which is a score from 800-1,000.

According to Columbia University, the judging process begins "when publications are mailed to the Association's offices in New York City. From there they are mailed, in batches, to qualified faculty advisers of student publications, who constitute the CSPA's Board of Judges. These advisers are located throughout the United States and Canada."

The members of the 2015 Knight staff were Kailey Leal (co-editor-in-chief), Alexis Youngpeter (co-editor-in-chief), Alli Arthur (Academics section editor), Jennifer Irving (Senior/Student Life section editor), Abbey Phillips (Sports section editor), Brooke Klausing, Lauren Wise, Lauren Brown, Ruth Moon, and Callie Spears.



Sports News

All Sports Passes & Season Tickets for 2015-2016

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 and mailing to this address:
Van Buren High School, c/o Ryan Hite
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 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 *Ryan Hite, Athletic Director* *419-299-3254 or * rhite@vbschools.net.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

All-Sports Pass:

Family: _____ @ \$275.00 = \$ _____

Adult: _____ @ \$125.00 = \$ _____

Student: _____ @ \$75.00 = \$ _____



Boys' Basketball Season Tickets:

Adult: _____ @ \$66.00 = \$ _____

Student: _____ @ \$44.00 = \$ _____

Girls' 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:** = \$ _____

Two VB Students Receive Julie Cole Scholarship

Congratulations to Connor Ohlrich and Lydia Smith, two members of the Van Buren Black Knight Golf Team whom were selected to receive the honorable scholarship presented by Findlay native Julie Cole. The Julie Cole Scholarship which offers an opportunity for training and development to area junior golfers through the Julie Cole Golf Fund. The scholarship offers junior golfers in Hancock County the opportunity to participate in a skills-appropriate summer camp at the Dana Rader Golf School in Charlotte, N.C. The fund covers summer camp cost, travel, lodging and meals. It will also assist with fees for participating in an American Junior Golf Foundation (AJGA) tournament or other tournament.



Weather Announcements

Tune to AM 1330 WFIN, FM 100.5 WKXA, FM 96.7 WBVI, or FM 106.3 WBUK for weather announcements. Should weather favor us with unseasonable climatic conditions, announcements will be made to accommodate those variances.

Sports News

Van Buren Girls Golf Team -“Year in Review”

The Lady Black Knights 2015 season can be summed up in just one word.... **SUCCESS!**

The team consisted of 12 hardworking young ladies whose efforts paid off after many hours of practice and dedication!

The season began with the team playing in several invitationals and winning many of those. They were named as Champions of the North Baltimore Tiger Invitational for the second year in a row and also won the Celina Bulldog Invitational with a team score of 368 from a field of 19 teams! Another victory came when three of our Black Knight girls paired up with 3 of our Black Knight boys and swiped the Old Fort Co-Ed Shoot Out with a team score of 326!

The experience of playing the Invitationals early on, proved invaluable later in post-season when the Lady Black Knights put up their best score of the season (356) in late September at the OHSAA Div. II Sectionals at Country Acres G.C. and came out winning the Sectional Title. One week later, the team advanced to play in the OHSAA Div. II Northwest District tournament and finished in 5th place. It was an exciting finish, as senior teammate Carlee Schmelzer was named to the All-District team at the end of the tournament. The Black Knights finished with a record of 20 wins, 10 losses throughout the regular season play (excluding invitationals and tournaments).

To celebrate the terrific season and accomplishments, the team held an awards ceremony in the Community Room on October 29 and then attended the Northwest Ohio Girls Golf League annual banquet at the Pinnacle in Maumee with 12 teams and guests attending. Within the NWOGL, Van Buren ended in 2nd place in the South Division. Their team average for the season was 188. Junior Zoie Nieto was named as 2015 Player of the Year! Along with Zoie, Carlee Schmelzer was presented with first team honors, while Ashley Franklin and Olivia Sexton received second team league honors. A very special “Most Sportsmanship” award was also given to Carlee Schmelzer and this award was voted on by all the golfers of the league, the night of the banquet. The Sportsmanship Award was presented by last year’s recipient, former V.B. golfer Erin Neall.

Van Buren awards consisted of Four-year Varsity Letterman, Carlee Schmelzer. Three-year Letterman Awards were given to Zoie Nieto and Ashley Franklin. Receiving Second year Letterman Awards were Lydia Smith, Morgan Jackson, and Maria Trusty. Olivia Sexton was awarded her first Van Buren Varsity letter. Other team members receiving J.V./Reserve Awards were Madelyn Badertscher, Kialynne Bland, Andrea Iliff, Cheyenne Potteiger, and Lily Wagner. Special team awards were presented to: Zoie Nieto - “Lowest Scoring Average (43)”; Lily Wagner - “Most Improved”; Olivia Sexton - “Rookie-of-the-Year”; Carlee Schmelzer - “Miss Sportsmanship”; Lydia Smith - “110% Award; and Madelyn Badertscher - “FORE” Award.

In addition to the team and league awards, Northwest District Division II honors for the year included: Second Team - Zoie Nieto and Carlee Schmelzer, and Honorable Mention, Ashley Franklin. Carlee also received Academic All-Ohio.

The girls and coaches had a very successful, yet FUN season in 2015. They were coached by Rhonda Nye and Bethany Archer. If any young lady (grades 8-11) is interested in working hard and becoming a member of the 2016 Lady Black Knight Golf Team, please contact Coach Nye, Coach Archer, or any other team member. An organizational meeting will be held sometime in February and it's not too early to make preparations NOW!

If anyone is interested in ordering any GOLF spirit wear with the chevron logo (as pictured), please email Coach Nye at rnye@vbschools.net or call 419-299-3384 ext. 422 and she can give you details. Orders will be compiled until January 30, 2016.



Sectional Win! - Coach Nye, Ashley Franklin, Olivia Sexton, Lydia Smith, Zoie Nieto, Carlee Schmelzer.



After the win at Sectionals - Ashley Franklin, Maria Trusty, Olivia Sexton, Morgan Jackson, Lydia Smith, Zoie Nieto, Carlee Schmelzer.



Maria Trusty, Lydia Smith, Madelyn Badertscher, Lily Wagner, and Olivia Sexton enjoying a summer swim party after qualifiers.

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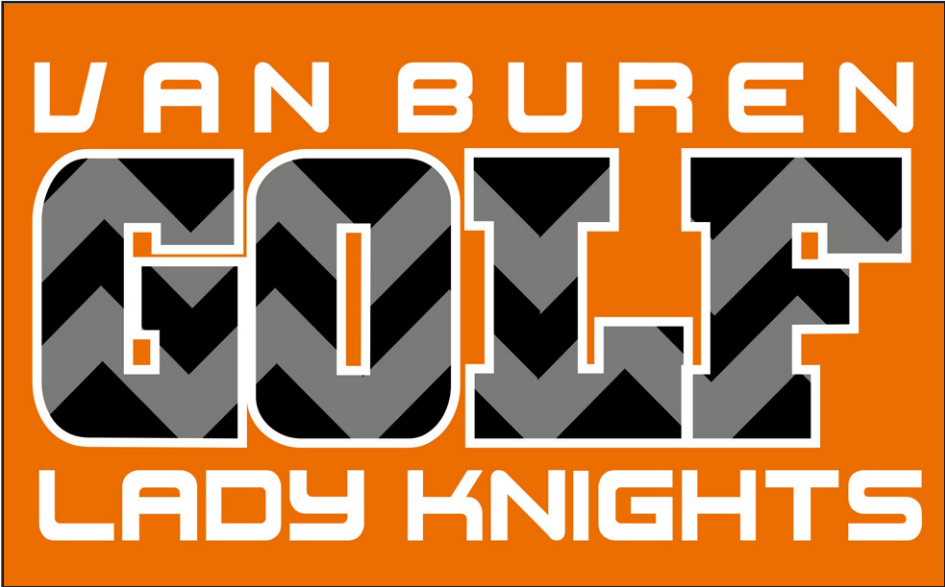
Van Buren Girls Golf Team (continued)



Tiger Invitational - Morgan Jackson, Zoie Nieto, Carlee Schmelzer, Olivia Sexton, Ashley Franklin.



Carlee receiving her All-District Award.



Spirit Wear Logo

Boys Soccer Season

Van Buren Boys Soccer Team finished their season 15-3-1. They made it to District Finalists and lost to the defending State Champions Mansfield Christian, who were undefeated coming into the tournament game. The boys were NCOSA Champions for the 4th time in school history. This boys team was undefeated in League play and only allowed 2 goals against them during these 7 games. They did lose twice, once to Bluffton and once to Ft Jennings, in regular season and both of these teams were Champions in their respected leagues. Bluffton lost to Ft. Jennings in District Finals, and Ft Jennings lost to Archbold in Regional Semi-Finals. Van Buren beat Archbold in regular season, who finished in the Final 4 of State. Van Buren had 3 players receive First Team League honors, 2 received Second Team, and 2 were named Honorable Mention. Two players received First team All District and 1 received Second team, and 1 named Honorable Mention. They also received 2 Second team All State honors. During the season the boys had a 6 game unbeaten streak and later an 8 game streak. There were a number of individual school records, but the coach and players like to keep things focused on team. Since becoming a school sport in 1997, the team has accumulated 199 wins.


What a fantastic season the Boys Soccer Team had. Congratulations and what a great way to make Van Buren Schools proud!



~ All are welcome ~
Join us every Monday
morning at 8:00 a.m. at the
Van Buren United
Methodist Church

Experience the joy of replacing
anxiety with peace and hope
when you pray for your
children with other moms.

December - February Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER ** Menu subject to change ** 27	NO SCHOOL 28	NO SCHOOL 29	NO SCHOOL 30	NO SCHOOL 31	NO SCHOOL 1 JANUARY	2
Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5) Italicized Print - MS & HS Menu (6-12) 3	•Mini Corn Dogs, Corn, Tater Rounds, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Beefy Nachos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL MS Boys Basketball @ Vanlue MS Girls Basketball w/Vanlue Athletic Boosters - 7:00 PM, 4 Community Room	•Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Chicken Nuggets, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Wrestling @ Glenwood w/ Upper Sandusky, 5:00 PM 5	•Hamburgers, Curly Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Boys Basketball @ St. Michaels MS Girls Basketball w/St. Michael Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 6	•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Sausage Gravy over Buttermilk Bisquits, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball @ McComb Freshman Boys Basketball w/ McComb, 6:00 PM 7	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016  JV & Var Boys Basketball w/Liberty Benton 8	JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Otsego, 6:00 PM Freshman Boys Basketball w/ Lima Perry, 12:00 PM MS Wrestling @ Spencerville Invite, 10:00 AM JV & Var Boys Basketball w/ Patrick Henry JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Eastwood, 1:00 PM Freshman Boys Basketball @ LCC, 12:00 PM MS Girls Basketball @ Donnell, 10:00 AM District III HS Honors Festival Band/Choir Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 9
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 10	•Chicken Breast Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Chicken Breast Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Boys Basketball @ Pandora Gilboa MS Girls Basketball w/PG Music Boosters - 7:00 PM, Fine 11 Arts Wing	•Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball w/ Ada Var Wrestling @ Oak Harbor w/ Bowling Green, 5:30 PM 12	•Pizza, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 13	•Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball @ LB Frshmn Boys Bsktball w/LB, 6:00 PM MS Wrestling @ Kenton w/Allen East, 5:00 PM Board of Education mtg, 6:30 PM, 14 Community Rm	•Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Pepperoni & Cheese Breadstixs, Tossed Salad, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar End of 1st Semester JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Cory Rawson Var Wrestling @ Elmwood w/ McComb, 5:30 PM 15	Freshman Boys Basketball @ Ottawa Hills, 1:00 PM Freshman Girls Basketball w/ Tinora, 11:00 AM MS Boys Basketball @ Elmwood, 12:30 PM MS Girls Basketball @ Elmwood, 10:00 AM MS Wrestling @ Fostoria Invite, 9:00 AM District III HS Honors Festival Band/Choir Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 16
OMEA District III HS Music Festival at Niswonger Performing Arts Center, (Van Wert MS/HS Campus) 3:00 P.M. 17	NO SCHOOL MS Boys Basketball w/North Baltimore MS Girls Basketball @ North Baltimore 18	•Tacos, Nachos & Cheese, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Boys Basketball w/ McComb JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Lima Perry Freshman Boys Basketball @ Miller City, 4:45 PM 19	•Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Pizza, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Freshman Girls Basketball w/ Findlay, 6:00 PM MS Wrestling @ Carey w/Bucyrus, 5:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 20	•Baked Hamburger Macaroni, Tossed Salad, Peas, Garlic Toast, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice, Cheese Broccoli, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball w/Vanlue 21	•Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cookie, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Varsity Wrestling - Van Buren Invitational, 5:00 PM 22	JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Otsego Varsity Wrestling - Van Buren Invitational, 9:30 AM Freshman Boys Basketball @ Otsego, 4:45 PM MS Wrestling @ Northwood JH Invite, 10:00 AM 23
This institute is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 24	•Mini Corn Dogs, Corn, Curly Fries, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Beefy Nachos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Boys Basketball @ Arlington MS Girls Basketball w/Arlington Academic Boosters - 7:00 PM, Hm Resrc Mgmnt Clrm 121 25	•Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Old Fashion Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball @ St. Wendelin Frshmn Boys Bsktball w/HL, 6:00 PM MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, 5:30 PM 26	•Pizza, Tossed Salad, Peas, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk, or Salad Bar MS Boys Basketball w/Lima Central Catholic MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, 5:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 27	•French Toast Stixs, Eggs & Sausage, Hash Browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Baked Hamburger Macaroni, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball w/Pandora Gilboa Freshman Boys Basketball @ Pandora Gilboa, 5:00 PM 28	•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Chili w/Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Hopewell Loudon Var Wrestling @ Thunderbird Invite (LCC), 5:30 PM 29	JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Bluffton Var Wrestling @ Thunderbird Invite (LCC), 9:30 AM MS Wrestling Van Buren MS Invite, 10:00 AM MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, 10:00 AM 30
31	•Pepperoni & Cheese Breadstixs, Corn, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Freshman Girls Basketball w/ Leipsic, 6:00 PM MS Boys Basketball @ Leipsic Athletic Boosters - 7:00 PM, Community Room 1 FEBRUARY	•Sausage Gravy over Buttermilk Bisquits, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Lima Central Catholic Freshman Boys Basketball w/ Arlington, 6:00 PM 2	•Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Pizza, Tossed Salad, Peas, Asst. Fruit, Milk, or Salad Bar MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, 5:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 3	•Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Sausage Gravy over Buttermilk Bisquits, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball @ North Baltimore Freshman Boys Basketball w/ North Baltimore, 6:00 PM 4	•Chili w/Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Asst. Fruit, Milk • Chicken Quesadillas, Corn, Chips & Salsa, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Boys Basketball w/ Pandora Gilboa 5	HS District III OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Lima Sr HS Var Wrestling BVC Championship @ Arcadia, 9:30 AM Freshman Boys Basketball w/ Toledo Christian, 12:00 PM MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, 10:00 AM 6