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Congratulations 2016 Valedictorian Rebecca Kheiry and Salutatorian Kylie Sturgill



Rebecca Kheiry

Becca is the daughter of Jamal and Wendy Kheiry. She has a sister Essma, and a brother Alex.

Becca participated in choir, Student Council Vice President, and National Honor Society Vice President. She was also active in Library's Youth Advisory Board and SummerRead.

Becca is going to study Biomedical Engineering at Miami University.

Kylie Sturgill

Kylie is the daughter of Will and Joy Sturgill. She was active in volleyball, basketball, track, choir, show choir, National Honor Society President, Junior Statesmen of America, and yearbook Sports Editor. In her spare time, Kylie attends Gateway Church, is a Gliding Stars Adaptive Ice Skating Program volunteer, and is in Hancock Youth Leadership.

Kylie will attend The Ohio State University and is undecided on a major.

Van Buren High School also graduated four students with a 4.0 GPA. Congratulations is extended to these students on all their hard work.



Andrew Kelley, Morgan Drake, Callie Spears, Alex Duran.

***Congratulations
to Cheryl Bays
on her retirement
and Best of Luck
to Tracy Wang!
Thanks for being
Great teachers
to the students
at Van Buren!
You will be
GREATLY
missed!***



**First Day of the 2016-2017 School
Year for Students is
Wednesday, August 17, 2016**

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High School News

Summer Has Arrived

Tim Myers, Superintendent

Another school year has come to an end. Again, I want to thank all of the parents, students, and staff for making this school year a success. Teachers do a great job teaching and motivating students to learn. The bus drivers do a great job getting students to school and home again in a safe manner. Custodians and maintenance staff keep our buildings and busses clean and operational. Administrative assistants, aides, administrators, and support staff handle the day-to-day chores helping to create an environment for learning. We have great students who take pride in their academic and extra-curricular achievements. Parents are to be thanked and appreciated for the values and responsibility that they instill in their children. Good students make for great teaching and learning. The community should be thanked for their support of our schools. Together we make the Van Buren Schools great.

With the end of a school year, we say goodbye to some outstanding staff members. I am very appreciative of Coach Shoup and everything that he has

done in the classroom and rebuilding the Van Buren football program. I wish him much success as he moves into an administrative role. Cheryl Bays will be missed as she moves into retirement. Cheryl has touched many lives throughout the years. Tracy Wang, our visiting teacher from China, provided us with a great cultural experience this year. When we read and hear about the political differences around our world, getting the opportunity to meet, work with, and know an individual from another country helps us to realize the things that we have in common, not our political differences. These, and other staff members who may be leaving us will be missed. They will always be a part of the Van Buren family.

Watch for further information on the draft of the updated Strategic Plan. We will have it on our website soon and may be publishing a special edition of the *Knightly News* so that our community can review and comment on the plan before Board approval this fall.

Refresh, relax, and enjoy your summer! Mid-August and the start of a new school year will be here before you know it.

Students Enjoy Experiencing What They've Learned

On Wednesday, May 11, Mrs. Johnson's International Culture and Cuisine students spent the day visiting German Village in Columbus, Ohio. The day started with a brief video shown at The German Village Society by our tour guide. The video was a remarkable production of the history of the many German immigrants that chose to settle in Columbus, Ohio and how they made it flourish in those early years. The video and the tour gave a peak into the demise of the area and how it has been rebuilt with the vision of many in recent years. Our tour

included many interesting facts and sights which included the importance of the brick roads and gas lights and curbside cement stoops to help those traveling by carriage to get up and into the carriage

The entire German Village area was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 30, 1974, and has positively adhered to the many zoning ordinances and architectural reviews as they have experienced an extreme amount of preservation. All of the preservation activities have paid off as it still takes you back in time as you enjoy your tour.



Students enjoying a stop by Schiller Park to see the Umbrella Girl Fountain. Schiller Park was briefly renamed Washington Park during World War II when it became very unpopular to admit German heritage. It has since gone back to being called Schiller Park.

Our tour concluded at Schmidt's Sausage Haus. Schmidt's is a 5th generation German immigrant family owned restaurant in German Village. The students were able to enjoy an authentic German buffet of food and served one of Schmidt's famous cream puffs as dessert.

Middle School & High School News

VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Fourth Nine-Week Grading Period 2015 - 2016 School Year

ALL "A's"

- 6th Grade -** Ali Bishop, Hayden Carr, Catherine Cavera, Morgan DeBoo, Taylor DeBoo, Clarence Durliat, Elise Fenstermaker, Emma Henry, Benjamin Hudok, Cassadie Jacobs, Madeline Northcutt, Kendra Odenweller, Megan Pisarsky, Sophia Reineke, Ashlynn Sortor, Taylor Stewart, Ryan Strapp, Lindsey Stultz, Ella Weber, Karissa Welte, Alan Woodall
- 7th Grade -** Lillian Badertscher, Kaleb Bishop, Dessa Darling, Mercy DeWalt, Steven Franks, Maxwell Greenawalt, Grace Heitkamp, Elijah Holman, Jonathan Hudok, Blake Jones, Mia Leal, Alexandra Marshall, Evelyn Masters, Alisa Matsuo, Jace McCartney, Lillian McKeown, Madilyn Pawlak, Reece Recker, Annika Rinehart, Justin Ring, Peyton Sendelbach, Megan Sheeks, Breanna Tabler
- 8th Grade -** Karissa Brown, Nicole Conine, Agnes Durliat, Landon Forsyth, Jewelya Hutchison, Spencer Ingwersen, Kendall Kretzinger, Nickolas McCracken, Madison Parker, Amber Pisarsky, Allyson Rickenbacker, Kaleb Snodgrass, Grayson Temple, Kyle VanHorn
- 9th Grade -** Carrie Below, Joshua Bishop, Faith DeWalt, Hope DeWalt, Miranda Eaton, Emma Geyman, Brady Harmon, Kyle Hoyng, Andrea Iliff, Jordan Lonyo, Jenessa Miller, Connor Ohlrich, Nicholas Rettig, McKenzie Rigsby, Jessica Rinehart, Mackenzie Saltzman, Olivia Sexton, Sean Trenkamp, Lily Wagner
- 10th Grade -** Madelyn Badertscher, Riley Calzada, Kara Conine, Elizabeth Conner, Sarah Dishong, Amelia Durliat, Khail Fasone, Anna Girdler, Drew Insley, Morgan Jackson, Jocelyn Masters, Kailee Missler, Miranda Mowrey, Samuel Phillips, Autumn Pisarsky, Cheyenne Potteiger, Lydia Reineke, Brendon Ring, Lisa Simmons, Carrigan Stacy, Madison Swope, Maria Trusty, Brandon Wehrle
- 11th Grade -** Emily Bado, Brandon Bell, McClain Brown, Kila Fultz, Ivorie Garnes, Anne Gilliland, Austin Hickman, Lindsey Klausing, Adyson Miller, Matthew Nieset, Zoie Nieto, Brylie Rampe, Brendan Roszman, Joshua Routzon, Tyler Saltzman, Zachary Schiefer, Justen Stall, DJ Starr, Emma Strong, Jordan Trenkamp
- 12th Grade -** AJArriaga, Marcus Brand, Logan Brooker, Morgan Drake, Alexander Duran, Taylor Gilliland, Samantha Hagans, Elexia Hassan, Avery Insley, Ian Kern, Rebecca Kheiry, Brianne Lasley, Shelbi Leonard, Zachary Lonyo, Victoria Manley, Gabriele McCracken, Cole Ohlrich, Thomas Rowles, Olivia Sattler, Carlee Schmelzer, Callie Spears, Kylie Sturgill

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

- 6th Grade -** Eliya Amos, Jada Beach, Riley Brown, Rachel Cavera, Owen Coffey, Chance Conley, Olivia Cramer, Jacob Deiter, Joshua Drake, Ainsley Forsyth, Melodie Garnes, Jared Hocanson, Clare Hoerig, Dalton Hutchins, Paul Klausing, Connor Koehnke, Abigail Losiewicz, Audrey Marroquin, Josiah McKeown, Justin Overmyer, Andrew Parsell, Trey Rampe, Brooke Reigle, Brody Runion, Caiden Snyder, Evan VanVorhis, Dylan VanAtta

- 7th Grade -** Kaitlyn Baer, Cody Beagle, Aaron Bresler, Skylar Deerwester, Dino Donaldson, Jonah Frederick, Gabrielle Gearhart, Aiden Haley, Alexis Jackson, Ethan Johnson, Andrew Kostendt, Shaina Lako, Calloway Luke, Madison Marks, Travis Neumeister, Kadin Ogg, Isabelle Pawlak, Jacob Plummer, Kennedy Rader, Alexandria Reichenbaugh, Keana Rider, Madalyn Riesen, Samuel Seitz, Garret Simmermeyer, Brandon Smith, Alyssa Snyder, Gage Swaisgood, Drew VanAtta, Connor Waltmire
- 8th Grade -** Isabella Ayers, Lucas Badertscher, Logan Betts-Baldwin, DeLainie Bland, Tyler Cain, Katelyn Chu, Aaron Clark, Hannah Davis, Garret Drake, Timmothy Emerine, Felicity Hocanson, Braden Losiewicz, MaKade Miarer, Hannah Missler, Andrew Overmyer, Madelyn Parsell, Alyssa Potteiger, Emma Reineke, Ethan Ring, Camrie Roberts, Christopher Routson, Zachary Seitz, Riley Simons, Paige Smith, Jordan Spoon, Hunter Stone, Madison Trumbull, Carey Ware, Saige Warren
- 9th Grade -** Hannah Betts, Dawson Carruthers, Kurtis Edler, Johnathon Farthing, Noah Frederick, Marisa Gilbert, Natalee Harris, Grace Hoerig, Brandon Klausing, James Koehler, Sydney Leeper, Ethan Marialke, Issei Matsuo, Megan Muzy, Audrey Nessler, Mackenzie Phillips, Thomas Piccirillo, Jason Runion, Jacob Sanders, Hope Serrano, Natasha Simons, Jayla Waller, Quentin Weddell, Natalie Williamson
- 10th Grade -** Jessica Debouver, Jacob Emerine, Carl Fleck, Samuel Frost, Andrew Godzak, Matthew Iliff, Janelle Keck, Codi Leonard, Logan Marshall, Mason Miarer, Nathan Potteiger, Jessica Roberts, Sara Rosenberger, Joshua Seitz, Kade Steveson, Jaden Tabler, Cora Thomas, Drace Wilson, Madilyn Youngpeter
- 11th Grade -** Brittany Arnold, Sydnee Atchison, Jacob Below, Kialynne Bland, Brady Deitrick, Mitchell Endicott, Braxton Fasone, Jayden Foltz, Ashley Franklin, Aaron Keck, Alexis Kieffer, Marly McCartney, Abby Patterson, Luke Rickenbacher, Lauren Shaw, Boston Siferd, Lydia Smith, Nicholas Taoras, Ryan Turner, Cassandra Waltmire, Mercedes Williamson
- 12th Grade -** Jonathan Bach, Briana Barnhisel, Hannah Bayer, Elena Beitzel, Ashley Bisbee, Zachary Bowling, Lauren Brown, Logan Calzada, Nicholas DeVore, Aric Dewey, Mackenzie Dyer, Mackenzie Edler, Rebekah Frampton, Amber Goeb, Evan Heminger, Brooklyn Hoyng, Mary Kane, Andrew Kelley, Austin Lako, Ruth Moon, Brant Morton, Jaret Mowrey, Franklin Pina, Katelyn Reineke, Justin Routzon, Jared Smith, Vyshali Swaminathan, Mackenzie Wagner, Wyatt Wieggers

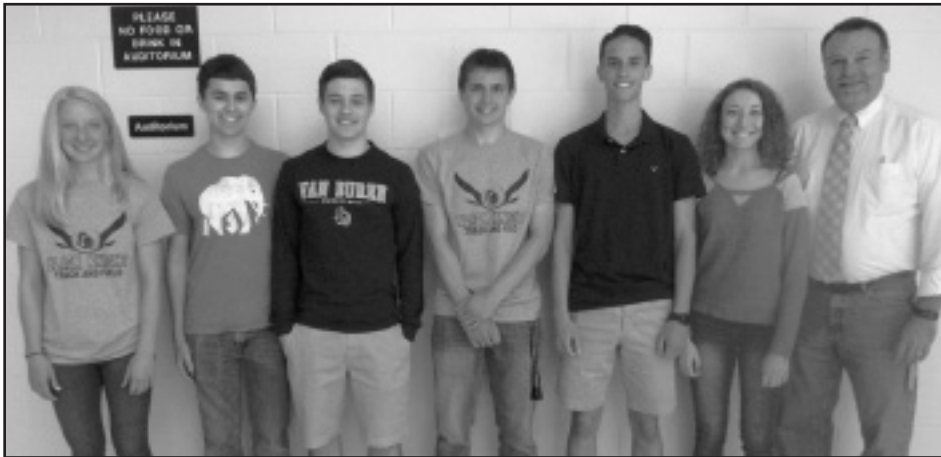
CLASS OF 2006 SENIOR LETTERS

Ten years ago, students in the Class of 2006 had the opportunity to write letters to their future selves to be delivered in ten years. Well, it is ten years later, and Mr. Bratt is looking for addresses for the following students so he can send them their letters: Adam Akers, Stephanie Bush, Hannah Crane, Taylor DePuy, Tiffini Gallant, Lee Gilbert, Devin Glick, Evan Haffenden, Jessie Hocanson, Andrew Hoehn, Mandy Kondik, Megan Park, Brittany Ramsey, Emilie Rodabaugh, Kelsi Settlemire, Taysia Sonnenberg, Kyle Spangler, Tiffany Spangler, and Sara Sublett. If you know the current address for any of these alumni, please e-mail it to bbratt@vbschools.net so he can send their letters to them.

Middle School & High School News

Van Buren Excels at Math Competition

The second annual Hancock County Math Competition was held on Monday, May 9 at the Hancock County ESC Office. The eight Hancock County schools (served by the ESC Office: Arlington, Arcadia, Cory-Rawson, Liberty-Benton, McComb, Riverdale, Vanlue, and Van Buren) were allowed to bring 6 students each to compete in the competition. Van Buren's students were: McClain Brown, Alex Duran, Becca Kheiry, Lindsey Klausing, Matthew Nieset, and Justen Stall. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three scorers. Van Buren took second and third place with Alex Duran receiving second place with a \$35 cash prize and Matthew Nieset receiving a \$25 prize for third place. Other Top-Ten Placers from VBHS were: Becca Kheiry 4th and Justen Stall 6th (same score as 4th but lost the tie-breaker). Thank you to all of the students that participated in the competition and congratulations again to Alex Duran and Matthew Nieset.



Lindsey Klausing, Alex Duran, McClain Brown, Matthew Nieset, Justen Stall, Becca Kheiry, Mr. Rader.

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

- Any student who has to complete class credit work before next year needs to contact Mr. Zender for make-up work information.
- The guidance office will be open from 7:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. each day until June 10. It will reopen again on August 2.
- All senior final transcripts may be picked up in the guidance office during those hours.
- Any changes in scheduling for next year must be done before June 10 in the guidance office, unless summer school, make-up work, or advancement is involved.
- Grade classification requirements for the start of next year are 5 credits to be a sophomore, 10 credits to be a junior, and 15 credits to be a senior. A letter will be sent out to those students who do not meet these requirements notifying them of their status and options.
- This year's seniors have received over \$1.2 million worth of scholarships from several different colleges. Many seniors have received scholarship offers from several different schools. A total of 58 of the 73 graduating seniors have indicated that they will be attending a two-year or four-year school.

The Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present *April & May 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.



6th Graders: Riley Brown, Rachel Cavera, Clare Hoerig, Abbie Losiewicz. **7th Graders:** Zac Adkins, Mercy DeWalt, Jonah Frederick, Teja Hoge, Mia Leal, Madison Marks, Reese Recker, Samuel Seitz, Ashlynn Sortor. **8th Graders:** Donald Anderson, Bella Ayers, Logan Betts-Baldwin, Aaron Clark, Josh Orians, Ally Rickenbacher, Camrie Roberts, Rachael Schroer, Kaleb Snodgrass.

Visit Van Buren Local School at our website

www.vbschools.net



**Come & Explore the Outdoors
Camp Berry Community Day Camp
July 25 - 29 and August 1 - 5, 2016**



Open to ALL YOUTH entering 2nd to 5th grade, Fall of 2016

Cost is \$70/wk (includes lunch)

\$55/wk (no lunch)

Registration going on now!

For more info or to sign up, go to www.bsac449-bsa.org

& click the calendar tab

\$15 late fee if registering after June 5, 2016.

High School News

Sophomore Shadow Day - A Van Buren Tradition

For at least the last twenty years, Van Buren sophomores have been participating in Shadow Day, which gives students the opportunity to experience life in the working world long before they have spent tens of thousands of dollars earning a degree. As part of a much larger career unit which requires students to research a career, write a cover letter and résumé, etc., Shadow Day allows students to see if what the resources they used for research truly reflect a typical day in the life of someone in that career. Listed below are the sophomores who participated in Shadow Day on April 14 along with their mentors' places of employment.

Matthew Ayers	Liberty-Benton High School
Madelyn Badertscher	DLM Plastics
Zayne Bair	City of Findlay Fire Department
Kevin Beall	City of Findlay Police Department
Nick Beitzel	The University of Findlay
Lydia Brown	Pukka, Inc.
Riley Calzada	Sprint Corp.
Elizabeth Conner	Optihealth
KC Critchet	Hancock County ESC
Adam Cunningham	Huntington Bank Investment Co.
Jessica DeBouver	Bowling Green State University
Sarah Dishong	Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center
Amelia Durliat	The Ohio State University
Max Egts	City of Findlay Water Plant
Clayton Eichman	City of Findlay Police Department
Jacob Emerine	Hancock County Prosecutor's Office
Khail Fasone	Northwest Ohio Orthopedics & Sports Medicine
Carl Fleck	Toledo Botanical Garden
Hunter Fleck	Miller Insurance Agency
Hunter Foltz	Birch Run Golf Club
Courtney Frost	Hancock County Humane Society
Angel Garcia	Centrex Plastics
Anna Girdler	Findlay City Schools
Alex Godzak	Orion Cancer Care, Inc.
Andrew Godzak	The University of Findlay
Quinton Graber	Franklin County Municipal Court
Lauren Hensel	Bruce Heater Dentistry
Elizabeth Hizer	A Place of Joy
Austin Hutchison	Kingston Rehab of Perrysburg
Matthew Iliff	The University of Findlay
Drew Insley	Bill's Lock Service
Morgan Jackson	Center for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Jacob Leal	Performance Plus
Codi Leonard	City of Findlay Police Department
Tyler Ludwig	Performance Plus
Logan Marshall	Marathon Petroleum
Jocelyn Masters	Mane Impressions
Cheyenne Mendoza	Bluffton Child Development Center
Brendan Miller	100.5 WKXA
Kailee Missler	Paulding County Hospital
Annie Mowrey	Terra State
Clay Noblit	The University of Findlay



Chris and Kylie Sonnenberg



KC Crichton and Miss Carlie

Sam Phillips	City of Findlay Police Department
Sadie Piehl	Austin Powder
Autumn Pisarsky	Spectrum Eye Care, Inc.
Cheyenne Potteiger	Northwest Ohio Orthopedics & Sports Medicine
Nathan Potteiger	Clouse Construction
Giovanni Quezada	La Charrita
Lydia Reineke	Ohio Orthopaedics
Brendon Ring	Distinctive Building Elements
Jessica Roberts	Klinger's Pharmacy (West Unity, OH)
Sara Rosenberger	Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center
Emmalee Scarberry	Sprint Corp.
Joshua Seitz	Robert Sprague - Ohio House of Representatives
Lisa Simmons	Ohio Orthopaedics
Isaac Smith	Hancock County Sheriff's Department
Kylie Sonnenberg	The University of Findlay
Carrigan Stacy	Tri-County Veterinary Clinic
Kade Steveson	Findlay Products
Madi Swope	Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center
Jaden Tabler	Tabler Insurance
Maria Trusty	Mid-American Review (BGSU)
Alina Turner	Fostoria City Schools
Brandon Wehrle	The University of Findlay
Drace Wilson	McComb Family Dental
Trevor Wolford	Tri-County Veterinary Clinic
Madilyn Youngpeter	VCA Findlay Animal Care Center

Shadow Day led to some interesting experiences for the sophomores, from seeing a veterinarian remove a female horse's ovaries to seeing welding robots. Thank you to all of the businesses which accepted students for Shadow Day. You provided students with an interesting glimpse of what happens outside Van Buren's walls on a daily basis.

Middle School News

Eighth Grade Tenth Year DC Trip a Success!



Congratulations to the Class of 2016



**Alejandro Antonio
Arriaga, Jr.**

*Tony Arriaga & Lisa
Oestreich*

Honor Graduate - Honor Diploma
Wooster Music Performance Award
Wooster Deans Scholarship
The College of Wooster



Briana L. Barnhisel

Rod & Amy Barnhisel
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
BGSU Freshman Academic
Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



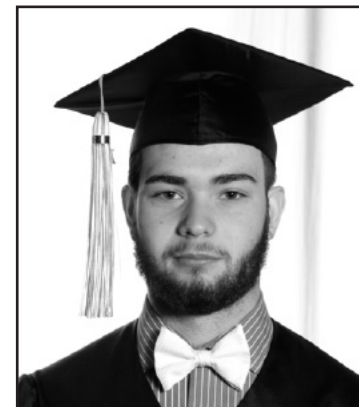
Kami Marilyn Boney

*Jeff Boney &
Tracy Holtgreven*
Honor Diploma
Youngstown State University



Marcus David Brand

Michael & Sonja Brand
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
Elks Student of the Month
VB Athletic Boosters Scholarship
The Ohio State University



Logan Jacob Brooker

*Doug Brooker &
Anne Brooker*
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
UT Pharmacy Scholarship
UT Honors Awards
University of Toledo



Lauren Elizabeth Brown

Phil & Amy Brown
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
VB Lions Club Scholarship
Marie Berry Scholarship
The Ohio State University



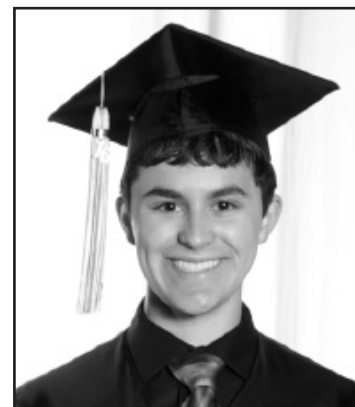
Aric Robert Dewey

Craig & Cathy Dewey
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Wright State University



Morgan Lanese Drake

Greg Drake & Cheryl Drake
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - 4.0 Grade Point
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
Elks Student of the Month
Jon A. Schlueter County
Scholarship
Leo & Virginia Woodward
Scholarship
Federal Pell Grant
UT Honors Awards
University of Toledo



Alexander Michael Duran

Erin & Kelly Vackert
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - 4.0 Grade Point
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
Elks Student of the Month
Amanda Simon Scholarship
Pat Hogan Scholarship-Toledo
Community Foundation
Trine Civil Engineering Chair
Scholarship
Trine University



MacKenzie Dawn Edler

Brian & Jennifer Edler
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - Secretary
VB Athletic Boosters Scholarship
Medical Health Insurance
Scholarship
The Ohio State University

***Best Of Luck
Class of 2016***



Congratulations to the Class of 2016



Rebekah Ruth Frampton
Bob Frampton & Michelle Frampton
Honor Graduate
UF Presidents Scholarship
University of Findlay



Amber Lynn Goeb
Rick & Carol Goeb
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
UT Department Award
UT Honors Scholarship
University of Toledo



Samantha Marie Hagans
Thomas & Heather Hagans
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
VB Lions Club Scholarship
Whirlpool Sons & Daughters Scholarship
AU Provost Scholarship
Ashland University



Elexia Jade Hassan
Matt & Ashley McCracken
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
UT Regents Award
University of Toledo



Evan Michael Heminger
Kurt & Sue Heminger
Honor Diploma
FAGA Scholarship
University of Kentucky Academic Scholarship
University of Kentucky



Brooklyn Kathleen Hoyng
Keith & Debi Hoyng
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Elks Student of the Month
VBEA Scholarship
Marathon Petroleum Scholarship
BGSU Freshman Academic Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Avery Jordan Insley
Scott & Becky Insley
Honor Graduate - Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Univ of Toledo Assistance Award
Univ of Toledo Honors Award
University of Toledo



Mary Elizabeth Kane
Raymond & Robin Kane
Honor Graduate - Honor Diploma
VB Music Booster Scholarship
VBEA Scholarship
Marie Berry Scholarship
Mary Jo Urshalutz Music Scholarship
Salem Cass United Methodist Scholarship
Christian Ministry Scholarship
Music Performance Scholarship
Out of State Scholarship
Asbury Alumni Scholarship
Asbury University



Andrew John Kelley
John & Erica Kelley
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - 4.0 Grade Point
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
Elks Student of the Month
Gene & Margie White Scholarship
OSU Provost Scholarship
The Ohio State University



Ian Anthony Kern
Mike & Kristine Kern
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - Student Council
Youth for Christ Scholarship
BGSU Freshman Academic Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



• • • • •
• \$1,251,249 was awarded in scholarships and awards •
• to the Class of 2016. That's quite an achievement! •
• Congratulations! •
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Congratulations to the Class of 2016



Rebecca Kheiry

Jamal & Wendy Kheiry
Valedictorian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - 4.0 Grade Point
Vice President
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
Elks Student of the Month
Franklin B. Walters Scholarship
Marathon Petroleum Scholarship
Intersil Science & Engineering
Scholarship
Miami Redhawk Eminence
Scholarship
Miami U Acaemic Scholarship
Miami University



Shelbi Leigh Leonard

Ryan & Staci Leonard
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
UT Legacy Award
UT Honors Scholarship
University of Toledo



Ruth Shinyoung Moon

Erick & Mi Moon
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - President
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
Elks Student of the Month
Mary Jo Urshalutz Music
Scholarship
FedPell Grant
University of Michigan Grant
University of Michigan Provost
Scholarship
University of Michigan



Jaret JJ Mowrey

*Lance & Mary Beth Kennedy-
Mowrey*
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Student Council
University of Jamestown Honors
Scholarship
University of Jamestown Soccer
Scholarship
University of Jamestown



Cole Robert Ohlrich

Kurt & Cassie Ohlrich
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - Treasurer
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
FAGA Scholarship
Ohio Ortho & Sports Medicine
Scholarship
BVH Auxiliary Scholarship
Miami University



Nicklaus David Overmyer

*Shannon Overmyer &
Amanda Overmyer*
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
FAGA Scholarship
Mt St. Joseph Merit Scholarship
Mount St. Joseph University



Katelyn Sierra Reineke

John & Cheryl Reineke
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
Indiana Wesleyan University



Thomas J. Rowles

Ken & Denise Rowles
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - Student Council
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
VB Music Boosters Scholarship
Belmont University Academic
Merit Scholarship
Belmont University



Oliva Paige Sattler

Dave & Terri Sattler
Honor Graduate
Undecided



Carlee Renee Schmelzer

Paul & Donna Schmelzer
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book Scholarship
The Ohio State University

Congratulations to the Class of 2016



Jared Duane Smith
Mark & Rebecca Smith
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
VB Soccer Scholarship
CEAS Award
Cincinnatus Century Scholarship
University of Cincinnati



Callie J. Spears
Chuck & Sherry Spears
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - 4.0 Grade Point
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
Elks Student of the Month
Marie Berry Scholarship
University of Cincinnati Grant
UC Validictorian Scholarship
University of Cincinnati



Kylie Brooke Sturgill
Will & Joy Sturgill
Salutarian
Honor Society - Honor Graduate
Honor Diploma - 4.0 Grade Point
Academic Booster Book
Scholarship
Elks Student of the Month
The Ohio State University



Gabriel James Anderson
*Gil Anderson and
'the late' Kathy Anderson*
Undecided



Jonathan Michael Bach
Frank & Debbie Bach
Whirlpool Sons & Daughters
Scholarship
Wright State University



Jacob M. Badertscher
*John Badertscher &
Laura Badertscher*
Owens Community College



Hannah A. Bayer
David & Jackie Bayer
Bowling Green State University



Elena Lauren Beitzel
Todd Beitzel & Tara Griffiths
University of Findlay



Kevan Marett Benroth
Wesley & Amy Scherf
Army



Michelle Ashley Marie Bisbee
*Robert Bisbee &
Michelle Groves*
Owens Community College

Class Colors <i>Orange and White</i>	Class Flower <i>White Rose</i>	Junior Class Escorts <i>Kila Fultz & Brandon Bell</i>	Class Advisor <i>Linda Schwemley</i>
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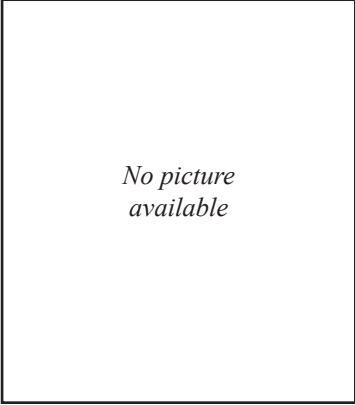
Congratulations to the Class of 2016



Zachary Tyler Bowling
Ricky & Vickie Bowling
Bowling Green State University



Trenton L. Boyette
Steve Boyette & LaGena Boyette
Wright State University



Virginia E. Bush
Joan Bush
Undecided



Logan A. Calzada
Penny Troxell
Undecided



Justin Chu
Tien Pao Chu & Hsin Yin Tsai
Owens CC Trustees Academic Excellence Scholarship
Owens Community College



Nicholas D. DeVore
Chris DeVore & Brenda DeVore
Undecided



Mackenzie Lee Dyer
Sean & Elisa Dyer
Heidelberg University



Dalton N. Fry
Debra & Nick Woodas and Christy Fry & 'the late' Paul Fry
Project Search & work



Taylor F. Gilliland
Steve & Carie Gilliland
BGSU Freshman Academic Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Austin J. W. Harden
Steve & Sheila Nungester
Undecided

Class Motto

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

The Class of Two-Thousand Sixteen would like to generously thank all of those who helped prepare them for graduation and all who helped prepare the commencement exercises. Your care and support have allowed us to enjoy a celebration that closes a thirteen-year journey in our lives.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016



Brayden M. Harris

Ben & Nikki Harris
BGSU Freshman Academic
Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Dakota A. Iliff

Roger & Aleph Iliff
Undecided



Austin Mark Lako

Chad & Cyndi Lako
Owens Community College



Alexander James Langel

Elizabeth Schaffner
Owens Community College



Brianne J. Lasley

Brian & Paula Lasley
BGSU Freshman Academic
Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



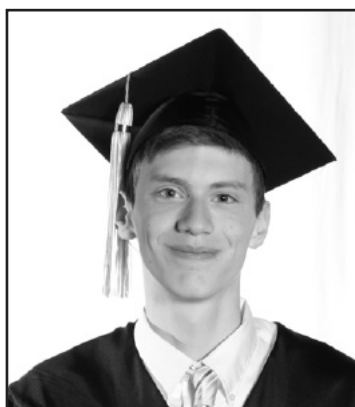
Zachary Robert Lonyo

Tom & Deb Lonyo
University of Toledo



Victoria Piper Manley

Bill & Gina Manley
Jennifer Masters Scholarship
John 'Bill' Stacy Book Scholarship
Bowling Green State University



Benjamin Eli Grant Marialke

Jason & Anna Marialke
L. Frick & Helen M. Hoadley
Scholarship
Tiffin University



Gabriele Ellen McCracken

Todd & Angela McCracken
Hancock Soccer Association
Scholarship
UF Award
UF Institution Grant
UF Supplemental Grant
University of Findlay



Rachel Lynn McIntyre

Jennifer McIntyre
Undecided



Kenrick Damian Mock

James & Melinda Mock
Project Search & work



Brant Austin Morton

Jeff & Allison Morton
FAGA Scholarship
Ohio Northern University



Cassandra Kay Neubauer

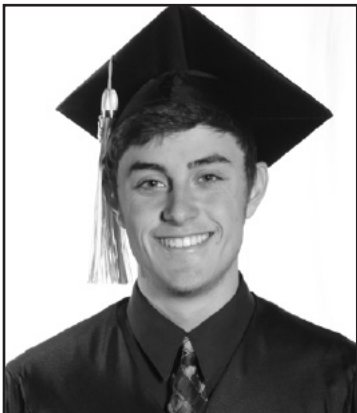
Dionne Neubauer
Undecided



Leah Rachelle Norr

Jerry Norr & Jamie Robb
Undecided

Congratulations to the Class of 2016



Franklin Simon Piña
John & Linda Piña
Wright State University



Justin M. Routzon
Scott & Rhonda Routzon
Undecided



Brandon Lee Shepherd
Wayne & Lisa Shepherd
Undecided



Tucker Lloyd Squire
Frank & Robin Squire
Undecided



Vyshali Swaminathan
Jothiswaran & Vanithamani Senthilkumar
The Ohio State University



Corbin Riley Trumbull
Dallas & Cassie Meeker
Owens Community College



Mackenzie Lea Wagner
Mike & Cathy Wagner
UF Award
University of Findlay



Jacob Timothy Weber
Craig & Linda Weber
Undecided



Payten L. Whitticar
Bryan Whitticar & Susan Saum
Undecided



Wyatt L. Wiegiers
Jeff & Natalie Wiegiers
Owens Community College

This year's seniors have received over \$1.2 million worth of scholarships from several different colleges. Many seniors have received scholarship offers from several different schools. A total of 58 of the 73 graduating seniors have indicated that they will be attending a two-year or four-year school.

**High School
Opening Knight**
Wednesday,
August 10, 2016
Detailed information
will be sent to
students in August.

**Middle School
Opening Knight**
Thursday,
August 11, 2016
Detailed information
will be sent to
students in August.

Elementary Open House
Monday, August 15, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
More information
will be sent to
students in August.

Locks of Love Assembly

Some Super Heroes Wear Capes... By Jennifer L. Ramsey

Super heroes come in all shapes, sizes, and hair colors; red, brown, black and blonde!!

Monday, May 9, 2016, Mr. Bostdorff (Master of Ceremonies), sent out an S.O.S. at the morning assembly for the 8th Annual Locks of Love event held at Van Buren Schools. The mission?? To honor their personal superheroes and “all kids who have to have an illness or disease as part of their childhood” (Rachel Cavera) by donating their ponytails to the cause! Fifteen Black Knights answered the call and stepped boldly (and quite bravely!) into the classrooms of Mr. Daniels and Mr. Van Hoose. They fearlessly donned their capes and prepared to be transformed.

Meanwhile...

Four trusty stylists; Kelsey Prior (Studio M Salon), Susie Masters (Mane Impressions), Annie Helbert and Abigail Ulinshi (both of Studio 308) fueled up on sandwiches and chips donated by Subway before coming to the aid of these valiant heroes.

A few hours later...

Tieranee Anast, Lauren Brown, Lacey Bowman, Rachel Cavera, Madelyn Fry, Taylor Gilliland, Samantha Hagans, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Brianne Lasley, Ava Leal, Leah Norr, Eden Orchard, Megan Sheeks, Morgan Walters, Miss Burkhart, and Mrs. Ortinau emerged victorious to the thunderous applause of the crowd at the afternoon style show. Their 61 ponytails had been added to 147 others collected by Studio M and another 82 contributed by Austin Grant's Salon over the course of the past year for an amazing super total of 290 ponytails donated to Locks of Love. It takes six to ten ponytails to make just one wig so somewhere in the universe there are now at least 22 children with new super-powers of their very own!!

However, there comes a time when every hero must pass their torch to the next generation. If our selfless heroes have left you feeling inspired to un-"lock" your inner superhero..Never fear!! Van Buren Locks of Love 2017 will be coming soon...to a classroom near you! Will our next hero be...you??

Locks of Love — Super Heroes of 2016



Leah is a super hero of awesomeness – this was Leah’s FOURTH time to donate her hair at a Van Buren Locks of Love event! Thank you Leah!



Leah before donning her super cape



Super hero prepares for her mission. Pony tails are measured and banded before cutting.



Phase 2 of the mission complete – on to the secret super hero lair.



Mission complete - certificates for each of our super hereos!



Mission accomplished!

Locks of Love Assembly (cont.)

Middle School News



Our Super Heroes accepting their mission!



Super hero mission in progress – ponytails are cut during the morning assembly.



Inside the secret lair, our super heroes and their trusted stylists in the depth of their mission.

7th Graders Change Their World

Our seventh grade team's theme is Challengers. During a late-summer conversation on service learning for their students, one teacher asked, “What if we just asked them how they could change the world?” This led to their "Change the World Challenge". During home base time, students worked on informal projects aimed to make a difference knowing they would present their work, no matter how big or small, to their peers at the end of the school year. It was never pushed. It was never forced. No grade - learning for the sake of learning and making a difference.

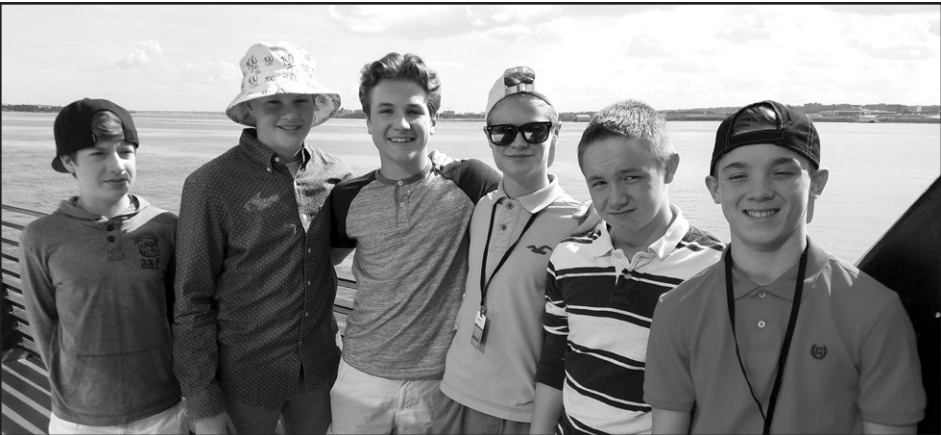
As with any project, some students jumped on it right away. One group of students formed and worked out a plan to donate books to a local reading program. They just set out boxes in our classrooms, wrote a statement to be periodically included in our daily announcements, and rounded up the books every few weeks. A boy in the class went on a mission trip to Haiti with his parents and came back with a plan to send shoes to a group he worked with there because so few kids get the privilege to go to school, and those that do have to wear shoes. If they don't have them, they don't go. Another just wanted to pick up trash along the road. A couple of girls planned with an elementary teacher to visit her class once a week to read with a few students. A boy planted trees in his yard. A group worked with a our school's janitorial supply vendor, Nichols Paper and Supply, to collect bottled water to transport to Flint, Michigan.

Were there some who didn't have a deep passion? Of course. Some of them got on board with a larger group. Some of them did something very simple. But, without question, it has been one of the most rewarding things to see come together over the course of a school year.

At the the beginning of the fourth quarter, we shared a Google Slides presentation template with each student's name on one slide. We asked them to title their project, write a BRIEF synopsis, and if they worked within a group, to explain their role in it. Some added a picture or two.

As the year winds down, we are looking to wrap up this year's projects and plan for next year. What are the rewards? We had more students excited about serving others than we have ever seen. Teachers have had many real and personal conversations with students about their passions. Our community sees our students in a positive light. We are proud of our students for more than their class work or what they do in athletics. It is real, tangible work. Our students have taken initiative, overcome challenges, and stuck their necks out to make community, even international, connections to achieve their goals.

Eighth Grade Tenth DC Trip a Success! (cont.)



Middle School News

Sixth Graders Enjoy South Bass Island and Put in Bay



First day of School for students is
Wednesday, August 17, 2016.

Middle School News

Genius Hour Connects with Community

The second semester Genius Hour class wishes to thank our community partners for giving us some challenging problems to research and propose solutions. This interdisciplinary, real-world opportunity brings community partners into our schools and shows our students how what they learn in classrooms each day translates to the "real world"! The second semester partners included Blanchard Valley Heath System, the Findlay-Hancock Public Library, and One Energy.



Elementary News

The 3 Piggy Opera

The kindergarten classes performed the 3 Piggy Opera under the direction of Miss Van Vlerah. The Kindergarten students put on a wonderful show for parents and grandparents. Miss Arnold and Mrs. Morey's classes performed on Wednesday, May 11. Mrs. Kendrick and Mrs. Tabler's classes performed on Thursday, May 12.

Big Bad Wolves:	Carson Stone	Matthew Puperi
Mother Pigs:	Abby Smith/Genesis Davis	Eden Orchard
Straw Pigs:	Taylor Smith	Emily Walter
Stick Pigs:	Michaela Patterson	Luke Grady
Brick Pigs:	Lucas Steiner	Kenna Thomas
Straw Peddlers:	Arya Awal	Mackinaw Archer
Stick Peddlers:	Paightyn Craft	Rahaf Alshammari
Brick Peddlers:	Lacey Omlor	Avery Beall
Narrator:	Mrs. Winkle	



**Have a Safe and Enjoyable
Summer Vacation**

Elementary News

Music and Art Extravaganza 2016

The Van Buren Elementary School held their annual Music and Art Extravaganza on Thursday May 5, 2016, to celebrate Folk Music and Visual Art.

The performance began promptly at 6:30 p.m. with music from the Fifth Grade Band, under the direction of Mr. Mike Procyk. They played two selections including: Folk Fest and American Folk Song Portrait. The band really showed that they have been working hard all year. The sections were well practiced.

The band was followed by the first graders under the direction of Miss Van Vlerah. The students combined practiced American Folk Dance along with expressive enthusiasm during their performance of "On Top of Spaghetti" and "Alabama Gal". They had practiced for several months and it was apparent during their performance.

Miss Van Vlerah then directed the second graders in an American Folk song of "What Did Delaware?" The second graders also displayed their talent when performing final number which was an English Folk dance, "Blaydon Races".

Following the second graders were the third grade students who performed two songs with a striking combination of boomwhackers and ukuleles. They played "Sweet Betsy from Pike" and "The Camptown Races". The combination of instruments and challenging music made for an impressive performance.

The fourth graders did an excellent job playing of their recorders for the next part of the performance. First, and foremost, the music department wishes to thank the Van Buren Parent's Association for purchasing a recorder for every fourth grader. The investment is really priceless in that this introduction to music oftentimes lasts a lifetime. Miss Van Vlerah also introduced a "karate style" program in which the students earned colored "belts" that they earned by testing out of certain levels. Many students had their recorders decorated with a rainbow of colored "belts".

The students performed two songs: "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" and "When the Saints Go Marching In". These two selections really allowed students to show their hard work and talent.

Lastly, the fifth graders performed by singing and dancing to two folk songs directed by Miss Darci Van Vlerah. They sang "She'll Be Headin' to a Hoedown" and then performed an English Folk Dance to the song "Willow Tree".

After the concert the performers and their guests proceeded across the bridge to partake in the schoolwide Art Gallery presented by Miss Erin Troyer. Every student in grades one through five had two pieces of artwork in the show. Miss Troyer worked tirelessly with the help of Margie Wagner, Michele Fasone, Bonnie Sica, Kim Greer, Meg Ramlow, and several teachers and staff from the elementary building to set up the show. More than 800 pieces of art were prepared for show using a wide range of media from chalk pastels to clay. The artwork was organized and displayed by grade level throughout the first level of the elementary building.

The Van Buren Parent/Teacher Organization (P.T.O.) generously provided refreshments for the many hundreds of people in attendance. The Extravaganza Committee wishes to thank the many people who baked cookies for the occasion and to the members of the P.T.O. who organized the cookie collection, set-up, and clean-up of the refreshment stations.

Special thanks to the following people (in no particular order) for their contributions in making the Extravaganza a success: V.B.P.T.O., All Elementary Teachers and Staff, Mr. Ryan Hite, Mr. Richie Van Hoose, Mr. Jon Kelley, Mr. Mike Newcomer, Mrs. Meg Ramlow, Mrs. Tammy Routson, Mrs. Pam Stumpp, Mr. James Vaughn, Mrs. Margie Wagner, Mrs. Bonnie Sica, Mrs. Michele Fasone, and all the parents for their support!



Elementary News

Knights of the Round Table

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



April - *Back Row:* Alexia Siniff, Landon Fisher, Easton Vackert, Jacy LeVeck, Luke Brown, Emerald Scott, Madisyn Herod, Madelyn Fry. *Middle Row:* Andrew Puperi, William Stacy, Lojeen Alshammari, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Ben Chambers, Mikey Pendergast, Charlie Roeber, Emmett Morey. *Front Row:* Laine Smith, Kolten Wilson, Lorena Garcia, Leah Sabol, Casten Heitkamp, Ananya Srivatsan. *Not Pictured:* Genesis Davis, Abhinaya Rajan, Miley Eakin.



May - *Back Row:* Vivian Brant, Nathan Curry, Nate Ryan, Aubrey Haynes, Kennedy Diemer, Avery Wymer, Annie Moro. *Middle Row:* Dylan Buff, Myka Adams, Ana Sentikumar, Carter Fry, Ginny Lewandowski, Charlie Roeber, Keely Parsell, Esteban Garcia. *Front Row:* Zane Marquette, Acacia Hernandez, Alivia Schmidt, Caydence Royster, Lacey Omlor, Mariella LaComba, Alex Miller. *Not Pictured:* Rahaf Alshammari, Grant Welte.

Fifth Grade Students Competing at the Perennial Math Tournament in Bowling Green



Congratulations to Peter Harrington, Jack Campbell, Carter Miller, Alex Gearhart, and Hudson Sendelbach for placing 2nd in the Perennial Math tournament in Bowling Green.



A big "Thank You" and "Happy Birthday" to Ryleigh Doyle. At a birthday party hosted by Ryleigh's parents and sister Ashleigh, guests were asked to bring a book to be donated to Van Buren Elementary library. Pictured are Ryleigh, her guests and their books that were donated. These books will be ready for elementary students to check out in the fall. Thank you to the Doyle family and birthday party guests for their donations.

Elementary Open House

Monday, August 15, 2016, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

More information will be sent to students in August.

School News

VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOL
2016 - 2017 School Calendar

August 16	Tuesday	Teachers and Staff Meetings
August 17	Wednesday	First Day for Students
August 31 - September 2	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Hancock County Fair
September 5	Monday	No School - Labor Day
September 6	Tuesday	School Resumes
October 21	Friday	End of 1 st 9 weeks
November 17, 21, & 22	Thurs., Mon., and Tuesday	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<i>[Thursday evening, Monday evening, and Tuesday (8:00-3:00)] No School for students Monday through Friday</i>		
November 23, 24, & 25	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 21 - January 3	Wednesday through Tuesday	Christmas Break
January 4	Wednesday	School Resumes
January 13	Friday	End of 1st Semester - (End of 2 nd 9 weeks)
January 16	Monday	No School - Martin Luther King Day
January 20	Friday	Early Release (1:00 P.M.) Teacher Inservice
February 20	Monday	No School - President's Day
March 24	Friday	End of 3 rd 9 weeks
April 13 - 17	Thursday, Friday, & Monday	No School - Spring Break
May 12	Friday	Early Release (1:00 P.M.) Teacher Inservice
May 25	Thursday	Last day for Students - End of 2nd Semester
May 26	Friday	Teacher Work Day
May 28	Sunday	Graduation

Calamity/Weather Make-Up Days - Will be added to the end of the school calendar

9-Weeks Grading Period

Aug. 17 — Oct. 21 = 44 days
Oct. 24 — Jan. 13 = 45 days
Jan. 17 — March 24 = 48 days
March 27 — May 25 = 41 days

Interim Schedule

Wednesday, September 21
Wednesday, November 30
Wednesday, February 15
Wednesday, April 26

2016 - 2017 School Year
Middle School and High School

Class Fees

Class Fee (Grades 6-8)	\$14.20
Class Fee (Grades 9-12)	20.80
Chromebook Insurance (6-12)	20.00
Science 6	6.00
Science 7	5.00
Science 8/Physical Science	5.00
Home/Resource Mgmt. 7	7.00
Art 6	10.00
Art 8	10.00
Design 8	20.00
Intro to Ag 7	9.00
Cooking Basics	20.00
Weight Training & Life Styles	10.00
High School Choir	15.00
Music Theory/History	20.00
Art 1, 2, 3, 4	35.00
Food & Nutrition	36.00
Independent Living	23.00
Life Skills	26.00
Int. Cultures & Cuisine	40.00
Physics	5.00
Chemistry	20.00
Chemistry 2	20.00
Biology 1	10.00
Biology 2	30.00
Fund Biology	10.00
Fund Science	8.00
Physical Science	8.00
Science & Technology	10.00
Woods 1, 2, 3, 4	25.00
Graphic Arts 1, 2	40.00
Design 1	15.00
Design 2 (Adv.)	15.00
Web Design 1, 2	10.00
Computer App. 1, 2	5.00
English 9	10.00
Adv. English 9	10.00
English 10	6.00
Adv. English 10	6.50
English 11	14.00
Adv. English 11	15.00
English 12	2.00
AP English 12	15.00
Honors English 11 & 12	15.00
Spanish 1, 2, 3	5.00
Spanish 4	10.00
Ag Food & Resources	20.00

Elementary Class Fees

Kindergarten	\$50.00
Grades 1-3	50.00
Grades 4-5 (includes netbook ins)	70.00

MS/HS Workbook Fees

Language Arts 6	\$ 9.50
Language Arts 7	21.50
Language Arts 8	18.25
English 9 & Adv. Eng. 9	6.00
English 10 & Adv. Eng. 10	\$ 6.00

MS/HS Workbook Fees (continued)

English 11 & Adv. Eng. 11	\$ 6.00
English 12 & Adv. Eng. 12	6.00
French I	24.50
French III	17.50
Math 6	13.75
Math 7	13.75
Math 8/Algebra I	13.75

MS/HS Class Fees (continued)

Ag Animal & Plant	\$20.00
Ag Wood & Forestry	20.00
Ag Business	20.00
Ag Science & Tech Food	20.00
Ag Mechanical Principles	20.00
FFA Membership	17.00

