

Knightly News

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Calamity Days, Pick-up and Drop-off, BOE Meetings, VB Student Receives Soccer Honors Videos, & Committees

Tim Myers, Superintendent

As I write this article, it is mid-February and we have used five full calamity days. A few years ago the state changed the school year from days to hours. Since that time we have been basing calamity days on calamity hours when considering when make-up days need to be added to the calendar. Our current calendar calls for the consideration of make-up days following 85 hours of missed classroom time due to weather, building issues, or emergencies. This breaks down into approximately 5 full-day cancellations, 3 full-day cancellations with the requirement of "blizzard bags" or online work that the students are required to complete, and the total hours used in having 2 hour delays. At this time, we still have the "blizzard bag" days and a few 2 hour delays that we can utilize. Hopefully the worst of the winter will be behind us and we will not need to consider any make-up days.

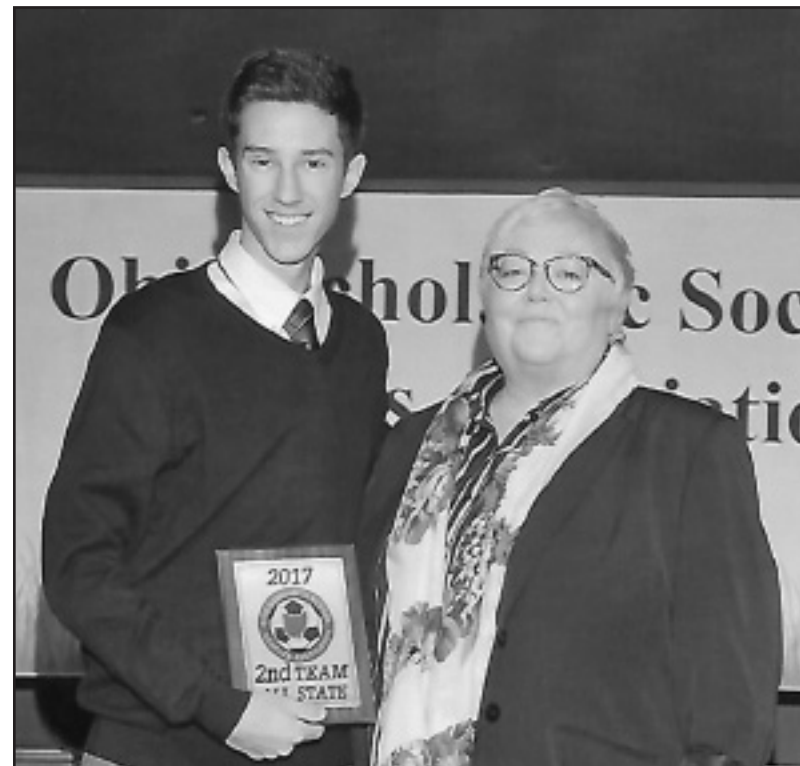
Pick-up, drop-off, and parking at the school is an ongoing problem. Over the years we have worked with architects, the sheriff's department, and other sources to attempt to find an answer to our situation. The lack of space, the layout of our property, bus loading and unloading, and dismissal times, and other factors all contribute to the challenges in this situation. We are continuing to look for solutions. Mr. Newcomer is currently looking at changing the way he dismisses elementary students.

One of the biggest challenges is high number of parents who choose to pick-up and drop-off their children. An easy solution is to have more students ride our busses and fewer parents pick-up and drop-off. I know that many parents have valid reasons for not utilizing our transportation system. It is parental right and choice. For the safety of our students and to try to make this process as quick and efficient as possible, we have rules and procedures for pick-up and drop-off. Unfortunately, some parents ignore and fail to follow those procedures. This compounds the situation and causes pick-up and drop-off to take longer and become more confrontational. Please make every effort to follow our protocols, be courteous and respectful of others, and we will continue to look at ways to make this situation as safe and efficient as possible.

The Board of Education has changed their regular monthly meeting dates and times for this year. Board meetings will now be held on the third Thursday of every month and the start time of the meetings have changed to 6:00 P.M. I invite you to consider attending a board meeting. It is a good way to get to know the Board of Education and the administration. It will also give you a better understanding on the processes and operations of the district.

In an effort to improve communication I will be sharing a short, monthly video with the Van Buren staff and local community. I expect the first video to be available before the end of the month of February. These videos will provide information about the district and the staff. You will be able to find and link to these videos from our district web page and Facebook page.

Over the next few months we will be reestablishing the Finance and Facilities Committees that were utilized during the planning of our strategic plan. I will also be instituting a superintendent's advisory committee. Please contact me if you have an interest in any of these committees.



Sophomore Nick McCracken was honored at the All-State Honors Banquet for State recognition. He was also honored by the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Association and selected for 2nd Team – All State Division III.

Nick was one of only 3 sophomores out of 169 boys that were recognized across Ohio. Congratulations for being recognized for all your hard work!

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updates and pictures! @VBYearbook

www.vanburenathletics.org

No School — Spring Break
Thursday, Friday, & Monday, March 29 - April 2, 2018

HS/MS Honors

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present December 2017 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 monthly will receive a gift certificate and a certificate of recognition from the Academic Boosters organization as well as having their picture placed in the showcase next to the high school office. The gift certificates this year have been donated by Ralphie's and McDonald's.



Back Row: Briony Brink, Drew Van Atta, Kyle Van Horn, Tristan McKee, Clayton Eichman, Kyle Hoyng, Cory Noblit, Garret Simmermeyer, Kaedyn Nichols, Dom Donaldson, Max Greenawalt, Catie Vermillion. *Front Row:* DeLainie Bland, Caden Lance, Jacob Sanders, Evie Masters, Agnes Durliat, Madilyn Pawlak, Drew Turner, Brady Harmon, Sean Trenkamp. *Not Pictured:* Abram Cunningham, Steven Franks, Morgan Jackson, Lisa Simmons.

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present November & December 2017 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.

Thanks to Olive Garden for generously providing our quarterly Virtuous Knight luncheon February 1. We treated our November and December Virtuous Knights to spaghetti, salad, and of course, breadsticks! Thanks to our community partners for helping us recognize positive behaviors.



November - *Back Row:* Devin Thomas, Brandon Buff, Shaydee Endicott, Austin Lambert, Mussie Hanson, Kady Volland, Steve Flugga, Annie Omlor, Audrey Marroquin, Tyler Krider. *Front Row:* Walter Oestreich, Allison Badertscher, Shelbee Atchison, Mason Greenawalt, Maggie Wehrle, Zoe Fruth. *Not pictured:* Caleb Dutton.

**Apologies to the following students
who were inadvertently omitted
from the 1st nine weeks Honor Roll for the
2017-2018 school year.**

ALL "A's"

6th grader Ryan Harmon and 9th grader Teje Hoge

ALL "A's & B's"

6th grader Madisyn Ferguson

**Congratulations to all of you
for all your hard work!**



December - *Back Row:* Sydney Sherick, Ali Bishop, Kennedy Jones, Brooke Riegle, Grant Betts, John Wheeler, Jake Bishop, Rebecca Betts. *Front Row:* Isabelle Miller, Abby Leatherman, Vivian Brant, Rae Coffey, Brooke Ingwersen, Clarence Durliat, Liam Hall.

High School News

College Panel

Our annual college panel discussion for seniors took place on Monday, December 18. Several former Van Buren students came back to talk to seniors about life in college. The discussion included: choosing a major, what classes in high school helped the most when they got to college, talking to your professors, what to bring to college, study time, time management, extracurricular activities, campus safety, and many more topics. Seniors asked questions, as well as Mr. Zender and Ms. Schwemley to generate the discussion. Thank you to the following graduates for giving up precious sleep time to participate during their winter break from college: Kylie Sturgill (The Ohio State University), Brandon Bell (Bowling Green State University), Lindsey Klausing (The University of Findlay), Lucas Huber (Ohio Northern University), Drew Conner (Miami University), Justen Stall (University of Dayton), and Caitlin Brink (UNOH).



Freshman Attempt to Change the World

On Tuesday, November 7, Hancock County voters rejected a sales tax initiative which would have expanded the size of the county jail and increased staffing to alleviate some of the issues overcrowding has caused in the jail. While that resulted in a loss for the county, it created a perfect opportunity in Mr. Bratt's English 9 classes.

The English 9 students were reading the novel *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers at the time, and it is about a boy who is in jail because he is accused of committing a crime. While jail overcrowding wasn't the ultimate focus of the book, it was an opportunity to connect what was happening in the classroom with something happening in our own community. Thus, the Change the World Project was born.

Students were tasked with the goal of identifying potential causes of jail overcrowding in our county and finding a solution which would address those causes. Students researched how other communities across the country have handled this issue, and they also had four speakers come into class to talk to them about the issue: Mr. Timothy Bechtol, Hancock County Commissioner; Mr. Phillip Riegler, Hancock County Prosecutor; Deputy Shane Leeth, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; and Ms. Christina Lyons, Prevention Educator from the Family Resource Center of NW Ohio, Inc.

Each speaker brought a unique perspective related to the situation, as Mr. Bechtol had been part of putting the issue on the ballot, and Mr. Riegler and Deputy Leeth have an impact on people who are put in jail. Ms. Lyons, on the other hand, might not have a direct impact on someone going to jail, but she talked about the role rehabilitation plays in trying to prevent drug offenders from going back to jail after previous offenses.

The topic of drugs is one which came up with all of the speakers, as they agreed that various aspects of drug abuse (transportation of drugs through the county on I-75, the influx of opioids in society today, etc.) have a definite impact on the number of people we currently have in our county jail.

After completing research and hearing from all of the speakers, students created websites to share their causes and solutions with classmates, and it was clear many of them saw drug use as the most significant contributor to the overcrowding problem in the county jail. A variety of solutions were suggested, from sending drug traffickers arrested in Hancock County back to their home counties for prosecution to promoting resources to help those most prone to addiction.

While it is unclear if any of the suggested solutions would truly fix the problem, one idea is clear: students now have a clearer understanding of one of the problems facing the community to which they will be contributing in the future.



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~~ NO SCHOOL ~~

President's Day

Monday, February 19, 2018

High School News

Quiz Bowl

The Van Buren Quiz Bowl team had a great season this year. We competed on television in the NBC24 Academic Challenge in Toledo. It was a fun and good learning experience, but the team ultimately fell to Patrick Henry. You can watch the airing of the match on Sunday, March 18 on NBC at 11:00 AM.

Overall, the knights placed second in the league with only a one question loss to Riverdale in our very first match of the season. As the team moved into the County Tournament, they started strong with wins over Arlington and Cory-Rawson, but then lost to Riverdale. Cory-Rawson in the consolation bracket rematch edged us out by just five points. This gave the Quiz Bowlers a 3rd place finish yet again. Riverdale went on to win the entire tournament.

Probably the biggest achievement of the season was in the annual staff vs. Quiz Bowl match. Bragging rights belong to the students for the year as the staff lost for the first time in recent memory by just two questions!

We will miss Seniors Alex Godzak and Andy Godzak who led the team with enthusiasm this year. The rest of the team consisted of Juniors: Carrie Below, Miranda Eaton, Brady Harmon, Olivia Sexton; Sophomores: Hannah Davis, Casey McCauley, Amber Pisarsky; and Freshmen: Kaleb Bishop, Skylar Deerwester, Lily McKeown. Congratulations on an exciting season!



Back: Hannah Davis, Andy Godzak, Alex Godzak, Lily McKeown. Front: Kaleb Bishop, Brady Harmon, Casey McCauley.



Andy Godzak, Alex Godzak, Brady Harmon, Hannah Davis.



Back Row: Skylar Deerwester, Kaleb Bishop, Hannah Davis, Amber Pisarsky, Brady Harmon. Middle Row: Casey McCauley, Carrie Below, Miranda Eaton, Olivia Sexton. Front Row: Alex Godzak, Andy Godzak.



Andy Godzak, Alex Godzak, Olivia Sexton, Miranda Eaton.

Good News Club

Elementary students have the opportunity to attend Good News Club, Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM in the Elementary School Cafeteria. It started October 11 and goes through the end of April. Hear stories, learn songs, and enjoy a light snack. For more information, contact Mike Todd 419-957-0403. Good News Club is sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship and area local churches. Students of any or no faith are welcome to attend. Parents may come too! You are welcome to start attending at any point in the school year!

Middle School News

Middle School Students Accept Rachel's Challenge

Larry Scott, uncle of Rachel Joy Scott visited VBMS on January 19. Larry speaks to students around the world on behalf of Rachel's Challenge. Rachel's Challenge is an organization that promotes kindness on behalf of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine H.S. tragedy in 1999.

Students all heard from Mr. Scott, whose personal connection to Rachel made the day even more impactful. Leaders from our Friends of Rachel Club worked with Larry to develop new programs and initiatives to weave Rachel's Challenge into our everyday culture at VBMS:

- Speak with kindness
- Dream big
- Look for the best in others
- Choose positive influences
- Start a chain reaction



MS Spelling Bee Winner and Runner-Up



Alan Woodall, eighth grade, was able to clinch the VBMS spelling bee champion title by spelling "massacres". Alan will represent the middle school at the county bee on February 1. Seventh grader Casey Donaldson was this year's runner-up.

VBHS Scheduling Meeting

Current VBMS eighth grade students and their parents are invited to a high school scheduling meeting with Mr. Zender, VBHS counselor. The meeting will take place Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Throughout January and February, Mr. Zender is meeting with eighth graders during their language arts classes to prepare students for high school planning.

Go Hog Wild for VBMS Academic Clubs!

Help support quiz bowl, National Junior Honor Society, Science Olympiad, and Power of the Pen by purchasing your tickets for our half hog raffle! Two winners will be drawn February 16, each winning a locally-raised and processed half hog.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from members of the above groups or during home high school basketball games.

VBMS State Testing Scheduled

Van Buren Schools has set their Ohio state testing schedule for this spring. We ask that families work to avoid these dates for appointments or absences.

- Tuesday 4/10 and Wednesday 4/11/18: Language arts (grades 6, 7, 8)
- Tuesday 4/17 and Wednesday 4/18/18: Math (grades 6, 7, 8)
- Tuesday 4/24 and Wednesday 4/25/18: Science (grade 8)

**Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead
at 2:00 A.M. Sunday morning, March 11, 2018.
Daylight Savings Time Begins!**

Elementary News

School News

Fifth Grade Spelling Bee Winners Move On

Skyler Howard was recently declared the spelling bee champion for 5th grade and will represent the elementary at the Hancock County Spelling Bee on February 1, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Glenwood Middle School in Findlay. Aaron Elliott was our runner-up and will serve as alternate. Congratulations Skyler and Aaron!



2018 Juried Art Show and Art Sale!

The Art Department will be continuing the tradition of having the Juried Art Show. The open reception will be Friday March 16 at 6:00 PM. The show will stay open up until the end of intermission for Cabaret. The show will open again on Saturday, March 17 at 6:00 PM, staying open until the end of intermission for Cabaret.

Starting at 4:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, the Art Department will be holding an Art sale. Stop by the art room to watch the students make galaxy/space art with spray paint. You may buy a pre-made painting or have a student create a custom-made painting in front of you. Prices range from \$4.00 - \$25.00, depending on the size of painting and number of planets. You pick the number of planets, what colors, and if you want any comets or shining stars! We do the rest! This sale will go towards the 2019 Juried Art Show, where we have already been planning future ideas! Please stop on by to get your custom-made paintings and help support the Van Buren Art Department!

Check the school website for our flier regarding details about the show and art sale! We hope to see you there!

Ice Classics 2018 Presents

Chasing Glory

Findlay's Silver Blades Figure Skating Club will be presenting its 43rd annual ice show on Friday, March 16; Saturday, March 17; and Sunday, March 18. Performances will start at 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 PM on Sunday.

Ice Classics is the only annual Ice Show in Northwest Ohio and spotlights the talent of our local youth. This year's show Chasing Glory will feature 85 area skaters ranging in age from 4-18 with 12 skaters representing Van Buren School. These skaters hope you will join them as they celebrate not only great moments in sports but also those moments that remind us that sportsmanship and fair play are just as important. We will be reminded that glory doesn't always result from winning a medal, sometimes greatness abounds by merely participating against all odds.

Our Van Buren skaters are:

11th grade: Megan Muzy and Sean Trenkamp

10th grade: Madelyn Parsell

8th grade: Melissa Coutinho

7th grade: Cassie Saltzman, Jillian Clymer, and Brianna Kimmel

6th grade: Gabrielle Parsell and Ella Serrano

5th grade: Keely Parsell and Olivia Coutinho

4th grade: Morgan Walters

In addition to our locally talented skaters, the show will feature nationally and internationally recognized guest skaters.

Tickets go on sale February 22, 2018. Prices are \$16 for reserved chair seats. General Admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens (60 and older). Tickets can be purchased through any of these skaters or by contacting Cassie Muzy at 419-299-3503.



Cabaret 2018

Featuring *The Association*

Showcasing the Musical Talent
of Van Buren High School

on **Friday & Saturday, March 16 & 17**
at 7:00 P.M. in the Van Buren Auditorium

Adult Tickets are \$12 • Student Tickets are \$8

TICKETS GO ON SALE THE WEEK OF THE SHOW AND ONE HOUR BEFORE SHOWTIME.

Call (419) 299-3221, extension 1 for more information or to leave a message.

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

Elemenatry News

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



January – Back Row: Heidi Griffith, Carter Fry, Carter Finley, Natalie Treece, William Stacy, Toby VanScoder, Morgan Walters, Esteban Garcia. **Middle Row:** Jake Schroeder, Evan Hutton, Grady Miller, Lydia Ponn, Nghi Le, Ella McMonigal, Korbin Prebble, Gideon Webb. **Front Row:** McKenzie Rider, Kamryn Blosser, Logan Gonyer, Shiv Patel, Roman Beach, Carter Bunn, Thad Anderson. *Not Pictured:* Pacey Ferguson.

Preschool Openings Available for 2018-2019 School Year

Preschool classes for special needs students have been available to our students for several years.

Enrollment in the preschool class as a special needs student requires screening to establish the presence of developmental delays or other special needs. The Hancock County Educational Service Center will hold a county screening for 3 and 4 year old children for whom there may be concerns in the areas of gross or fine motor skills, speech-language or conceptual development in April. Please watch for more information about registering for this screening in February.

These special needs classes have provisions to include a limited number of “typical developing” students also. This number is 12 students for the 2018-2019 school year. A typically developing preschooler would be described as any 4 or 5 year old child who is developing appropriately (socially, physically, and verbally) according to their age. These children will serve as peer role models for the children in our program who have special needs. Currently, tuition for “peer role model students” is \$100.00 per month.

Parents interested in enrolling their child for participation in the “typical” program should complete an application starting after Christmas break until March 1, 2018. Not all children will be accepted as only 12 peer role model students will be placed in the preschool for next year. Please contact the elementary secretary, Mrs. Stump, or the preschool teacher, Mrs. Shelly Barger, (bargerm@hancockesc.org) if interested at 419-299-3416.

Van Buren 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held Monday, February 26, 2018, through Friday, March 9, 2018. Please contact the Van Buren Elementary office at 419-299-3416 during these dates between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to set up your appointment for Kindergarten Screening. The screenings will take place Monday, March 12, 2018, in the Van Buren Elementary School. Children must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2018, to attend.

This registration/screening is only for in-district residents. Those gaining possible acceptance through open enrollment should register and screen in the district where you reside. There will be a second screening in August for open-enrolled students.

It is imperative for parents to sign up for registration/screening so that we may have an accurate student count for class sizes and bus routes.

Parents or Guardians should bring on the day of the screening the child’s:

- Birth certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proof of residence (utility bill or land deed in your name)
- Custody papers (if applicable)

Centers will be set up to accommodate speech, hearing, language, and vision development.

Please be advised of the necessary immunization requirements: DTaP/ DTP – 5 doses, Polio – 4 doses, Hepatitis B – 3 doses, MMR – 2 doses, Varicella vaccine – 2 doses or a letter from your doctor with verification that your child has had the disease.

For more information on immunizations, please contact the Hancock County Health Department at 419-424-7441. You are encouraged to do this as soon as possible. Summer clinics tend to be very busy.

Mark Your Calendar for these VBPTO Upcoming Events:

- Friday, March 9 — Bakery Bingo & Art Auction,
 - Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
 - Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 13 — PTO Meeting, 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 10 — PTO Meeting, 8:00 a.m.
- Friday, April 20 — Donuts with Dad, 6:45 a.m.
- Monday, May 14 — PTO Meeting/Volunteer Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 15 — Teacher Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

All of these events will take place in the Elementary Cafeteria except the Volunteer Luncheon and Teacher Luncheon which will be held in the Elementary Library. All parents, guardians, and grandparents of elementary students are invited to attend the PTO meetings.

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on
Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 A.M.
Daylight Savings Time Begins, Spring Ahead!

Elementary News

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

The 2nd and 3rd grade students performed a Christmas musical for their family and friends. This year the musical was called *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. The students narrated and acted out Clement C. Moore's famous Christmas poem he wrote in 1823. The performance took place on December 14 in the high school auditorium. Many students wore pajamas to portray the children sleeping in their beds, while "Mom" and "Dad," played by Rylie Kark and Boston Miller, tucked them in. As the children slept, a few young ladies graced the stage as Sugar Plums, played by Ashleigh Doyle, Jeanette Greathouse, Lauren Hibbard, Emma Krupp, Leeann Nowak, Elleson Rader, and Abhinaya Rajan, dancing to a song called "The Sugar Plums." Of course, Santa, played by Talan Konwiczka, made a grand entrance with his eight reindeer, played by Dean Cameron, Jacob Harrington, Evan Hutton, Carter Jackson, Mitchell McKay, Lucas Norfleet, Mason Northcutt, and Austin Rider. The reindeer sang and danced to the song "Reindeer on the Roof." Their music teacher, Miss Darci Van Vlerah, with the help of the 2nd and 3rd grade teachers, directed the show. The show was a huge success!



Yearbook News

School News

Yearbook Orders

Thank you to all who purchased a copy of the 2017 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 2018 Knight will include the high school and middle school, and the 2018 Squire will included elementary events. The price for the HS/MS yearbook is \$55 and only available until May 18. A student can purchase protective plastic covers for \$3. The price for the 2018 Squire (elementary) yearbook is \$20. 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 2018 Knight and/or 2018 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). **New this year, a student can have his/her name stamped onto the 2018 Knight yearbook for \$6 through online ordering ONLY.** Prices are in effect through May18.

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 2018 Knight and Squire
Van Buren Elementary, Middle School and High School

Name _____

Grade/Teacher _____ Date _____

\$55.00 each

Price of the 2018 Knight in FULL COLOR (coverage of the middle school and high school)

\$3.00each

Plastic protective cover for your book (2018 Knight only)

\$20.00 each

Price of the 2018 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
	2018 <u>Knight</u>	\$55.00	
	Plastic Cover	\$3.00	
	2018 <u>Squire</u>	\$20.00	
Please make all checks payable to:		Total	
2018 <u>Knight</u> and/or 2018 <u>Squire</u> .			

PEOPLE WHO PURCHASED COPIES OF THE 2016 and 2017 KNIGHT

The following alumni need to pick up in the HS office their copies of the 2016 and 2017 Knight that they ordered: 2016 - Trenton Boyette, Brant Morton, Brandon Shepherd; and 2017 - Brittany Arnold, Tyler Bair, Jessika Cobb, Parker Evans, Annie Gilliland, Matthew Nieset, Lexi Woessner. 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.

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

- All juniors will be given the ACT test for the new graduation requirement on March 20. The test will be free to all students and will be given at Van Buren starting at 8:00 that morning. If you are typically not at school during that time from 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., you must make arrangements to be here for the testing.
- This is the time of the year when scholarships for seniors start coming in on a regular basis. Seniors should stop in the guidance office weekly to pick up applications. Also, all Hancock Community Foundation scholarships are available on line at *www.community-foundation.com*. I also am sending most scholarships via my Google Classroom this year as well. If students, in all grades, are not on, they should sign up for my classroom.
- Scheduling for next year is taking place in February. It is important that the student, parent, and teachers are all involved in the student’s course selection for next year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the guidance office.
- There will be a scheduling meeting for all 8th graders in the high school Auditorium on Tuesday,February 27 at 6:30 P.M. We will be selecting classes for those students entering Van Buren High School as a freshman for the 2018-2019 school year. The student and at least one parent are expected to attend. Information was sent home with 8th grade students in February.
- If any student in grades 6-11 is interested in taking college classes next year through the College Credit Plus program, they need to turn in an intent form to the guidance office by April 1 to participate. Also, applications to colleges will be due by April 1. Students can apply to any college for CCP classes by logging onto the college website and completing the CCP application. You must let Mr. Zender know when you apply.
- Juniors are also reminded that they are given one college visitation day in the spring to be used up by May 1 if they choose. See Mr. Zender for paperwork.

Elks Club Hoop Shoot

Another year of the Elks Club Hoop Shoot has come and gone. The 3rd-5th Graders had the opportunity to participate during their Physical Education time. One boy and one girl from each age division (8 & 9, 10 & 11, 12 & 13) who made the most free throws would represent Van Buren at the Local Level Competition on Monday, January 8, 2018. Our representatives were 3rd Graders Peyton Beilharz and Kayla Bowman, and 4th Graders Griffin Ware and Easton Wymer.

All four students were very competitive, with Peyton and Easton finishing 2nd in their age divisions.

Congratulations to all of the students in the elementary who participated, and to Kayla, Peyton, Easton and Griffin.



Kayla Bowman, Peyton Beilharz, Griffin Ware, Easton Wymer.

Dodgeball Tournament Information

13th Annual Van Buren Black Knight Dodgeball Tournament

*****ALUMNI TEAMS BEING ACCEPTED*****

Friday, March 23, 2018

Registration – See below for details

The 13th annual Van Buren Dodgeball Tournament will involve students in grades 6-12 at Van Buren Local Schools. (No outside students will be permitted to play.)

Teams will consist of 5 team members and play by the rules and regulations of the National Amateur Dodgeball Association. The cost of participation is \$10 per individual or \$50 per team. **The deadline to sign up is: Tuesday, March 13, 2018.**

The tournament will be a double elimination with teams broken up into the following divisions:

- Boys Only Grades 9-12
- Girls Only Grades 9-12
- Middle School Co-Ed - (MS teams must consist of a ratio of at least three boys and two girls OR three girls and two boys)
- Alumni/Community/Teachers

AGE DIVISIONS (check one)

HS Boys☐

HS Girls☐

MS Co-Ed☐

Alumni/Teachers/Community☐

ROSTER INFORMATION (please print)

Team Name: _____

Captain's Name:(1)_____

Email:_____

Team Members: (2)_____ (3)_____

(4)_____ (5)_____

FILL OUT AND SIGN ROSTER INFORMATION WAIVER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE.

Make checks payable to: Jennifer Masters Scholarship
Mail to: Van Buren High School
C/O Eric L. Heitkamp
217 South Main Street
Van Buren, OH 45889

Individual/Team Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Print Name_____

Signature _____

Van Buren Dodgeball 2018 Waiver/Release

Parents/Guardians Name _____

Phone (Home): _____

Address _____

PARTICIPANT'S NAME	AGE

RELEASE / WAIVER

In consideration for being permitted by Van Buren Local Schools to participate in the 13th annual Dodgeball tournament, I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages, for personal injury, death, or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me, as a result of participation in the said activity. This release is intended to discharge in advance Van Buren Local Schools and employees from any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in this activity, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above. It is understood that this activity involves an element of risk and danger of accidents and knowing those risks I hereby assume those risks.

PARENT CONSENT: (to be signed by parent/guardian, even for those students 18 years of age or older.)

Sign here: _____

I hereby consent that my son/daughter/myself _____ may participate in the thirteenth annual Dodgeball tournament, and I hereby execute the above agreement, waiver and release on his/her behalf. I state that said student is physically able to participate in said activity. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the persons and entities mentioned above free and harmless from any loss, liability, damage, cost, or expense which may incur as a result of death or any injury or property damage that said student may sustain while participating in said activity.

It is understood that there is to be no consumption of drugs or alcohol or being under the influence of drugs and alcohol on school property.

Those found under the influence are subject to disqualification, non-refund of entrance fees and will be removed from the event and property.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOLS, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Student/Alumni Signature _____

Date _____

February - April Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>** Menu subject to change **</p> <p>This institute is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</p> <p>25 FEBRUARY</p>	<p>•Bosco Stix w/Marinara, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Cordon Bleu, Risotto, Peas, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>•Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Tacos, Mexican Cole-slaw, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>•Mini Corn Dogs, Cowboy Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk •BBQ Chicken Sandwich, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, Sweet Potato Tots, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Meatball Subs, Cucum-ber Salad, Spice Cake, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>•Peanut Butter & Jelly, Carrots & Hummus, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Cheese Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>Show Choir Competition @ Solon High School, 12:15 PM Special Olympics Basketball Tournament, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p>
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<p>Daylight Savings Time Begins, Spring Ahead</p> <p>11</p>	<p>•Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Cookie, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Gyro, Spinach Pie, Greek Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Kindergarten Screening</p> <p>Music Boosters - 7:00 PM, Fine Arts Wing</p> <p>12</p>	<p>•Crispitos Roll-ups, Taco Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hash-browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>VB PTO meeting, - 8:00 AM, Elem Cafeteria</p> <p>13</p>	<p>•Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, California Vegetables, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Pizza Rolls w/Marinara, Corn, Cherry Tomatoes, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Boys Basketball Regional Semi-Finals, BGSU, 8:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>14</p>	<p>•Chili, Cornbread, Smoothie, Milk •Shredded Chicken, French Fries, Baked Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Academic Boosters - 2:00 PM, Community Room Board of Education meeting, 6:00 PM, Community Room</p> <p>15</p>	<p>•Grilled Cheese, Soup, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Fettuccine Alfredo, Broccoli, Breadstick, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>End of 3rd Nine Weeks</p> <p>Cabaret Performance, 7:00 PM, Auditorium Juried Art Show, Community Room</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Var Boys Baseball w/Toledo Waite (scrim), 1:00 PM Boys Basketball Regional Finals, BGSU, 7:00 PM Cabaret Performance, 7:00 PM, Auditorium Juried Art Show, Community Room</p> <p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p>
<p>New Lunch Prices: K-5 \$2.35 6-12 \$2.60 Ala Carte \$2.85 Salad Bar \$2.85 Adult \$3.00 Milk \$0.50 Sandwich \$1.90 French Fries \$1.75 Ice Cream \$1.00</p> <p>18</p>	<p>•French Toast Sticks, Scrambled Eggs, Hash-browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Rice Bowl, Chips & Guacamole or Salsa, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Softball @ Old Fort (scrim), 5:30 PM</p> <p>19</p>	<p>•Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Cookie, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Spaghetti, Green Beans, Breadstick, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Upper Sandusky (scrimmage) Var Softball w/Upper Sandusky (scrimmage)</p> <p>20</p>	<p>•Pizza Bagels, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Mini Corn Dogs, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>21</p>	<p>•Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Crispitos, Taco Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Boys Basketball State Semi-Finals Tournament @ OSU, 8:30 PM Var Baseball @ Genoa (scrim) Softball Olive Garden Dinner, Elem Cafeteria, 4:00 - 6:00 PM</p> <p>22</p>	<p>•Quesadilla, Taco Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Fish Tacos, Coleslaw, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Softball @ Kalida (scrim) 13th Annual Dodgeball Tourney, HS Gym, TBA</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Boys Basketball State Finals @ OSU, 2:00 PM Show Choir at Wapakoneta "Music and More" Competition, TBA</p> <p>24</p>
<p>Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5)</p> <p>Italicized Print - MS & HS Menu (6-12)</p> <p>25</p>	<p>•Chicken Patty Sandwich, Carrots w/Ranch, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Breakfast Burrito, Hashbrowns, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Softball @ Elmwood, 4:45 PM</p> <p>26</p>	<p>•Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Baked Potato Bar, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Patrick Henry Var Softball @ Patrick Henry Var Track w/McComb, 4:30 PM</p> <p>27</p>	<p>•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:00 PM for Inservice</p> <p>Var Baseball w/Liberty Benton Var Softball w/Liberty Benton Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>28</p>	<p>SPRING BREAK</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Elmwood, 4:45 PM Var Track @ Blue Devil Relays @ Carey, 4:00 PM</p> <p>29</p>	<p>SPRING BREAK</p> <p>Good Friday</p>	<p>31</p>
<p><i>Happy Easter</i></p>  <p>1 APRIL</p>	<p>SPRING BREAK</p> <p>Var Baseball @ McComb Var Softball @ McComb Athletic Boosters - 6:30 PM, Community Room</p> <p>2</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Cherry Tomatoes, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Breadstick, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Track @ Hardin Northern w/ Cory Rawson & Arlington, 4:30 PM JV Baseball w/Patrick Henry</p> <p>3</p>	<p>•Chinese Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Pizza, Cherry Tomatoes, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball w/Cory Rawson Var Softball w/Cory Rawson Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>4</p>	<p>•BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Cheesy Lentils, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Pancake & Sausage Bites, Hashbrown Casserole, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>JV Baseball @ Findlay MS Track w/Crestline & New Reigel, 5:00 PM</p> <p>5</p>	<p>•Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Fajita Quesadilla, Southwest Lentils, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Lakota Var Softball @ Lakota Doug Mowrey Memorial HS Track Invitational, 4:30 PM</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Var Baseball w/Tiffin Calvert, 11:00 AM Var Softball @ Hardin Northern (DH), 11:00 AM MS Track - Black Knight Relays, 9:00 AM Color Guard Finals @ Wapakoneta HS, TBA</p> <p>7</p>

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Early dismissals have been scheduled for
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Students will be dismissed at 1:00 P.M.

Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 • Friday, May 11, 2018

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President's Day

Monday, February 19, 2018

Spring Break

Thursday, Friday, & Monday,
March 29 - April 2, 2018

***Class of 2018
Graduation
Sunday,
May 27, 2018,
@ 2:00 P.M.
in the High
School
Gymnasium***

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***Last Day of School for Students
Thursday, May 24, 2018***