
Knightly News

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2017 National Honor Society Inductees

The Van Buren National Honor Society inducted 28 new members on Monday, November 6, 2017. Van Buren hosted all of the county schools in the high school auditorium. This year's local officers include President Morgan Jackson, Vice-President Amelia Durliat, and Secretary Josie Masters.



Back Row: Principal Mr. Brand, Carrie Below, Joshua Bishop, Faith DeWalt, Miranda Eaton, Jacob Emerine, Noah J. Frederick, Emma Geyman, Advisor Mr. Vennekotter. **Third Row:** Brady Harmon, Natalee Harris, Grace Hoerig, Kyle Hoyng, Andrea Iliff, James Koehler, Jordan Lonyo. **Second Row:** Tyler Ludwig, Janessa Miller, Megan Muzy, Connor James Ohlrich, Nicholas Rettig, McKenzie Rigsby, Jessica Rinehart. **First Row:** Mackenzie Saltzman, Wyatt Schlaepfi, Hope Serrano, Olivia Sexton, Natasha Simons, Sean Trenkamp, Natalie Williamson.

2017 National Junior Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to 29 Van Buren Middle School eighth graders who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Monday, October 30 during the county-wide induction ceremony held at Van Buren auditorium. To be invited to apply for membership, students must meet high academic standards. Throughout the year, NJHS members will hold study tables, open to any VBMS student, every Tuesday and Thursday until 4:00 p.m. in room 112. Additionally, the organization will lead a number of other service projects throughout the school year.



Inductees included (not in picture order): Ali Bishop, Hayden Carr, Catherine Cavera, Rachel Cavera, Owen Coffey, Shane Coombes, Morgan DeBoo, Taylor DeBoo, Jacob Deiter, Clarence Durliat, Elise Fenstermaker, Ainsley Forsyth, Emma Henry, Clare Hoerig, Ben Hudok, Cassadie Jacobs, Abbie Losiewicz, Josiah McKeown, Maddie Northcutt, Megan Pisarsky, Sophia Reineke, Brooke Riegle, Ashlynn Sortor, Taylor Stewart, Ryan Strapp, Lindsey Stultz, Ella Webster, Karissa Welte, and Alan Woodall.

School News

Van Buren School Board Honors Member Leaving

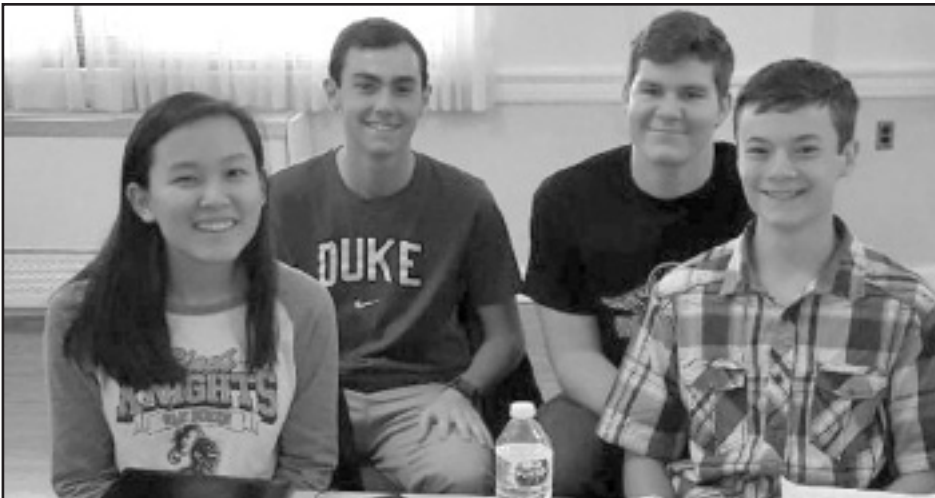


Ken Rowles receiving plaque from Board President Mike Leifheit for his 12 years of service to the Van Buren Local Schools. During his years on the Board, Ken served as President and Vice President. Thanks for your dedication to Van Buren Local Schools.

Ohio Northern University Mathematics Shoot-Out Results

The buzzer was not our friend through the first two rounds at the Ohio Northern University Mathematics Shoot-Out on Tuesday, November 7. The Van Buren Math Team of Miranda Eaton, Kyle Hoyng, Connor Ohlrich, and Wyatt Schlaeppi fought hard against the 17 other teams that were there, but was only able to get buzzed in on one question even though they attempted many times. The other seventeen teams that competed against Van Buren were: Allen East, Antwerp, Arcadia, Ayersville, Bellefontaine, Benjamin Logan, Bluffton, Fort Jennings, Kenton, Liberty-Benton, Lima Central Catholic, McComb, Miller City, North Baltimore, Pandora Gilboa, Lima Perry, and Marion Pleasant. The eventual winner was Benjamin Logan with Miller City coming in second.

Even though our score was not as high as we had hoped, the team still worked math problems for three hours and learned a lot of higher level math. The Math Department wants to say thank you to these students for a job well done for competing at the Ohio Northern University Shoot-Out.



Front Row: Miranda Eaton, Kyle Hoyng. Back Row: Connor Ohlrich, Wyatt Schlaeppi.

Congratulations Mrs. Schaffer, Instructional Leadership Award Winner!

Mrs. Cassie Schaffer, sixth grade science teacher at Van Buren Middle School, was presented with a regional award from the Ohio Middle Level Association at their annual conference November 2. Mrs. Schaffer was nominated for the award because of her instructional leadership. From her nomination: "she models the risk-taking we expect of our students in her daily work. Cassie's students are fortunate to spend a majority of the school year in a self-paced environment where inquiry and independence are woven with personalized instruction. Many think that sixth graders are too young for such a model, however Cassie's classes have proven that when you have high expectations, are prepared, put solid instructional design into place, and meet students where they are as individuals, the sky's the limit." Congratulations Mrs. Schaffer!



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

- Those students currently in grades 6-11 who may be interested in taking college classes next year through the CCP program and were unable to attend the December 11 meeting, need to fill out and submit an intent form to participate. If interested, please send your student to the guidance office for a form.
- The school home page also has all the updated guidance information, scholarships, as well as current news available for viewing. Most local scholarships will be available in the guidance office in January. I will also send them out this year in my Google classroom. If your student is not signed up, have them email the guidance office for classroom code. Students are encouraged to stop in the guidance office on a regular basis to see which scholarships are available at that time.
- 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.
- Soon after the holiday break, we will begin scheduling for next year already! If student/parents have any questions prior to that, feel free to contact me.
- Those students who are interested in attending Millstream next year need to get their applications in to the guidance office as soon as they can.

HS/MS Honors

VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First Nine-Week Grading Period 2017 - 2018 School Year

ALL “A’s”

6th Grade	Rebecca Betts, Vivian Brant, Yung Chien (Melody) Chang, Erica Coffey, Anna Durliat, Landon Fisher, Blake Francis, Zoe Fruth, Madelyn Fry, Anthony (AJ) Griffith, Mussie Hanson, Reed Harmon, Landen Heath, James Homan, Morgan Johnson, Abigail (Abby) Leatherman, Sara Martin, Walter Oestreich, Gabrielle Parsell, Kashinath Rohidas, Ella Serrano, Seth Van Horn, Collin Wagner, Curtis Ware, Maggie Wehrle
7th Grade	Shelbee Atchison, Allison Badertscher, Sasha Busey, Alexia Camarano, Jack Campbell, Bella Carroccio, Logan Dilgard, Casey Donaldson, Ryleigh Doyle, Alexander Gearhart, Peter Harrington, Katie Krantz, Alexis Nivison-Brassell, Claire Recker, Nathaniel Ryan, Cassandra Saltzman, Hudson Sendelbach, Ryleigh Smith, Carter Thomas, Griffin VanScoder, John Wheeler
8th Grade	Ali Bishop, Shane Coombes, Clarence Durliat, Christopher Emerine, Emma Henry, Benjamin Hudok, Cassadie Jacobs, Josiah McKeown, Madeline Northcutt, Kendra Odenweller, Megan Pisarsky, Ashlynn Sortor, Lindsey Stultz, Ella Webster
9th Grade	Lillian Badertscher, Kaitlyn Baer, Gannon Bahn, Cody Beagle, Kaleb Bishop, Wesley Casselman, Skylar Deerwester, Mercy DeWalt, Steven Franks, Gabrielle Gearhart, Maxwell Greenawalt, Grace Heitkamp, Elijah Holman, Jonathan Hudok, Alexis Jackson, Blake Jones, Shaina Lako, Mia Leal, Calloway Luke, Madison Marks, Alexandra Marshall, Evelyn Masters, Jace McCartney, Lillian McKeown, Isabelle Pawlak, Madilyn Pawlak, Reese Recker, Madalyn Riesen, Annika Rinehart, Justin Ring, Peyton Sendelbach, Megan Sheeks, Kearstin Sherick, Brandon Smith, Breanna Tabler, Drew VanAtta
10th Grade	Hannah Davis, Agnes Durliat, Carson Gertz, Zoe Horne, Justine Hunt, Jewelya Hutchison, Madison Parker, Amber Pisarsky, Allyson Rickenbacher, Lindsey Shaw, Jordan Spoon, Leah Stall, Grayson Temple, Kyle Van Horn
11th Grade	Carrie Below, Joshua Bishop, Faith DeWalt, Miranda Eaton, Brady Harmon, Grace Hoerig, Kyle Hoyng, Emily LeCroy, Jordan Lonyo, Jenessa Miller, Connor Ohlrich, Nicholas Rettig, McKenzie Rigsby, Jessica Rinehart, Mackenzie Saltzman, Jacob Sanders, Wyatt Schlaeppi, Olivia Sexton
12th Grade	GrahamAnderson, MatthewAyers, Elizabeth Conner, Sarah Dishong, Amelia Durliat, Clayton Eichman, Jacob Emerine, Anna Girdler, Quinton Graber, Drew Insley, Morgan Jackson, Jocelyn Masters, Miranda Mowrey, Samuel Phillips, Autumn Pisarsky, Lydia Reineke, Brendon Ring, Lisa Simmons, Carrigan Stacy, Kade Steveson, Madison Swope, Maria Trusty, Brandon Wehrle, Madilyn Youngpeter

ALL “A’s” and “B’s”

6th Grade	Allan Anders, Abigail Badertscher, Parker Beilharz, Abigail Bowen, Adam Carey, Ava Cramer, Laynee Crow, Ashlee Deitrick, Molly Egts, Kayla Fisher, Carson Foltz, Kaden Fultz, Ryan Gifford, Thomas Hagans, Abigail Haley, Andersen Harnjo, Brooke Ingwersen, Shifalika Kalwa Shiva, Andon Keckler, Tram Le, Zebb Leal, Elijah Mason, Tristyn Matheny, Annie Moro, Chase Ogg, Brylee Ponn, Nathan Reynolds, Nathan Riegle, Aiden Schleter, Janelle Sica, Kennedy Sterling, Kenzie Steveson, Easton Vackert, Melodee Vermillion, Caleb Waltmire, Grant Welte, Avery Wymer, Jaxon Young
7th Grade	Paige Bowman, Luke Bresler, Brandon Buff, Aeris Butler, Nathan Curry, Schae Deerwester, Kennedy Diemer, Braxton Egts, Madison Elliott, Gabriel George, Maya Gerdemann, Morgan Graber, Ethan Greathouse, Mason Greenawalt, Jackson Gregory, Aubree Hanes, Avery Heitkamp, Weston Heitkamp, Olivia Hollar, Brienna Hutchins, Kennedy Jones, Briana Kimmel-Nyitray, Ave Leal, Madison Martin, Carter Miller, McKenna Morey, Peyton Odey, Reese Reichley, Catheryn Roy, Justin Schiefer, Sydney Sherick, Summer Siefer, Faith Smith, Benjamin Stultz, Cody Thomas, Samantha Wilcox
8th Grade	Eliya Amos, Grant Betts, Hayden Carr, Catherine Cavera, Rachel Cavera, Owen Coffey, Morgan DeBoo, Taylor DeBoo, Jacob Deiter, Elise Fenstermaker, Ainsley Forsyth, Jared Hocanson, Clare Hoerig, Tyler Krider, Abigail Losiewicz, Annabelle Omlor, Trey Rampe, Sophia Reineke, Brooke Riegle, Brody Runion, Taylor Stewart, Ryan Strapp, Devin Thomas, Evan Van Vorhis, Dylan VanAtta, Karissa Welte, Alan Woodall
9th Grade	Taylor Adams, Kaila Bowen, Aaron Bresler, Dino Donaldson, Jonah Frederick, Mia George, Virginia Harr, Jada Hicks, Ethan Johnson, Jordan Keckler, Adam McKinniss, Travis Neumeister, Jacob Plummer, Kennedy Rader, Keana Rider, Garret Simmermeyer, Alyssa Snyder, Sarah Stapley, Gage Swaisgood, Ian Wall, Connor Waltmire
10th Grade	Isabella Ayers, Logan Betts-Baldwin, DeLainie Bland, Karissa Brown, Zoe Brown, Katelyn Chu, Aaron Clark, Garret Drake, Noah Elliott, Timmothy Emerine, Landon Forsyth, Danielle Hall, Felicity Hocanson, Spencer Ingwersen, Michael Kramer, Kendall Kretzinger, Braden Losiewicz, Nicholas McCracken, Joshua Orians, Andrew Overmyer, Madelyn Parsell, Emma Reineke, Camrie Roberts, Christopher Routson, Kaleb Snodgrass, Nathaniel Stacy, Dalton Swope, Madison Trumbull, Carey Ware, Jared Wiegiers
11th Grade	Hope DeWalt, Dominick Donaldson, Johnathon Farthing, Taylor Franklin, Payton Franks, Noah Frederick, Emma Geyman, Marisa Gilbert, Olivia Harr, Natalee Harris, Andrea Iliff, James Koehler, Tyler Lambert, Savannah Martin, Mason McMonigal, Megan Muzy, Audrey Nessler, Amanda Strapp, Jayla Waller, Natalie Williamson, Calend Wise
12th Grade	Kevin Beall, Nicholas Beitzel, Lydia Brown, Abrahm Cunningham, Jessica DeBouver, Khail Fasone, Carl Fleck, Hunter Fleck, Hunter Foltz, Courtney Frost, Samuel Frost, Angel Garcia, Andrew Godzak, Matthew Iliff, Janelle Keck, Mason Miarer, Brendan Miller, Nathan Potteiger, Sara Rosenberger, Jaden Tabler, Cora Thomas, Alina Turner, Nicholas Winkel

Early Dismissal for Students will be
at 1:00 P.M. on the following dates:

Friday, January 19, 2018 • Friday, February 16, 2018
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 • Friday, May 11, 2018

High School News

Music News

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present October and November 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.



October - *Back Row:* Hunter Fleck, Brendon Gordon, Blake Jones, Wesley Casselman, Cody Word, Jacob Plummer, Cade Whitticar, Connor Ohlrich, Bryce Smith, Johann Franks, C J Wise. *Middle Row:* Cheyenne Mendoza, Brendan Miller, Brendon Wehrle, Caden Lance, Jacob Sanders, Alex Reichenbaugh, Megan Sheeks, Karis Brown, Carrie Below, Audrey Nessler, Kylie Sonnenberg. *Front Row:* Rachel King, Hannah Davis, Dani Hall, Emma Geyman, Nick Rettig, DeLainie Bland, Lindsey Shaw, Adrienne Sortor, Kaitlyn Baer. *Not Pictured:* Steven Franks, Janelle Keck, Ron Koehnke.




November - *Back Row:* Josh Orians, Dalton Swope, Grayson Temple, Chris Routson, Ian Wall, Justin Ring, Quinton Graber, Kyle Hoyng, Tristan McKee, Dylan McKee, Brandon Klausing, Jerod Wright, Sarah Dishong, Maria Trusty. *Front Row:* Autumn Pisarsky, Hope Serrano, Jordan Lonyo, Virginia Harr, Mercy DeWalt, Madi Swope, Allyson Rickenbacher, Mady Parker, Cody Beagle. *Not Pictured:* Kyria Bryant, Miranda Eaton, Brendon Gordon, Brady Harmon, Grace Hoerig, Austin Hutchison, Robbie Sanders.



OMEA District III HS Music Festival

Niswonger Performing Arts Center
Van Wert Middle/High School
Sunday, January 14, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M.



Congratulations

Choir
Maria Trusty - soprano
Annie Mowrey - alto
Noah Elliott - tenor

Hancock County Music Festival

Arcadia High School
Sunday, February 18, 2017 @ 3:00 P.M.



Band

Jewelya Hutchison - 1 st Flute	Alexander Godzak - 2 nd Clarinet
Hailey Routzon - 2 nd Flute	Tim Emerine - Tuba
Andrew Godzak - Tenor Sax	Alexis Jackson - Percussion
Lily McKeown - Baritone Sax	

Choir

Aysia Currie - soprano	Carrie Below - alto
Kendall Kretzinger - soprano	Shaina Lako - alto
Autumn Pisarsky - soprano	Annie Mowrey - alto
Maria Trusty - soprano	Alexandria Reichenbaugh - alto
Noah Elliott - tenor	Aaron Clark - bass
Riley Simons - tenor	Ethan Johnson - bass
Carey Ware - tenor	

Congratulations

Parent Coffee January 18

Middle school parents are welcome to join us for our upcoming parent coffee on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Learning Commons. We will be joined by Brianna Reinhard, Van Buren Schools food service supervisor. In respect of everyone's schedules, parent coffees last only one hour. Please RSVP to Mrs. Keeran (dkeeran@vbschools.net or 419-299-3384).

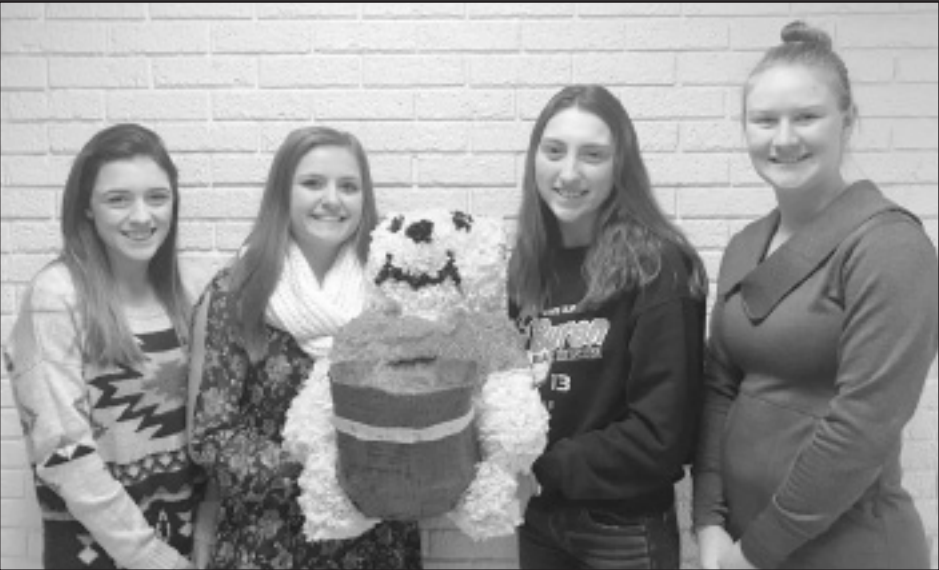
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www.vbschools.net

High School News

Piñatas

After reading about the history of piñatas in Mexico and Spain, Mrs. McIntosh’s Spanish III students were given the opportunity to experience piñatas first-hand by creating their own. The guidelines for the project were simple: the piñatas had to be colorful and creative, had to be able to hang for a specified period of time, needed to have an opening for the candy, and had to be covered with crepe paper. The students started with a balloon for the main shape of the piñata, but could use other materials for details and appendages. Each group also created a poster illustrating their work from the beginning to the end of the project with pictures and captions in Spanish. The students worked in small groups outside of the classroom for over a month and also had one in-class work day to complete the project. As you can see, the results were very creative! In the spring the Spanish III class will choose one of the piñatas to fill with candy and break.



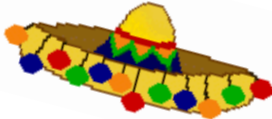
Winnie the Pooh: Hope Serrano, Jessica Rinehart, Natalee Harris, Hannah Betts.



Squirrel: AJ Overmyer. Noah Frederick, Mackenzie Saltzman, Sean Trenkamp.



Ollie the Owl: Kyle Hoyng, Jordan Lonyo, Natalie Williamson.



Ice Cream Cone: Maddie Parsell, Katelyn Chu, Emma Reineke.

HS News - Piñatas continued



NBA Championship Trophy: Brady Losiewicz, Aaron Clark, CJ Ware.



Baymax: Noah Elliott, Hailey Routzon, Olivia Harr.



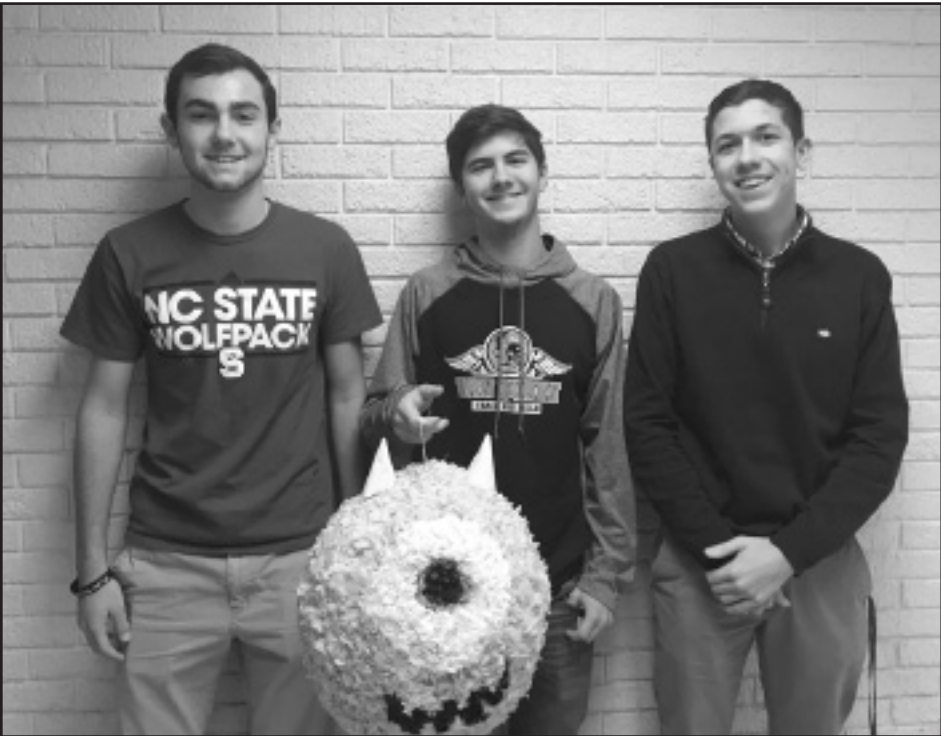
Penguin: Nick McCracken, Logan Betts-Baldwin, Jordan Spoon.



Fox: Hope DeWalt, Amber Pisarsky, Anna Girdler.

No School — Christmas Break
Wednesday, December 20, 2017 - Tuesday, January 2, 2018

HS News - Piñatas continued



Mike Wazowski: Connor Ohlrich, James Koehler, Joshua Bishop.



Cheshire Cat: Faith DeWalt, Carrie Below, Emma Geyman.



Fish: Agnes Durliat, Alyssa Potteiger, Camrie Roberts.



Harry Potter's Tri-Wizard Cup: Brady Harmon, Miranda Eaton, Olivia Sexton.

Middle School News

*Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present
October 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 Great Scot Community Markets for providing our September and October Virtuous Knights with lunch. Great Scot provided "West Main Crust" pizza, which uses the original Rocking U recipes. Thanks to our community partners for helping us recognize the amazing things our students do!



Back Row: Ben Kaufman, Jacob Deiter, Brandon Buff, Jackson Gregory, Melodie Garnes, Keegan Wymer, Ali Bishop, McKenna Morey, James Kelly. *Front Row:* Bri Adkins, Katie Krantz, Ava Cramer, Zebb Leal, Avery Wymer, Quentin Bowling, Landon Fisher, Kashinath Rohidas.



Virtuous Knight Luncheon provided by Great Scot Community Markets.

Seventh Grade Embarks on Ninth Outdoor Education Experience

Our seventh grade team spent a week at Camp Nuhop near Perrysville for our ninth outdoor education program. Students spend time hiking Mohican National Forest, geocaching, challenging themselves on the high ropes course, learning about ecology, geology, physics, and trying out survival skills during an optional outdoor overnight challenge. The week is wrapped-up with a challenge course that brings many of the skills learned throughout the week together. Thanks to our staff for making this opportunity a reality for our nearly 800 Van Buren seventh grade students to date.



Middle School News

School News

Students Visit with Veterans

As Veteran's Day approached, all middle school students spent time at the residence of John Cheney, Sr. in North Baltimore to learn about his military service while also experiencing his vast collection of military memorabilia. Thanks to the Cheney family for sharing this with all of our middle school students!



Future City Brainstorming Kicked-Off by Officials

Our middle school design challenge this year focuses on making a future city more accessible for senior citizens to be independent. We began brainstorming ideas with the help of Lydia Mihalik (mayor) and Paul Schmelzer (safety director) from the City of Findlay. Students learned about decision-making, zoning, planning, and infrastructure during their presentations to us. Representatives from each advisory group will interview residents at Birchaven in early December to gather more information.



Give Kids a Smile Day!

FREE Dental Care for Uninsured Children (Age 18 and Under)

Friday, February 2, 2018

Call 419-422-7664 to make an appointment!

Dental Center of Northwest Ohio, Findlay Smiles
1800 N Blanchard St. Suite 122
Findlay, OH 45840



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.

Inclement Weather

In the event that we experience severe weather or an emergency situation, the following news agencies will be contacted to broadcast any announcements to inform parents of decisions affecting our school day. Stay tuned to your radio and TV! Tune to AM 1330 WFIN, FM 100.5 WKXA, FM 96.7 WBVI, or FM 106.3 WBUK for weather announcements and your local TV stations.



High School News

Senior Citizen Luncheon is a Success

Our annual Senior Citizen Luncheon occurred on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. The event began at 10:45 AM in our auditorium. After a presentation by our high school band and our various high school choirs, our senior citizens retired to the Community Room for a spaghetti lunch, which included bread sticks, salad and desserts. Several mothers from the Academic Boosters prepared the meal, the decorations, and several of the delicious desserts. The National Honor Society students provided the water and more tasty desserts for this event. Mr. Myers spoke to the group briefly in the auditorium welcoming them to our school. Miranda Eaton, a junior, displayed her talent on the piano and entertained the senior citizens as the group ate lunch. This event was well attended with 20 senior citizens. The Senior Citizen Luncheon was sponsored by the National Honor Society, Academic Boosters, Athletic Boosters, and the Music Boosters.



Middle School News

Prior to Thanksgiving, VBMS 8th Graders Serve

Eighth graders spent Friday, November 16 serving others throughout Hancock County for their annual day of service. Students spent the day sorting, cleaning, engaging, and maintaining. Their hard work and attitudes represented our school in a very positive light. Thanks to our partners: Hancock Parks, Birchaven, the Village of Van Buren, Allen Township Fire Department, American Red Cross, Chopin Hall, and City Mission.



School News

HB 410 Makes Changes to School Attendance Policy

Elementary Attendance Policy Changes 2017-2018

- Students arriving between 7:55 AM and 8:25 AM are Tardy
- Students arriving after 8:25 AM have a Partial Absence
- Students leaving at any time between 7:55 AM and 3:05 PM have a Partial Absence for the time missed
- Absences are accumulated by time missed; 6 hours = 1 day

Reminder: Parents must call or email Mrs. Stumpp in the office (not the teacher) before 8:30 AM for any absence. If no contact is made with the elementary office prior to the absence, you must send an email or written note to Mrs. Stumpp with the following information within 48 hours of the student's return, or the absence will be UNEXCUSED.

STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME
DATE(S) OF ABSENCE
REASON FOR ABSENCE
PARENT'S SIGNATURE

Please refer to the student handbook for additional information on attendance.

Middle School Attendance Policy Changes 2017-2018

- Middle school students arriving to school between 7:50 and 8:20 A.M. are considered "tardy". After those first 30 minutes of the school day, it is considered a partial day absence.
- When students have 5 school days (32.5 hours) of absence, a letter advising parents and students of an attendance concern is mailed.
- When students have 6 school days (38 hours) of absence within one school month, the county attendance officer mails the family a letter advising parents and students of an attendance concern.
- When students have 10 school days (65 hours) of absence during the school year, the county attendance officer mails the family a letter and medical excuses are required for any subsequent absences to be excused.
- All absences require parent contact to the MS office (419-299-3384) prior to 8:30 A.M. the day of the absence.
- Please refer to the student-parent handbook for more information on attendance.

High School Attendance Policy Changes 2017-2018

- High School students arriving to school between 7:50 - 8:20 AM will be considered "Tardy". After those first 30 minutes of the school day, it is considered a partial day absence.
- High school students leaving anytime between 7:50 AM and 2:50 PM will have a Partial Absence for the time missed.
- When high school students have 5 school days (32.5 hours) of absence, a letter advising parents and students of an attendance concern is mailed.
- When high school students have 6 school days (38 hours) of absence within one school month, the county attendance officer mails the family a letter advising parents and students of the attendance concern.
- When high school students have 10 school days (65 hours) of absence during the school year, the county attendance officer mails the family a letter and medical excuses are required for any subsequent absence to be labeled "excused". (This is a significant change to what was our attendance policy as listed in our student Agenda book. High school students will no longer have up to seven days of absence in the second semester, but will only have up to 10 days (65 hours) of absence in a school year.)
- All absences require parent contact to the high school office by 8:30 AM the day of the absence. (419) 299-3384.
- If you have further questions, please contact the high school office for more information.

4-H Clubs are Accepting New Members

The 2018 4-H year will be getting under way here in Hancock County in February and we are inviting youth to join in the fun. We have two clubs here in Van Buren that are accepting new members and they are Millstream Farmers and Rocky Ford Guys and Gals. There are also several "County Clubs" and "Specialty Clubs" in the area that are also accepting new members. For more information on 4-H itself and the different clubs that are available, go to the county website at <https://hancock.osu.edu>, click on "4-H" and then click on "4-H Clubs".



Millstream Farmers 4-H club will start their meetings in February and their advisors include Kathy McGrain, Jennifer Strapp, Jerry Betts, Chris Allen, and Cloverbud Advisors Nicki Harrington and Michelle Smith. Meetings are held in the Van Buren High School Cafeteria the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. from February through June then once a month July and August. For more info about joining, please contact Kathy McGrain at 419-299-3256.

Rocky Ford Guys and Gal's will start their meetings in February and their advisors include Deb Brown, Lindsay Rinker and Jennifer Deiter. Deb Brown also serves as their Cloverbud Advisor. Meetings are held in the Van Buren Elementary Cafeteria the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. from February through July. For more info about joining, please contact Deb Brown at 567-208-8039.

"What is 4-H?"

4-H is the ultimate youth development experience that uses adult volunteers, peer learning through demonstration and family participation. 4-H members learn in a variety of ways but most projects offer a "learn by doing approach" and with over 200 different projects available to take, there is something to interest everyone. The list of projects can be viewed on the county website at hancock.osu.edu. The clubs are led by trained adults that work within the scope of the Ohio State University Extension program to help guide members and families through the 4-H experience. Our clubs offer members the opportunity to simply participate in activities with the clubs, or we can help you get involved with other 4-H members throughout the county or even the state. Once you join a club you can participate in 4-H through project work, camps, trips, community service and in leadership roles. You can work in teams and gain new levels of responsibility and communication skills. With an expansive network all over the United States, 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization and it has been around since 1904. In Hancock County we have about 50 clubs and approximately 900 youth enrolled.

What are the benefits of 4-H?

Members learn life skills, make new friends, enhance self-esteem, achieve personal goals, develop positive relationships with peers and volunteers, and have fun learning and sharing as a family and a club. It also helps to build confidence with these pivotal experiences that will help them with learning and leadership in their school work as well. To learn more about the 4-H program, go to the county website at <https://hancock.osu.edu>.

What are the age requirements for 4-H?

The 4-H age requirement to be in 4-H is at least 8 years old and enrolled in 3rd grade as of January 1st of the current year and continues and includes high school seniors that are 18 years of age. If you have a child that is 4-H age and becomes a member, Millstream Farmers and Rocky Ford Guys and Gal's have a Cloverbud Program for siblings that are 5 and in kindergarten through 2nd grade. The Cloverbuds meet at the same time but will have a different activity to participate in led by the clubs' Cloverbud Advisors. The county also has a Cloverbud Club program with meetings and a day camp held at the Hancock County Extension Office located at 7868 County Road 140, Findlay. For more information about the County Cloverbud Program, please check it out at the same website mentioned above or contact the office at 419-422-3851.

Elementary News

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



November Back Row: David Cavera, Bailey Lance, Nigel Woodall, Kumar Birlangi, Cullen Tussing, Cale Henry, Maddy Hardie, Lily Ayers. Middle Row: Isabel Lentz, Noah Schmitt, Taylor Smith, Luke Grady, Colten Winters, MJ Greenawalt, Dean Cameron, Sonalika Kalwa Shiva. Front Row: Sophie Steiner, Gracie McKay, Grace Harrington, Liam Businger, Gavin Hartman, Graham Carey, Abhinav Dinavahi. Not Pictured: Aaryaa Mehta.



December Back Row: Kaiden Sherick, Mia Leatherman, Sammy Deerwester, Griffin Ware, Sophia Endicott, Keely Parsell, Bel Oliveira, Selma Brant. Middle Row: Abhinaya Rajan, Pranav Dinavahi, Rachel Betts, Monika Kerwin, Lacey Omlor, Rylie Kark, Casten Heitkamp, Lucas Steiner. Front Row: Alex Schmidt, Spencer Rinker, Jackson Griffin, Vayda Schlumbohm, Neel Dhavalikar, Lucas Potteiger, Lydia Kramer.



Van Buren Elementary crew helped hang coats at City Laundry for Coats for Christmas 2017.

Mark Your Calendar for these VBPTO Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, January 23 — PTO Meeting, 8:00 a.m.
- 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 November PTO meeting, 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.

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!

Yearbook 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 will be \$55 after December 19. 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 December 19.

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: 2018 <u>Knight</u> and/or 2018 <u>Squire</u> .		Total	



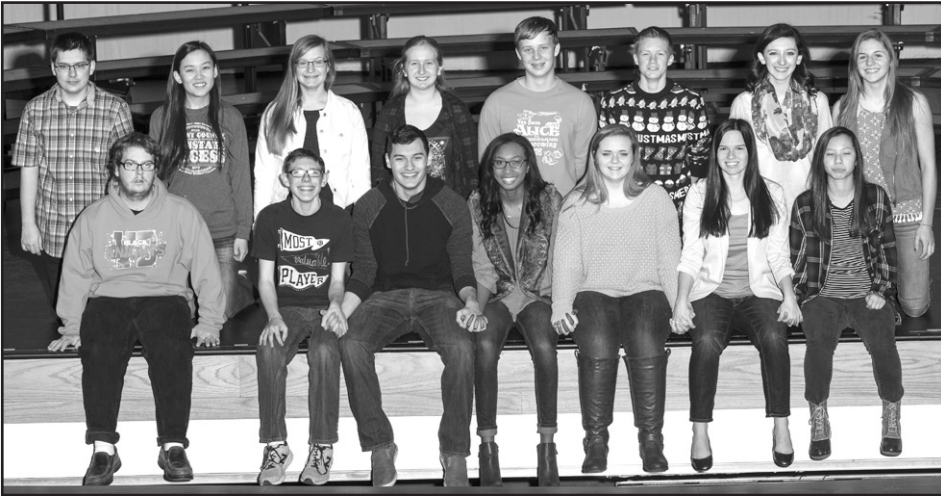
2017 Knight Staff Earns Silver Rating From CSPA

The 2017 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 729 in 2016 to 762 in 2017.

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. The ultimate goal is to earn a gold rating, which is a score from 800-1,000. The staff's scores have progressed each year from a 583 in 2014, the first year they participated in the CSPA judging, to last year's 762.

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 2017 Knight staff were Johanna Youngpeter (editor-in-chief), Marly McCartney (student life section editor), Alex Godzak (sports section editor), Carrie Below (academics section editor), Ashley Franklin (photographer), Kordell Harr (computer specialist), KiaLynne Bland (page developer), Josie Masters (photographer), Isaac Smith (page developer), Alex LeVeck (page developer), Shawn Courtney (page developer), Audrey Nessler (page developer), Brady Harmon (page developer), Olivia Sexton (page developer), and Miranda Eaton (page developer).



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, Alexis Kieffer, 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.

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FFA News

2017 Hancock County Fair

By: Emma Geyman, VB FFA Reporter

The 2017 Hancock County Fair was very eventful for the Van Buren FFA. Trevor Wolford sold his market lamb for \$350, his market wether placed 6th and market ewe placed fourth. Sara Rosenberger was the Horse Queen and Hannah Betts was the Poultry Queen. Other members who were at fair included Tucker and Cody Beagle with their sheep as well. Kylie Sonnenberg, Emma Geyman, Lei Meilick, and Donald Anderson all exhibited their shop projects that they made in their ag class and all received an “A” grade and a \$4 premium. Kearstin Sherick, Mikaela Volland, Donald Anderson, Marisa Gilbert, Kylie Sonnenberg, Emma Geyman, Connor Howard, Zayne Bair, and Adrienne Sorton all worked the lamb stand at the fair. Each member worked a four hour shift. All of the members really enjoyed the fair and had a great time!



Pie Auction

By: Emma Geyman, VB FFA Reporter

On October 6, the Van Buren FFA held a pie auction at the homecoming football game against Cory Rawson. Many students, staff, and community members donated pies for this event. Pies were bidded on throughout the night or bought outright for \$30. The highest bidder was announced at the end of the game. The Van Buren FFA was raising money in order to lower the cost for the students planning to attend the National FFA Convention at the end of October. Students signed up to work shifts. Overall, the Van Buren FFA Chapter raised \$860. This lowered the cost for National Convention from \$325 to \$245. A big thank you goes out to everyone who bought pies and volunteered to take the time to make a pie. All of the students attending the National FFA Convention were very grateful for your donations.



State Officer Visit

On Tuesday, September 4, Emily Mullen visited Van Buren’s ag classes. Emily Mullen is the treasurer of the Ohio FFA Chapter. She taught a lesson to each of the classes. She taught a lesson on leadership. She had the students create slime. She also taught the students about a wolf pack and how leadership works with it. Emily also attended lunch with the Van Buren officers. Jerod Wright stated that “Getting to know a state officer was an great honor and I enjoyed the lesson that she taught.” We would like to say thank you to Emily Mullen for her time at Van Buren High School.



FFA News

State Convention

By: Emma Geyman, VB FFA Reporter



On May 3, 4, and 5, many students from the Van Buren FFA attended the FFA State Convention. The students that attended were Sara Rosenberger, Trevor Wolford, Kylie Sonnenberg, Taylor Franklin, Marisa Gilbert, Hannah Betts, and Lei Meilick. On May 3, students went to Skyzone and then to the Mongolian BBQ for supper and then went to their hotel. On May 4, students attended tours at the Ohio State University. They then went to a session at the convention. Students then went to Raising Cane's for supper and then went to Magic

Mountain. They then went back to their hotel for the night. On the final day, May 5, the FFA members went to the Ohio State Fairgrounds and attended another session. The students went to Waterman Dairy Farm for a barn tour. After that they attended another session where dinner was provided. The last session was where the State Degrees were given out. Sara Rosenberger received her degree that night. She is our first one in several years! All of the Van Buren FFA members are very proud of her for this accomplishment. All of the members had a wonderful time attending the 2017 FFA State Convention!



Soil Judging

By: Emma Geyman, VB FFA Reporter

On September 13, 2017, the Van Buren FFA had many members participate in the Soil Judging CDE. There were three teams that went, two rural teams and one urban team. The members on the first rural team were Sara Rosenberger, Hannah Betts, Trevor Wolford, and Tim Emerine. Out of 212 individuals, Sara placed 22nd, Hannah placed 38th, Trevor placed 42nd, and Tim placed 57th. Their team placed 9th out of 52 teams. The members on the second rural team were Kylie Sonnenberg, Eli Dilgard, D.J. Helfer, and Ethan Orr. Out of 212 individuals, Kylie placed 129th, Eli placed 159th, D.J. placed 160th, and Ethan placed 170th. The team placed 42nd out of 52 teams. The members that participated on the urban team were Marisa Gilbert, Johnny Farthing, Mikaela Volland, Donald Anderson, and Abby Thomas. Out of 140 individuals, Marisa placed 9th, Johnny placed 15th, Mikaela placed 56th, Donald placed 65th, and Abby placed 83rd. The team placed 15th out of 35 teams. All of the members that participated did a great job and we are very proud of how they represented the Van Buren FFA.



On September 28, 2017, we had several students advance on to the district level who did well. The individuals representing the Rural Team were Sara Rosenberger, Kylie Sonnenberg, and Timmothy Emerine. Sara placed 33rd, Kylie placed 117th, and Tim placed 24th. Overall, the rural team placed 19th in the district. Representing the Urban Team were Johnathon Farthing, Marisa Gilbert and Mikaela Volland. Johnny placed 13th, Marisa placed 47th and Mikaela placed 58th. Overall, the team placed 11th in the district! We are so proud of all their hard work. We would also like to thank our coach, Mr. Derrick Freshcorn for all the time he has committed to helping us.



FFA News

Apple Butter Fest

By: Emma Geyman, VB FFA Reporter

On October 14, the Van Buren FFA hosted the Apple Butter Fest. This was an event to raise money for the chapter. We raised \$200. The money is used for future FFA events like contests and trips. There were 5 games that the members made and played with the children that were there. The games were toilet bowl toss, ring toss, pumpkin bean bag toss, pumpkin bowling, and win a fish. There were prizes for each of the games. The members who worked were Taylor Franklin, Drew Turner, Cordel Hamlin, Mikalea Volland, Alex Reichenbaugh, Kearnstine Sherick, Marisa Gilbert, Johann Franks, and Andres Miranda. This was a great event to meet with the families of many students and also many community members. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Van Buren FFA. We greatly appreciate all of your support!



Food Science CDE

By: Emma Geyman, VB FFA Reporter

On November 9, Johnny Farthing, Marisa Gilbert, Hannah Betts, and Kiersten Sherick attended the Food Science contest at Riverdale High school. The students took an online test prior to the contest. At this contest students used aroma testing, triangle testing, and product development. The students needed to use their knowledge to evaluate food products. The team placed 5th overall. Marisa Gilbert earned 3rd Place Overall Individual. We are very proud of each of the members that attended this contest!



Fruit Sale

By: Emma Geyman, VB FFA Reporter

From October 15 to November 10, the Van Buren FFA sold fruit and cheesecakes as a fundraiser for their chapter. The money that they made goes toward the contests that the members participate in throughout the year. The highest selling class was awarded a pizza party and that class was Food Science. The Ag Business class ran the fruit sale and prepared for it. The first place seller was Trevor Wolford and he earned a free trip to the Ohio State FFA Convention. The second place winner was Donald Anderson and he earned his choice of FFA apparel. The third place winner was Adrienne Sortor and she earned a \$25 gift card. We are so proud of our FFA members for selling fruit to raise over \$1,500 for our chapter!



FFA News

National Convention

By: Emma Geyman, VB FFA Reporter

From October 25 through the 28, select students from the Van Buren FFA chapter traveled to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. These students were Sara Rosenberger, Kylie Sonnenberg, Emma Geyman, Taylor Franklin, Mikaela Volland, Kiersten Sherick, Alex Reichenbaugh, Marisa Gilbert, Johnny Farthing, Jerod Wright, and Trevor Wolford. Just over 65,000 students from around the country traveled to the convention center. On the first day, the students traveled to the Fair Oaks Dairy. Here, the members got to tour crop, pig, and dairy farms. They even got to see a cow give birth! After the dairy tour, the members attended a Rascal Flatts Concert. The following day, the students went to the first session of the convention where Laila Ali was the keynote speaker. After departing from the session, the students were then able to walk around the expo center and talk with agriculturally based colleges, and experience little aspects of the agricultural lifestyle including products and services used. After departing the expo center, the members went to an Escape Room, where they had to solve a mystery using clues. The third day of the trip, students attended the second session of the convention, and the keynote speaker was Mick Ebeling, who talked about how nothing was impossible. After departing the sessions, the students went to Beasley's Orchard and learned about the process of making and selling apples. Due to weather, the orchard tour was cut short because of rain and the students went to a glow-in-the-dark putt-putt place. After playing putt-putt, the students went to the World's Toughest Rodeo where they enjoyed watching bull riding, rodeo clowns, and horse riding. On the last day of the convention, the final day of the National Convention trip, the students went ziplining in Louisville, Kentucky before returning back to Van Buren High School. Johnny Farthing reported that "I enjoyed seeing the congregation of thousands of young, motivated high school students with a common goal. The trip was very motivational, and has inspired me to progress further in FFA." All of the students had a great time and all experienced new and exciting things!



Job Interview

By: Emma Geyman, VB FFA Reporter

On November 7, members of the Van Buren FFA attended the sub-district job interview contest. The members attending were Kylie Sonnenberg, Emma Geyman, Sara Rosenberger, Hannah Betts, Johnny Farthing, Abby Thomas, and Adrienne Sortor. At the contest, the students first filled out applications based on a job of their choosing. Then they went through an interviewing process with two judges. Finally, the students wrote follow-up letters about their interview. Many useful life skills were learned from this CDE. Each student was placed in a division based on their grade, or years in FFA. In their divisions, Adrienne placed 9th, Abby placed 5th, Hannah placed 6th, Sara placed 3rd, Kylie placed 11th, Emma placed 3rd, and Johnny placed 2nd. Johnny advanced onto districts and got 2nd at the district level. We are so proud of the members that represented the Van Buren FFA Chapter!



Sports News

All Sports Passes & Season Tickets for 2017-2018

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, make checks payable to school, and mail to this address:
Van Buren High School, c/o Justin Slauterbeck
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 \$20.00 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 *Justin Slauterbeck, Athletic Director *419-299-3254 or *jslauterbeck@vbschools.net.*

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

All-Sports Pass:

Family: _____ @ \$275.00 = \$ _____

Adult: _____ @ \$125.00 = \$ _____

Student: _____ @ \$75.00 = \$ _____

Boys' Basketball Season Tickets (Varsity/JV):

Adult: _____ @ \$66.00 = \$ _____

Student: _____ @ \$44.00 = \$ _____

Girls' Basketball Season Tickets (Varsity/JV):

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 residents 65 & older)

Total enclosed: = \$ _____

Names to be listed on passes: _____

School News

Van Buren Recreation-
al Soccer Registration

is now open for the Spring 2018 Season! Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4 - 15 that live in or attend Van Buren, North Baltimore or Elmwood.

Register online at <http://ohionorth-vbysa.sportsaffinity.com>

Online registration will be open from December 1, 2017, through December 30, 2017. Registrations will only be accepted after December 30, 2017, on an as needed basis, and a \$20 late fee will be assessed.


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- website at
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- [ics.org](http://www.vanburenathletics.org)
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Weather
Announcements

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



January - February Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>** Menu subject to change **</p> <p>31 DECEMBER</p>	<p><i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i></p> <p>1 JANUARY</p> 	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>2</p>	<p>•Chicken Nuggets, Scal- loped Sweet Potatoes, Mandarin Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Enchilada, Mexican Rice, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Freshman Girls Basketball w/ 3 Elmwood, 5:00 PM</p>	<p>•Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chili Mac, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>JV & Var Girls Basketball @ McComb Freshman Boys Basketball w/ McComb, 5:00 PM MS Boys Basketball w/Glenwood MS Girls Basketball @ Glenwood, 4 4:30 PM</p>	<p>•Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Carrots, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Fajita Burrito, Pico de Gallo, Pinto Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Freshman, JV, & Var Boys Basketball w/Liberty Benton, 4:30 PM</p> <p>5</p>	<p>District III HS Honors Festival Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Freshman, JV, & Var Boys Basketball w/Patrick Henry, 4:30 PM Freshman Girls Basketball @ Findlay, 10:00 AM MS Girls Basketball @ Elemwood, 10:00 AM MS Boys Basketball @ Elemwood, 12:30 PM MS Wrestling @ Bearcat Invite Spencerville, 10:00 AM</p> <p>6</p>
<p>Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5)</p> <p>Italicized Print - MS & HS Menu (6-12)</p> <p>District III HS Honors Festival Jazz Rehearsal @ Elida HS, 2:00 - 5:00 PM</p> <p>7</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Breadstick, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>8th Grade Girls Basketball w/ Vanlue Music Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Fine Arts Wing</p> <p>8</p>	<p>•French Toast Sticks, Scrambled Eggs, Hash- browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken & Dumplings, Mashed Potatoes, Din- ner Roll, Asst. Fruit</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball w/Allen East</p> <p>9</p>	<p>•Sub Sandwich, Celery & Carrots, Asst. Fruit, Cookie, Milk •Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Wrestling @ McComb w/Cory Rawson & Hopewell Loudon, 5:00 PM MS Boys Basketball w/St. Mikes MS Girls Basketball @ St. Mikes MS Wrestling @ McComb w/CR & HL, 5:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, 10 Allen Twp. Center</p>	<p>•Corn Dog, Sweet Potato Tots, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Rib Sandwich, Baked Beans, Candied Yams, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball @ LB Freshman Boys Basketball w/ Elmwood Board of Education Organizational, Budget, and regular meeting 6:30 PM, Community Room</p> <p>11</p>	<p>•Pizza Bagels, Broccoli & Cheese Casserole, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Broccoli & Cheese Pocket, Corn, Cherry Tomatoes, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>End of 1st Semester</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball @ CR District III OMEA HS Honors Jazz Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert 12 HS, 5:00 - 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Freshman, JV, & Var Boys Basketball w/Marion Pleasant, 4:00 PM Var Wrestling @ Spartan Invite Lima, 10:00 AM MS Wrestling @ Chuck Mason Fostoria Invite, 8:30 AM District III OMEA HS Honors Choir & Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p> <p>13</p>
<p>OMEA District III HS Music Festival at Niswonger Performing Arts Center, (Van Wert MS/HS Campus) 3:00 P.M.</p> <p>14</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>15</p>	<p>•Chicken Patty, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Hamburgers, Super Salad, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball @ Eastwood</p> <p>16</p>	<p>•Teriyaki Chicken, Broccoli, Fortune Cookie, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Beef & Noodles, Mash-ed Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball w/McComb Freshman Girls Basketball @ Kenton, 5:00 PM MS Wrestling @ Elmwood w/Lakota, 4:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 313, 7:00 PM, 17 Allen Twp Center</p>	<p>•Cheese Pizza, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Buffalo Chicken Tacos, Curly Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Academic Boosters - 2:00 PM, Community Room MS Girls Basketball w/Leipsic, 6:00 PM</p> <p>18</p>	<p>•BBQ Beef Sandwich, Cheesy Lentil Bake, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Grilled Cheese, Soup, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:00 PM for Inservice</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball @ Lima Central Catholic Var Wrestling - Van Buren Invite, 19 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Var Wrestling - Van Buren Invitational, 10:00 AM HS District III OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Lima Sr HS, TBA</p> <p>20</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>21</p>	<p>•Pizza Sandwich, Cherry Tomatoes, Brownie, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Cordon Bleu, Risotto, Peas, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>MS Boys Basketball w/ North Baltimore MS Girls Basketball @ North Baltimore</p> <p>22</p>	<p>•Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Breadstick, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Tacos, Mexican Cole- slaw, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>VB PTO meeting, - 8:00 AM, Elem Cafe Var Girls Basketball @ Lima Perry MS Boys Basketball @ PG MS Girls Basketball w/PG</p> <p>23</p>	<p>•Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Asst. Fruit, Milk •BBQ Chicken Sand- wich, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp Center</p> <p>24</p>	<p>•Sloppy Joe, Taco Salad, Frog Muffin, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Meatball Subs, Cucum- ber Salad, Spice Cake, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball w/PGilboa Freshman Boys Basketball @ PG MS Boys Basketball @ New Riegel MS Girls Basketball w/New Riegel</p> <p>25</p>	<p>•Ham & Cheese Bagel, Potato Wedges, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Cheese Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball @ Hopewell Loudon Var Wrestling @ St. Marys Central Catholic Duals, 2:00 PM</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Freshman, JV, & Var Boys Basketball @ Bluffton, 4:30 PM Var Wrestling @ St. Marys Central Catholic Duals, 9:00 AM</p> <p>27</p>
<p>This institute is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</p> <p>28</p>	<p>•Fiestada Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Cowboy Tacos, Chips, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>MS Boys Basketball @ Arlington MS Girls Basketball w/Arlington</p> <p>29</p>	<p>•Goulash, Peas, Bread & Butter, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Patty, Sweet Potato Tots, Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Freshman Girls Basketball w/ Kenton, 5:00 PM MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, TBA</p> <p>30</p>	<p>•Tacos, Chips & Salsa, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Beefy Burrito, Chips & Salsa, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, TBA Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>31</p>	<p>•Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Hamburgers, Waffle Fries, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball @ North Baltimore Freshman Boys Basketball @ Columbus Grove</p> <p>1 FEBRUARY</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, 3-Bean Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball w/Pandora Gilboa</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Var Wrestling @ Gene Kimmet Tourney - Tiffin, 9:00 AM Var Girls Basketball w/Tiffin Calvert, 1:00 PM MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, TBA MS Wrestling @ 34th Annual Elida Invite, 10:00 AM</p> <p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>•BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Coleslaw, Cucumbers, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Gyro, Spinach Pie, Greek Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>MS Boys Basketball @ Leipsic Athletic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Community Room</p> <p>5</p>	<p>•Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Toast, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hash- browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball w/Miller City</p> <p>6</p>	<p>•Pizza Rolls, Tator Tots, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Pizza Rolls w/Mari- nara, Corn, Cherry Tomatoes, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, TBA Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>7</p>	<p>•Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Baked Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Shredded Chicken, French Fries, Baked Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball w/Arlington Freshman Boys Basketball @ Arlington Board of Education meeting 7:00 PM, Community Room</p> <p>8</p>	<p>•Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad w/Crackers, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Fettuccine Alfredo, Broccoli, Breadstick, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball @ Leipsic</p> <p>9</p>	<p>MS Girls Basketball @ CR - BVC Tourney, TBA</p> <p>10</p>

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Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 1:00 P.M.

Christmas Break

Wednesday - Tuesday

December 20, 2017 - January 2, 2018

School Resumes

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

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Monday, January 15, 2018

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Monday, February 19, 2018

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