

Knighly News

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HIGH SCHOOL 8th ANNUAL OPENING KNIGHT

Students and parents are invited to attend Opening Knight on Monday, August 27, 2007. Students may pick up their schedules after school fees have been paid and pictures taken using the schedule listed below. If for some reason, you are unable to attend on August 27, you will need to pick up your schedule on the first day of classes, Tuesday, September 4, 2007. Students will not be permitted to pick up schedules for their friends. All schedules within one family may be picked up at the same time. Since school pictures will also be taken at this time, students need to wear appropriate school clothing.

6:30 Seniors and Juniors and parents report to the east doors by the band room to get pictures taken, pay school fees, and pick up schedules.

Seniors (ID Cards only) and Juniors will have pictures taken in room 133 (Special Needs classroom) and then move to room 132 (Choir room) to pay school fees and get their schedules.

Parents will socialize/tour the building (refreshments available in the auditorium lobby).

7:30 Question & answer opportunity with all Senior and Junior parents in the auditorium.

7:30 Sophomores and Freshmen and their parents report to the east doors by the band room to get pictures taken, pay school fees, and pick up schedules.

Both groups will have pictures taken in room 133 (Special Needs classroom) and then move to room 132 (Choir room) to pay school fees and get their schedules.

Parents will socialize/tour the building (refreshments available in the auditorium lobby).

8:30 Question & answer opportunity with all Sophomore and Freshman parents in the auditorium.

VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade Orientation/Open House for parents and students will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. During this Orientation/Open House students and their parents will have the opportunity to do the following:

- Get school pictures taken (Please be sure student is dressed in appropriate school attire - ALL students will have their picture taken for school identification purposes.)
- Pay school fees
- Receive student schedule and locker assignment
- Process Medical Authorization, Procedure Card, and Technology Form
- Visit your child's classrooms and meet the teachers

All students and parents need to enter the building through the east doors near the baseball diamond. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

6th Graders	7th & 8th Graders
6:00 P.M. Pictures/Fees - rooms 133 & 132	6:45 P.M. Pictures/Fees - rooms 133 & 132
6:45 P.M. Meeting - auditorium	7:15 P.M. Meeting #1 - auditorium
	OR
7:10 P.M. Meet & Greet - classrooms	7:30 P.M. Meeting #2 - auditorium Meet & Greet following the meeting you attend.

Refreshments will be available between each of the above sessions in the auditorium lobby.

Van Buren Elementary Parents Association OPEN HOUSE Monday, August 27, 2007 — 6:30 - 8:00 PM

You will be able to meet the teachers, drop off supplies, pay student fees, apply money to lunch cards (remember the cafeteria will be strictly cashless), and so much more! We hope to see everyone there. Please call Krissy Kern @ 419-299-1263 with questions.

THE VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Van Buren School District, a highly-progressive school with a small school atmosphere, is to guarantee all students a superior education which empowers them to reach their maximum individual potential, to graduate, and to become exemplary citizens, through the instruction and encouragement of a highly-dedicated team, using a challenging curriculum, modern resources, advanced technology, and a sound partnership with the community.

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www.vbschools.net

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Van Buren School Information

	HIGH & MIDDLE SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Beginning Time:	Earliest arrival time is 7:50 A.M. (unless for a scheduled activity) Middle School First Period begins - 8:00 A.M. High School First Period begins - 8:00 A.M.	School begins at 8:00 A.M. ALL students arriving before 7:50 A.M. are to go immediately to the school cafeteria area and remain seated until the 7:55 a.m. There are no special activities scheduled before this hour.
Dismissal Time:	Middle School is at 3:00 P.M. High School is at 3:00 P.M. Students are not to be in the school building after school hours unless they have supervision.	2:55 P.M. If parents are picking up students, please wait for them at places other than classroom doors. Students are not to be in the school building after school hours unless they have supervision.
Cafeteria Prices and Procedures:	\$2.00 For Regular Lunch \$2.25 For the Sandwich Lunch \$0.40 Milk Free & Reduced Price Lunch Applications will be available in the student's handbook. The completed application should be returned to the High School Office for processing.	\$1.75 (K-5) for the Regular Lunch \$0.40 Milk Free & Reduced Price Lunch Applications will be sent home with all elementary students. The completed application should be returned to the Elementary Office.
Class Fees:	High School Class Fees are payable Monday, Aug. 27 at Opening Knight. Middle School Class Fees are payable Tuesday, Aug. 28 at their Open House. Class fees are due by October 3, 2007 - interim report time. If you cannot comply with this time line, please make other arrangements with the High/Middle School Office.	Class fees are due by October 3, 2007 - interim report time. If you cannot comply with this time line, please make other arrangements with the Elementary Office.
	The Board of Education has adopted a policy for Free and Reduced-Price workbook and class fees. Applications will be in the Student Handbook in the high school and will be sent home with students in the elementary. Verification of income is needed for approval.	
Appropriate Dress:	This is addressed in the Student Handbook. Some of the inappropriate dress includes: (1) Garments with words, designs, or patches that are obscene, disrespectful or suggestive which refer to sex, alcohol, tobacco, or drugs (including advertisements of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs); (2) Clothing that exposes the midriff, cleavage, and/or backless attire; Shirts/tops should be worn so that no cleavage is visible; (3) Tank tops or other shirts not complying with school dress code may be worn under shirts that do comply with the dress code. Shirts containing less than a three inch band from collar to the shoulders will be considered unacceptable; (4) All shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. shall be at least mid-thigh length or longer. Shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. that are "slit" above mid-thigh are also unacceptable. Mid-thigh length is defined as the midpoint of the area from the top of the inseam to the top of the knee.	
Absence Notification Policy	If your child is ill (or for any other reason) and will not be attending school, CALL THE SCHOOL between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 8:30 A.M. Lack of information from you, the parent, may necessitate a MISSING CHILD REPORT. Call the High/Middle School at 299-3384 and the Elementary at 299-3416 .	
Dr. / Dentist Appointments:	If your child has an appointment, advance notice from you, the parent, as to date, time, and place will assure ready pick-up at the school. Please indicate pick up time. Middle school and high school students must sign in and out in the High School Office. Elementary office must be notified when an elementary student is picked up.	
Weather Announcements:	Tune to WFIN, WKXA, WIMJ, WBVI, or WQTL for weather announcements. Should weather favor us with unseasonable climatic conditions, announcements will be made to accommodate those variances.	
Busing:	Temporary changes in busing may be arranged by sending a note from a parent to the Principal's Office for approval. Permission will be granted for family emergencies, for babysitting purposes, or if parents are out of town and the student is staying with another family. This note needs to be approved as early in the day as possible so the appropriate driver can be notified of this change. If you have questions, please call the Elementary at 299-3416 or the High/Middle School offices at 299-3384.	
Parking:	Due to the limited parking available; students driving to school must complete a Parking Permit Application and turn it into the High School Office.	

School News

SCHOOL BUS PROCEDURES

Parents, please review the following procedures with your children. It is important that they know in detail what is expected of them when they ride a school bus.

School bus transportation should be regarded as a privilege, which will be kept by students only as long as they behave responsibly. All bus students must abide by the following rules at all times if they wish to maintain the privilege of riding on the bus:

- **The bus driver is the adult authority on the bus. He/she is in charge.**
- **Silence must be maintained while a bus is crossing railroad tracks.**
- **Be courteous to others. Cursing, teasing, etc. cannot be tolerated.**
- **No eating or drinking on the bus.**
- **Please help keep the bus clean. Don't throw paper or other objects.**
- **You must stay in your seat at all times.**
- **Do not extend anything outside a school bus window.**
- **No smoking. Do not bring matches on a school bus.**
- **Please do not mark on or damage seats.**
- **No fighting.**
- **This is not an all-inclusive list of inappropriate behaviors. If students use good common sense, they will not have worry about being disciplined.**

School bus drivers must use appropriate disciplinary measures to maintain order and safety on the buses. However, when student misbehavior is so inappropriate, as determined by the driver, that it is a threat to order and safety, a formal set of discipline procedures will be followed.

FIRST OFFENSE

A written report will be submitted to the appropriate school principal. A copy will be placed in the student's file. A copy may also be mailed to the parent. The principal may also hold a conference with the student and parent.

SECOND OFFENSE

The student's seat may be reassigned by the driver. A telephone contact with the parent will be made by the driver and/or principal. Documentation of the incident will be placed in the student's file. Bus riding privileges could be stopped for a period of time, and other disciplinary measures including detention, suspension, and/or expulsion could be used.

THIRD OFFENSE, ETC.

Bus riding privileges will be stopped for a period of time determined by the principal. Other serious disciplinary actions could also be taken.

School Parking Lot Entrance, Exit, and Parking

Just a reminder of the changes that were made to the traffic patterns at the school last year. The south entrance to the front parking lot (near the elementary building) will be an entrance only with all vehicles exiting the school at the north end of the parking lot at the traffic light. The only exception to this will be that school busses will be exiting from the south entrance because of the difficulty of maneuvering them through the parking lot and the congestion that they would create at the north exit. All other vehicles will be required to enter by the south entrance and exit by the north traffic light.

The areas around the island between the two buildings and along the north side of the building surrounding the stadium are 'no parking' areas due to fire lanes. Please be aware that the Sheriff's department will be patrolling these areas from time to time and ticketing and possibly towing vehicles in these areas. In the past there were times when it was difficult to navigate a small car through these areas, let alone the need for a fire truck or emergency vehicle to get through these areas.

Unfortunately, we do not have a lot of wide open space in front of our buildings. Busses, parents dropping off and picking up their children, and high school students driving their own vehicles must share the same space. It is important that elementary parents picking up and dropping off their children do so as quickly and safely as possible. This will allow a smooth flow of traffic and alleviate congestion at the entrance in the mornings, and will allow elementary parents to exit from the north exit prior to the high school students entering the parking lot, and relieving congestion in the afternoons. The north exit is two lanes. This will allow cars to exit and turn to the right and to the left onto the main road at the same time. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARENTS: IMPORTANT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ALERT

HELP US PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Certain types of children's clothing can create a hazard as your child gets off the school bus. Especially dangerous are:

- Long, dangling jacket or sweatshirt drawstrings
- Long backpack straps
- Long scarves or other loose clothing

Such clothing can be caught in the bus handrail, door, or other equipment as the child gets off the bus.

In recent years, a number of children across the U.S. have had their clothing caught as they exited the bus.

Several of these children were dragged by the bus and then killed when the bus ran over them.

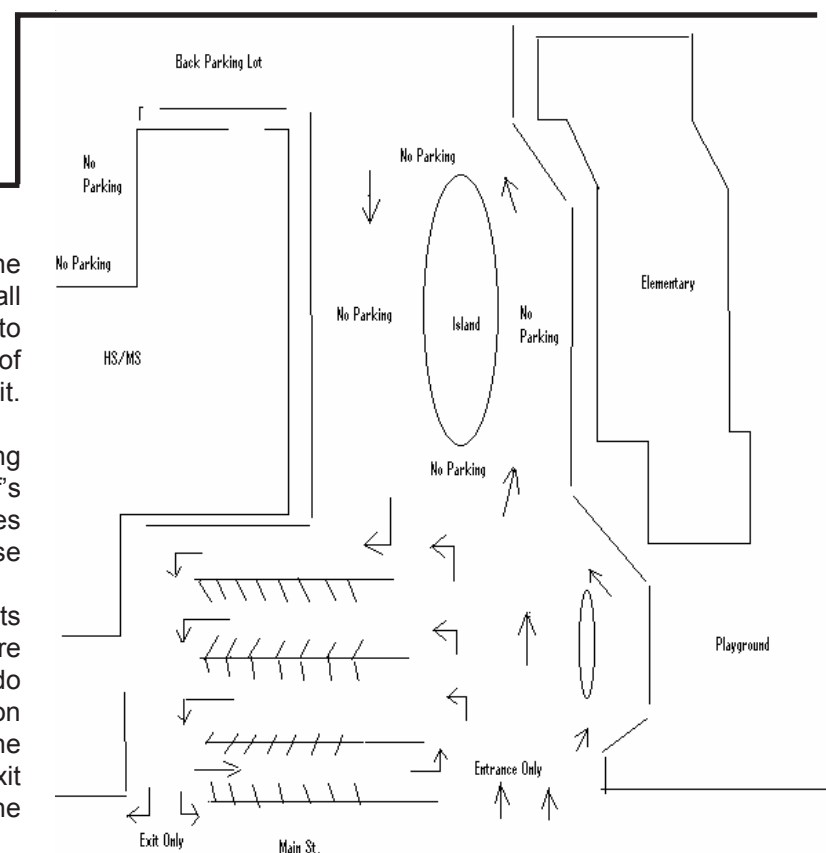
Please take the time to check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe.

Also, please talk with your child about the following safety rules.

- Stay away from the Danger Zones around the bus.
- Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus - the bus driver might not see you.
- Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus - use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT - NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN A CHILD'S LIFE.

Courtesy of the Pupil Transportation Safety Institute
1-800-836-2210



Superintendent

Message from the Superintendent

Summer is ending and the new school year is about to begin. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer season. Several changes have taken place this summer. We have added additional staff to meet the increases in our student enrollment and we have made several facility improvements.

We are adding a new section of kindergarten and an additional class at the 4th grade level this year. These increases have also led to an additional part-time music teacher at the elementary level. If our student numbers continue to increase we may be looking at additional staffing at the middle school and high school levels in the near future.

We have created a new position at the secondary level which will encompass the duties of athletic director along with those of a student activities director and a facilities manager. It is our belief that this position will lessen the conflicts that students encounter when they are involved in more than one extracurricular activity and will improve the utilization of our facilities, both in-house and by the community, by having one position overseeing their utilization.

A special thank you goes out to both the athletic boosters and the elementary parents association. The athletic boosters have purchased a new scoreboard for the football stadium, and the elementary parents association has helped with the purchase of a school sign and message board. The new scoreboard makes a great addition to our stadium and is installed and ready for our first football game. The new school sign is scheduled to arrive in mid-September. I would also like to thank the Van Buren Lions Club who has volunteered to help install the new sign when it arrives.

Additional paving has been laid at the entrance of the football stadium and around to the home bleachers making accessibility easier. A new entrance is being installed to the high school/middle school office which will provide improved safety and security for the students and staff, and two roofs are scheduled for repairs before the onset of bad weather.

This will be an important year for the Van Buren Schools. Work will begin on a strategic plan which will set a direction for our school and its future. While our school has proven to be a quality educational setting, it is important that we develop a clear understanding of the needs, perceptions, and desires of the students, parents, and community if we are to outline goals and plans so that we can continue to serve our students and our community. Many of you may be asked to serve on various committees or to provide input to members of these committees as we develop this plan. Your thoughts and commitment are vital to the success of this endeavor. Please let me or any School Board member aware of your desire to help with this project.

On a final note, you are by now aware that our state report card standing has changed to "effective". If you examine our scores, our change in scores was minimal, but sufficient to change our standing. You can be sure that the staff and administration will be working hard this year to reclaim our "excellent" rating. Knowing the pride that our staff and community has felt over our "excellent" ratings for the previous two years, and knowing the talents and dedication of our staff, I am confident that student success will continue to be a priority of the Van Buren School District.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND – FEDERAL LAW REQUIREMENT

Parent Notification by District: If a district receives Title I funds, notification must be sent to parents informing them of the right to request information on the qualifications of their child's teacher. The district must provide (if requested) the following:

- Whether the teacher has met the certification requirements of the state.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher in the field or discipline of his or her certificate or degree.
- Whether or not the child is provided service by a paraprofessional and, if so, his or her qualifications.

School News

MS/HS Library

Here are a few reminders about our Middle School/High School Library:

We will be OPEN during the Middle School and High School Opening Knight programs. Parents and students are invited to browse and students may check out books.

INFOhio continues to be a valuable resource for students, teachers and parents! The electronic resources collection includes *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *Access Science*, *The Art Collection*, *American National Biography*, *Ebsco* (which offers databases for all ages), *SIRS Discoverer* (for grades K-8), two Spanish language encyclopedias, a digital video collection, and many others. All of these are available to all students, teachers, and parents in Ohio. A username and password are required for home access. We can't publish these in the newsletter, but they are available in the library and from most classroom teachers. You can also email me (lteaman@vbschools.net), and I'll send them to you. Access INFOhio through the library's website (www.vbschools.net/hslib) or directly at www.infohio.org. Please watch the article links on the school's web site for more information on INFOhio and other library programs.

New students: Please stop in to the library for a tour once school starts or, if it's more convenient, visit our Library Orientation site on "Duke," the school's intranet site.

Finally, our library's circulation continues to increase (a very good thing), while the price of books continues to climb (not so good). You can help us augment our book budget by saving Boxtops for Education and sending them in with your child. Thanks!

Louise Teaman, Library Media Specialist

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF THE CLASS OF 2008: The yearbook staff needs to have all senior and baby pictures that you would like to have appear in the 2008 yearbook submitted by **Monday, November 19**. The staff encourages you to have your picture taken this summer so that you will have your pictures back in plenty of time before they are due. If your schedule does not permit you to get the pictures taken over the summer, please try to schedule an appointment for September so that your pictures will hopefully be back to you by the deadline. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing everyone's pictures in the 2008 *Knight*.

Elementary School Fees	
Kindergarten	\$20.00
Grades 1-5	\$40.00

Release of Student Names to the Military

We are now REQUIRED by law to release the names and addresses of all students in grades 10-12 to any military branch that requests them. We must do this unless you contact the high school office **in writing** by Friday, September 14, 2007, that you do NOT want your child's name given out. Without your letter stating that you do not want your child's name released, we MUST give all names and addresses out.

School Information

Van Buren Music Department News

VB Marching Band Presents "Mask of Zorro"

The Black Knight Marching Band will kick off the fall marching season on August 24 at the VB/Evergreen football game. The band's competition show this year features the music from the hit movie, "The Mask of Zorro." The band will perform at the Hancock County Fair Band Show on Wednesday August 29, and at the VB/McComb game on August 31.

The marching band will have 53 performers this year, including a seven-member flag corps, ten percussion, and 35 winds. The band plans to attend Ohio Music Education Association marching band competitions on September 22 (Columbus Grove 4p), September 29 (Maumee 5p), October 13 (Sandusky Perkins 5p) and possibly October 20 (Swanton 5p). Starting times of the contest are listed; we don't know our performance time until 2 weeks prior.

Before-school marching band practices will begin on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through the marching season.

New Equipment Truck & Sousaphones this Fall!

Due to the generosity of the Van Buren Board of Education and the Van Buren Music Boosters, the music department has an updated equipment truck for use by the band, choir, and show choir. Van Buren logos and lettering were done by Cramer Signs. Also, the marching band has three rebuilt sousaphones on the field for this season—a great addition to our instrumental program. Many thanks to the Van Buren Schools and the Music Boosters for these important investments!

Fifth Grade Band Parent Meeting

A meeting for parents of fifth graders who are interested in joining the fifth grade band this year will be held on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary classroom. Information about the band, how to acquire an instrument, and other information will be provided. If a student is interested and parents cannot attend the meeting, contact Mr. Eakin at 419-299-3385 x 413 or at reakin@vbschools.net.

Schedule Change for Spring Middle School Concert

Due to the eighth grade trip to Washington DC, the Middle School Choir and Band concert will be moved ahead one week to Thursday, May 22, 2008. Please make this change on your Music Department Calendar.

Music Department Calendars Available

Anyone who did not receive a Music Department Calendar at the spring concerts may pick one up at either First Knight event or from Mr. Eakin and Mr. Vaughn in the music rooms. The information is also available online at the Van Buren Schools website (vbschools.net).

High School and Middle School Band to March Findlay Halloween Parade

The combined high school and middle school bands will march in costume at the Findlay Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 23. Be sure to be part of this fun civic activity!

Marching Band Awards Banquet

The marching band award banquet will be on Monday, October 29, 2007, at 6:15 P.M. in the high school cafeteria. Each family is asked to bring a hot and cold dish to share, one liter of drink, and place setting. After the banquet, awards (serious and not-so-serious) will be presented.

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The Findlay Rotary Club

Through the Golden Apple Program, Findlay Rotary is looking for outstanding teachers in Findlay and Hancock County to be recognized for their work.

Please help promote the achievements of all teachers by nominating an excellent classroom teacher for these awards. Complete the nomination form and submit by Nov. 1

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Plays Fair.
Inspires wonder..

Please mail Nomination Form to:
Findlay Rotary
P O Box 554
Findlay, OH 45839-0554
or email information to:
admin@findlayrotary.org

Golden Apple Nomination Form

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher's Grade Level taught and/or subject: _____

Teacher's School: _____

Teacher's School Address: _____

Teacher's School Phone Number: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Relationship to Nominator:
 Student
 Former Student
 Parent of Student
 Teacher/Staff
 Administrator
 Other: _____

Please describe the positive impact this teacher has had on the life of a specific student.
 One attached sheet is permitted to accompany this nomination form.
 Forms are also available online at findlayrotary.org. You may email the information to: admin@findlayrotary.org

Knightly News Deadlines

So you will have an idea as to when to submit articles for the *Knightly News*, please keep the following information available for quick reference as you write your newsletter articles.

Submit Articles to Terri Barker in the Superintendent's Office ON OR BEFORE:

Friday, September 28, 2007
 Friday, October 26, 2007
 Friday, November 30, 2007
 Friday, January 18, 2008
 Friday, February 22, 2008
 Friday, April 11, 2008
 Friday, May 9, 2008
 Friday, June 6, 2008

Proposed Mailing Date of Newsletter:

Thursday, October 11, 2007
 Thursday, November 8, 2007
 Thursday, December 13, 2007
 Thursday, January 31, 2008
 Thursday, March 6, 2008
 Thursday, April 24, 2008
 Thursday, May 22, 2008
 Thursday, June 19, 2008

If you need pictures taken to accompany your article, please contact Mrs. Barker so that arrangements can be made. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Barker at 299-3578.

First Day of School is Tuesday, September 4, 2007 — Welcome Back

Sport News

All Sports Passes & Season Tickets for 2007-2008

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 does not include the Van Buren Wrestling Invitational or the Freshman Boy's Basketball Tourney). These passes are non-transferable. The family members, upon purchasing the passes, will have their names put on a pass. Passes must be present to enter the event. It does not matter how many members are in the family...the cost will be the same for the family pass: \$185.00.

1. FAMILY PASS - \$185. 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 - \$50. General admission for any student, grades 1-12 to all home athletic contests, junior high through varsity.
3. ADULT ALL SPORTS PASS - \$100. General admission for one adult to all home athletic contests, junior high through varsity.
4. SEASON FOOTBALL PASS - \$25/ADULT, \$20/STUDENT. General admission to all five home varsity football games.
5. SEASON GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PASS - \$35/ADULT, \$28/STUDENT. General admission for all home girls' varsity volleyball games.
6. SEASON SOCCER PASS - \$45/ADULT, \$36/STUDENT. General admission for all home soccer games.
7. SEASON BOYS BASKETBALL PASS - \$50/ADULT, \$40/STUDENT. General admission for all home boys' varsity basketball games.
8. SEASON GIRLS BASKETBALL PASS - \$45/ADULT, \$36/STUDENT. General admission for all home girls' varsity basketball games.

NOTES:

1. You may order your passes by filling out the following application and mailing to this address:
(Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope)
Van Buren High School c/o Randy Ebling
217 South Main Street
Van Buren, Ohio 45889
2. Senior Citizens - Van Buren School residents, 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. Thank you.
4. If you want a Family All Sports Pass and still reserve basketball seats, it will be an additional \$12.50 per seat.
5. If you have any questions, please call the athletic department at (419) 299-3384 ext. 305.

Name: _____
Address: _____

All-Sports Pass :

Family: _____ @ \$185.00 = \$ _____
Adult: _____ @ \$100.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$50.00 = \$ _____

Names to be listed on passes:

Football Season Tickets:

Adult: _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____
Total: = \$ _____

Soccer Season Tickets:

Adult: _____ @ \$45.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$36.00 = \$ _____
Total: = \$ _____

Volleyball Season Tickets:

Adult: _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____
Total: = \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Van Buren Local Schools**

Mail to: Van Buren Local School
Attn: Randy Ebling, Athletic Director
217 S. Main Street, Van Buren, OH 45889

Booster News

2007-2008 VB Athletic Booster Drive

PURPOSE: To add to the financial base of all Van Buren High School and Middle School athletic programs and create an atmosphere of cooperation and friendship among those who support the student-athletes and cheerleaders in our community.

The Athletic Department provides basic equipment necessary for each sport and the players' uniforms. Your contribution to the Athletic Boosters helps provide the "extras" for our athletes.

2006-2007 was a great year for the Athletic Boosters as we were able to FUND projects such as: a new scoreboard for the football stadium, a shed for girl's softball, weight room equipment, volleyball training equipment, and many other "extras" for our Black Knights sports programs.

In addition, The Boosters provide \$25 per each high school athlete and \$10 per each middle school athlete in every sport to be used towards the teams' expense budget. The Boosters also award \$500 scholarships to one male and one female graduating VB senior student-athlete.

MEMBERSHIP: Any contribution entitles you to a Booster membership. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Contributors' names will appear in the programs sold at home football and basketball games, unless otherwise specified. Memberships are as follows:

- \$50.00 or more - Honorary Knight**
- \$20.00-\$49.99 - Super Booster**
- \$10.00-\$19.99 Black & Orange Booster**
- Less than \$10 - Regular Booster**

If we missed you during our door-to-door portion of the Drive to be included in the football program, you may still contribute by completing this form and your name will appear in the winter program.

Booster member name: _____

(Please print neatly. This is how your name(s) will appear in the winter program.)

Your address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Please make checks payable to: VAN BUREN ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Mail to: Cindi Grant
4217 County Road 220
Findlay, Ohio 45840

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



Sport News

2007 VAN BUREN BLACK KNIGHT FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES



2007 Varsity Football

Fri. Aug. 17	Hopewell Loudon (scrim)	A	5:00
Fri. Aug. 24	Evergreen	H	7:30
Fri. Aug. 31	McComb	H	7:30
Fri. Sept. 7	Arcadia	A	7:30
Fri. Sept. 14	Leipsic	H	7:30
Fri. Sept. 21	Cory Rawson	A	7:30
Fri. Sept. 28	Hardin Northern	A	7:30
Fri. Oct. 5	Pandora Gilboa (HC)	H	7:30
Fri. Oct. 12	Liberty Benton	H	7:30
Fri. Oct. 19	Arlington	A	7:30
Fri. Oct. 26	Vanlue	A	7:30

2007 JV Football

Sat. Sept. 1	McComb	A	10:00
Sat. Sept. 8	Arcadia	H	10:00
Sat. Sept. 15	Leipsic	A	10:00
Sat. Sept. 22	Cory Rawson	H	10:00
Sat. Sept. 29	Hardin Northern	H	10:00
Sat. Oct. 6	Pandora Gilboa	A	10:00
Sat. Oct. 13	Liberty Benton	A	10:00
Sat. Oct. 20	Arlington	H	10:00

2007 Middle School Football

Thurs. Aug. 30	McComb	A	5:00
Thurs. Sept. 6	Arcadia	H	5:00
Thurs. Sept. 13	Leipsic	A	5:00
Thurs. Sept. 20	Cory Rawson	H	5:00
Thurs. Sept. 27	Hardin Northern	H	5:00
Thurs. Oct. 4	Pandora Gilboa	A	5:00
Thurs. Oct. 11	Liberty Benton	A	5:00



2007 Golf Season

Mon. Aug. 13	Marysville Invite	A	TBA
Mon. Aug. 13	Fostoria Invitational	A	9:00
Tues. Aug. 14	Rossford Inv (JV)	A	7:30
Tues. Aug. 14	LB Invite	A	9:00
Wed. Aug. 15	Kalida Invite	A	8:00
Wed. Aug. 15	Woodmore Inv.	A	8:00
Thurs. Aug. 16	Seneca East Inv	A	8:00
Fri. Aug. 17	Genoa JV Classic by the Bay	A	9:00
Fri. Aug. 17	Celina Invite	A	8:30
Mon. Aug. 20	Calvert Invite	A	9:00
Mon. Aug. 20	Allen East Invite (JV)	A	9:00
Tues. Aug. 21	Allen East Invite (JV)	A	9:00
Wed. Aug. 22	Arlington	A	4:30
Thurs. Aug. 23	Bluffton w/CR	A	4:30
Sat. Aug. 25	Genoa Classic (JV)	A	11:00
Wed. Aug. 29	Calvert & Fremont St. Joe	H	4:00
Sat. Sept. 1	Celina Senior HS	H	1:00
Sat. Sept. 8	Black Knight Classic	H	12:30
Tues. Sept. 11	McComb	H	4:30
Wed. Sept. 12	Arcadia	H	4:30
Sat. Sept. 15	NB Tiger Invite (JV)	A	8:00
Sat. Sept. 15	Genoa Invite	A	11:00
Sat. Sept. 15	Findlay Invite	A	12:00
Wed. Sept. 19	BVC Tournament	A	8:00

2007 Cross Country

Tues. Aug. 21	UpperSandusky Invite	A	5:15
Thurs. Aug. 30	Riverdale (w/MS)	A	5:00
Sat. Sept. 1	Columbus Grove Invite	A	9:00
Sat. Sept. 8	Tiffin Carnival	A	TBA
Thurs. Sept. 13	Carey Run	A	5:00
Sat. Sept. 15	Lakota Invite	A	9:30
Tues. Sept. 18	Old Fort Invite	A	4:15
Sat. Sept. 29	Bettsville Invite	A	8:30
Wed. Oct. 3	Elmwood	A	4:00
Sat. Oct. 6	Fostoria Invite	A	9:00
Sat. Oct. 20	District (Terra Comm College)	A	TBA

2007 Varsity/JV Volleyball

Tues. Aug. 28	Upper Scioto Valley	A	6:00
Thurs. Aug. 30	North Baltimore	H	6:00
Tues. Sept. 4	Tiffin Calvert	A	6:00
Wed. Sept. 5	Arlington	H	6:00
Sat. Sept. 8	Carey w/Col Grove	A	10:00
Sat. Sept. 8	ColGrove w/Carey (JV)	A	10:00
Mon. Sept. 10	Vanlue	H	6:00
Wed. Sept. 12	McComb	A	6:00
Sat. Sept. 15	Elmwd w/St. Wend (Var)	A	10:00
Sat. Sept. 15	St. Wend w/Elmwd (JV)	A	10:00
Wed. Sept. 19	Hardin Northern	H	6:00
Thurs. Sept. 20	Kalida	A	6:00
Sat. Sept. 22	Cory Rawson Inv.	A	10:00
Mon. Sept. 24	Arcadia	H	6:00
Wed. Sept. 26	Leipsic	A	6:00
Thurs. Sept. 27	Bettsville	A	6:00
Mon. Oct. 1	Cory Rawson	H	6:00
Wed. Oct. 3	Pandora Gilboa	A	6:00
Mon. Oct. 8	Perry	H	6:00
Wed. Oct. 10	Liberty Benton	A	6:00
Sat. Oct. 13	Miller City Invite (JV)	A	9:00

2007 Freshman Volleyball

Thurs. Aug. 30	North Baltimore	H	5:00
Tues. Sept. 11	Liberty Benton	H	5:00
Thurs. Sept. 20	Liberty Benton	A	5:00
Mon. Sept. 24	Arcadia	H	5:00
Wed. Sept. 26	Leipsic	A	5:00
Mon. Oct. 1	St. Wendelin	H	5:00
Wed. Oct. 3	Pandora Gilboa	A	4:30
Tues. Oct. 9	Arlington	A	5:00
Sat. Oct. 13	Leipsic Invitational	A	9:00
Wed. Oct. 17	Leipsic	H	5:00

2007 Varsity Soccer

Sat. Aug. 25	Kalida (Var/JV)	H	1:00
Tues. Aug. 28	Ottoville (Var/JV)	A	5:30
Thurs. Aug. 30	Cory Rawson	H	5:00
Thurs. Sept. 6	Upper Sandusky (Var/JV)	A	5:00
Tues. Sept. 11	Pandora Gilboa	A	5:00
Thurs. Sept. 13	Ada (Var/JV)	H	5:00
Sat. Sept. 15	Bryan	H	2:00
Tues. Sept. 18	Fort Jennings (Var/JV)	A	5:00
Thurs. Sept. 20	Tiffin Calvert	H	5:00
Sat. Sept. 22	Columbian (Var/JV)	H	9:30
Tues. Sept. 25	Miller City (Var/JV)	H	5:00
Thurs. Sept. 27	Old Fort	A	5:00
Tues. Oct. 2	Bluffton (Var/JV)	H	5:00
Thurs. Oct. 4	Riverdale (Var/JV)	H	5:00
Wed. Oct. 10	Liberty Benton	A	5:00
Thurs. Oct. 11	Mohawk	A	5:00

2007 Middle School Volleyball

Wed. Sept. 5	Arlington	A	4:30
Mon. Sept. 10	Vanlue	A	5:00
Wed. Sept. 12	McComb	H	5:00
Mon. Sept. 17	St. Wendelin	A	5:00
Tues. Sept. 18	North Baltimore	H	5:00
Wed. Sept. 19	Hardin Northern	A	5:00
Mon. Sept. 24	Arcadia	A	5:00
Wed. Sept. 26	Leipsic	H	5:00
Sat. Sept. 29	Van Buren Invite	H	9:00
Mon. Oct. 1	Cory Rawson	A	5:00
Wed. Oct. 3	Pandora Gilboa	H	5:00
Thurs. Oct. 4	Hopewell Loudon	H	5:00
Wed. Oct. 10	Liberty Benton	H	5:00

Attention First - Fifth Grade Students

The high school cheerleaders will be hosting a Fall Cheerleading Clinic to be held on **Thursday, September 13**, with the option to cheer at the varsity home football game on **September 14** against **Leipsic**. Look for information to come home the first week of school!

WHEN CALLING THE SCHOOL, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS:

By using these numbers, your call should be handled much faster.

HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL - 299-3384	BUS GARAGE - 299-3052
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 299-3416	SUPERINTENDENT - 299-3578
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT - 299-3384 X 305	TREASURER - 299-3863

The Van Buren High School

2007 Homecoming Chicken Barbecue

The Van Buren High School 2007 Homecoming Chicken Barbecue sponsored by the sophomore class will be held on Friday, October 5, 2007! It will be served prior to the Homecoming game between 4:30-6:30 P.M. The total cost of the meal will be \$7.00, and will consist of:

1/2 Barbecued Chicken

Cole Slaw **Augratin Potatoes**

Dinner Roll **Beverage** **Homemade Dessert**

Take-out orders will also be available.

To purchase tickets, contact any Van Buren sophomore students or contact Mr. Heitkamp (419-299-3384). Limited tickets will be available at the door.

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

Sports News

Congratulations VB U-10 Fast Pitch Softball Team

The U-10 fast pitch softball team took 2nd place in their league (Fostoria) to Findlay, and 2nd place in the end of season tournament also to Findlay. This is the first year of fast pitch at this age level for VB, and these kids did a fantastic job of representing the school. The coaches and girls all were a great example to the other teams in the way they handled themselves on and off the field and in general sportsmanship. Not all of the teams that we played were very nice or displayed good sportsmanship.

Their combined (regular and tourney) game record was 14 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie.



Front Row: Coach Paul Schmelzer, Olivia Sattler, Carliee Schmelzer, Erin Neall, Paige Schmelzer, Emily Anderberry, Kristin Conner, Head Coach Dave Sattler. **Back Row:** Lindsey Barchent, Coach Dave Devinentis, Kylie Sturgill, Nicollette Devinentis, Carlie Hertel, Desirae Cooper, Coach Greg Cooper, Katelyn Reinke.

Congratulations to the 2007-2008 Van Buren Cheerleaders

Varsity Football

Brittini Clark
Alyson Combs
Emily Conkle
Brittany Fagan
Bailey Heminger
Holly Kendrick
Silver Viera
Abby Wheeler

Varsity Basketball

Alyson Combs
Emily Conkle
Brittany Fagan
Tayler Finsel
Bailey Heminger
Holly Kendrick
Erika Stacy
Abby Wheeler

MS Football

Sarah Benson
Alexis Clark
Malynn Eaton
Elizabeth Ehrnschwender
Jessica Hammond
Tabitha Lewis
Paige Otto
Jurnee' Siferd
Kayla Sonnenberg
Carly Welch

JV Basketball

Callie Bays
Alexa Frena
Taylor Greenlee
Taylor Miller
Silver Viera

8th Grade Basketball

Kayla Coulter
Elizabeth Ehrnschwender
Tabitha Lewis
Paige Otto
Carly Welch

7th Grade Basketball

Alexis Clark
Cheyenne Harris
Olivia Roberts

Community News

Findlay-Hancock County Public Library Teen Programs

September 6, 13, 20, & 27 - Service Program, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Do you need to complete volunteer service hours for a class or want to build up your resume for future jobs? The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library makes volunteering fun and easy! Drop by the Children's Department after school and stay as long as you like! Volunteers, ages 10 to 16, will be helping the Children's Services Department with a variety of projects.

September 7 - Friday Fun, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Need to unwind from a long week of school? Join us for some Friday Fun! Dance Dance Revolution, board games, puzzles, graffiti table, and more! For grades 6-12. No registration.

September 12 - Super Powers Not Required, 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Come check out our new graphic novel discussion group! Talk about your favorites with other teen fans and help pick a title for the group's October meeting. For grades 6-12. No registration.

September 15 - The Write Stuff, 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. Do you enjoy writing? Come meet with other teens who share your passion! Bring samples of your writing for a friendly critique and have fun with impromptu writing challenges. Our group is open to all teens in grades 6-12 with a desire to share and learn. New members welcome! No registration required.

September 21 - Friday Fun, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Need to unwind from a long week of school? Join us for some Friday Fun! Dance Dance Revolution, board games, puzzles, graffiti table, and more! For grades 6-12. No registration.

September 26 - Tacky Party, 2:30 - 4:00 P.M. You survived the first month of school! Come celebrate at the tackiest party in town. For grades 6-12. No registration.

October 4, 11, 18, & 25 - Service Program, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Do you need to complete volunteer service hours for a class or want to build up your resume for future jobs? The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library makes volunteering fun and easy! Drop by the Children's Department after school and stay as long as you like! Volunteers, ages 10 to 16, will be helping the Children's Services Department with a variety of projects.

October 5 - Friday Fun, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Need to unwind from a long week of school? Join us for some Friday Fun! Dance Dance Revolution, board games, puzzles, graffiti table, and more! For grades 6-12. No registration.

October 10 - Super Powers Not Required, 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Come check out our graphic novel discussion group. The selection for this meeting will be decided during the September meeting. For grades 6-12. No registration.

October 13 - The Write Stuff, 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. Do you enjoy writing? Come meet with other teens who share your passion! Bring samples of your writing for a friendly critique and have fun with impromptu writing challenges. Our group is open to all teens in grades 6-12 with a desire to share and learn. New members welcome! No registration required.

October 19 - Friday Fun, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Need to unwind from a long week of school? Join us for some Friday Fun! Dance Dance Revolution, board games, puzzles, graffiti table, and more! For grades 6-12. No registration.

October 24 - Whose Library is it Anyway, 2:30 - 4:00 P.M. Come join us for an afternoon of laughs with teen created stand up comedy. Audience participation encouraged! No registration. Grades 6-12.

Special Education Students

Special Education Students attending other schools will attend school according to the calendar of the school where they go. Van Buren buses will transport on those days even if they do not coincide with the Van Buren school calendar. If our school is cancelled due to inclement weather, we would not transport.

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS and CUSTODIANS NEEDED

Apply at school or call 419-299-3578 x 504 during school hours.

School News

VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOL 2007 - 2008 School Calendar

August 27	Monday	Teachers and Staff Meetings
August 28	Tuesday	Teacher Inservice
September 4	Tuesday	First Day for Students
November 2	Friday	End of 1 st 9 weeks
November 19 & 20	Monday & Tuesday	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<i>(Monday evening, all day Tuesday and Tuesday evening) No School for students Tuesday through Friday</i>		
November 21, 22 & 23	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Thanksgiving Vacation
December 24 - Jan. 2	Monday through Tuesday	Christmas Break
January 3	Wednesday	School Resumes
January 18	Friday	End of 1 st Semester - (End of 2 nd 9 weeks)
January 21	Monday	No School - Martin Luther King Day
March 20	Thursday	End of 3 rd 9 weeks
March 21 - 28	Friday through Friday	Spring Break
May 26	Monday	No School - Memorial Day
June 5	Thursday	Last day for Students - End of 2 nd Semester
June 6	Friday	Teacher Work Day
June 8	Sunday	Graduation

Calamity/Weather Make-Up Days

Calamity/Weather Make-Up Days
June 6, March 28, March 27, March 26, March 25.

9-Weeks Grading Period

Sept. 4 — Nov. 2 = 44 days
Nov. 5 — Jan. 18 = 43 days
Jan. 22 — March 20 = 43 days
March 31 — June 5 = 48 days

Interim Schedule

Wednesday, October 3
Wednesday, December 5
Wednesday, February 20
Wednesday, April 30

Cafeteria Has Gone Cashless

Van Buren School cafeteria will be **cashless** starting in the fall. This means parents need to send in checks or cash for the amount of their child's lunch **weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly**. The money sent in will be for lunches only unless the parents specify a certain amount can be spent on snacks (ice cream, cookies, chips). This will eliminate all of the lost money as well as money parents send to school with their child for lunches and gets spent for other things. It will also make the lunch lines go faster giving all the students more time to eat. Money left over in the account each quarter and at the end of the year will be carried over. There will be **ABSOLUTELY** no charging.

If you have questions or concerns about the program, contact the school at 419-299-3416, or 419-299-3384, ext. 501.

2007-2008 ELEMENTARY LUNCHROOM/RECESS VOLUNTEERS

ANYONE IMPORTANT IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE:
PARENT, GRANDPARENT, AUNT/UNCLE, FAMILY FRIEND, ETC.

Please fill out this form completely and send it to school preferably within the first two weeks of school, OR call Debi Hoyng @ 419-420-7695. If you don't hear from me by the end of September, call me because I may not have received your form. Thank you again for all of your help and time.

ADULT'S NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

PLEASE BE SPECIFIC:
Preferred Day(s): M T W TH F NO PREFERENCE

_____ (ex.: 1st Mon., every Fri., 2nd Thurs., 1st & 3rd Wed., Whatever is needed, etc.)

HOW MANY DAYS PER MONTH: _____

STUDENT(S)' NAME AND GRADE(S): _____

(If more than one child, do you have a preference as to which day(s) you would like to volunteer for each child?)

Hancock County Fair
August 29 -
September 3

Band Show at the
Hancock County Fair
August 29

Labor Day
September 3

First Day of School
September 4

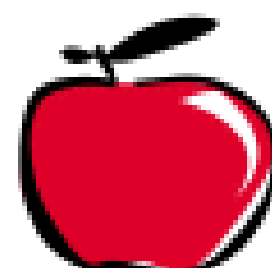
Freshmen Mentor Teambuilding

Freshmen Mentoring Program Starts the School Year Out Hanging in the Trees

The Juniors and Seniors of the Freshmen Mentoring Program started their year out early. On July 24, 2007, they traveled to the Girl Scouts of Appleseed Ridge Adventure Challenge in Lima, Ohio with several of the mentor teachers. The mentors participated in teambuilding activities that incorporated the concepts of cooperation, teamwork, and communication. Also, they tackled the high ropes course. The mentors had fun hanging from ropes in the trees, but realized how hard it was and how much communication and strength was needed to go from tree to tree and eventually down a zip line to the safety of the ground. They had fun, learned about each other, and learned skills that will help them mentor the freshmen this school year. We look forward to more activities throughout the school year and helping the freshmen adjust to high school life.



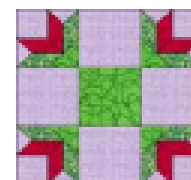
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**18th Annual
VAN BUREN LION CLUB
APPLE BUTTER FEST
CRAFT SHOW & QUILT SHOW**

**Saturday, October 13, 2007
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

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Entertainment in Both Buildings
Children's Activities
Variety of Food
Apple Butter
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