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## **2008 - The Association - 2009**



CONGRATULATIONS! *The Association* placed third runner-up overall (4th place) at the Teays Valley Classic on Saturday, February 14. Congratulations to them for placing in the finals for the first time this year! A huge congrats to Breann Zerby for her Best Overall Female Soloist award during the daytime prelims! Breann was the feature soloist in "Girl in 14G." Also, a huge congratulations to Holly Kendrick who was voted Best Performer for *The Association* by the judges!

**Please mark your calendar for Friday, May 8, 2009.**

**There will be an early dismissal for Teacher Inservice meetings. Students will be dismissed at 1:00 P.M.**

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## High School & Middle School News

### The Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present January 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; and/or outstanding performance.

All students chosen monthly will receive a free order of cinna stix or cheesy bread from Dominos and a certificate of recognition from the Academic Boosters organization.



*Back Row:* Sara Doxsey, Tori Swain, Jacob Sexton, Drew Ashcraft, Nathan Murphy, Nick DeBouver, Tyler Routzon. *Front Row:* Julia Endicott, Karleigh Carman, Stephanie Saiter, Matthew LaFontaine, Amber Ellinger, Chaney Brown, Joe Claes.

### January Virtuous Knights

Many VBMS students go above and beyond every day to make our school and community a better place. Each middle school teacher selects one student per month as a Virtuous Knight. Virtuous Knights strongly exhibit the following qualities: *Hard-working, Enthusiastic, Kind to Others, Respectful, Generous, Responsible, School and Self Pride.*

Each student will receive a free order of cinna stix or cheesy bread from Dominos. Congratulations to the following students who have shown themselves to be Virtuous Knights.



*Back Row:* Cameron King, Mac Williams, Sarah Reichenbaugh, Jessica Lawrence, Rachell Resnik. *Front Row:* Joel Schumacker, Todd Neall, Brooke Klausling, Kaitlyn Kniss.

### Message From the Superintendent

There is a lot of talk lately concerning the Federal Stimulus Package and the Governor's proposed budget. Preliminary numbers indicate that the Van Buren Schools should receive some additional funding from both the Federal program and the revised funding formula for education that the Governor has proposed. The keys here are **preliminary** and **proposed**. While the federal government has approved their stimulus package and it appears to contain funds for special education and school construction, we must be leery of what the final numbers and expectations will be. Often, we do not receive the proposed allocations for special education because of our high valuation per pupil. The construction dollars do not appear to be large enough to fund any major construction projects and it is rumored that the monies may have strict guidelines on what type of projects can be funded.

The state budget is a different matter entirely. Preliminary numbers show the Van Buren School District as being one of the few local schools to receive a slight increase in funding. Having been in this business for several years, I am well aware of the fact that what a proposed state budget starts out being and what is finally, actually enacted, often looks much different. And even if the budget goes through as the Governor proposes, the slight yearly increase from the state would be just about enough funding to offset the lack of tangible personal property taxes to be collected from the vitally important 6-mill operating and permanent improvement levy **renewal** on the May 5 ballot.

In addition, there are many increased cost and responsibilities required of school districts in the Governor's proposal. We would be required to hire additional staff to meet the all-day/everyday kindergarten requirement. We would need additional staff to meet the K-3 classroom ratio of 15 to 1. We would also need an additional 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to meet the 25 to 1 ratio. We would be required to hire an additional teacher at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels to serve as a lead teacher who would not have any classroom duties but would act as a mentor for the other teachers in those units and would also act as the overseer of the four-year residency program required of new teachers. We would be required to hire nursing aides (LPNs) at each level, along with a RN to serve the entire district. Besides adding this additional staff, classroom and additional office and clinic space would be needed.

I applaud the Governor's attempt to make Ohio the leader in education in the United States. I agree that if we can accomplish this it will make our children better prepared and more marketable in the world. I also believe that if we accomplish this, jobs, business, and industry will follow. As always, will the funding be available to accomplish these objectives? I will do my best to keep you informed on these issues.

The Strategic Plan is nearing completion. The mission statement, vision, beliefs, and goals have been written. The final touches are being developed on the action plans for the goals. If all goes as planned, there will be an unveiling and opportunity for community input on the plan on Tuesday evening, May 5, at 7:00 P.M. in the High School auditorium. Members of the School Board, the Management Team, and anyone else who participated in the development of this plan, as well as the public in general will be invited to attend, review, and make suggestions and comments concerning the plan. Please continue to support our school by voting and attending this important meeting on May 5.

# High School & Middle School News

## VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

### *Second Nine-Week Grading Period 2008 - 2009 School Year*

#### ALL "A's"

<b>6th Grade</b>	Emily Anderbery, Andrew Conner, Draeton Fasone, Bailei Hoyng, Jennifer Irving, Jameson Jacobs		
<b>7th Grade</b>	Madison Endicott, Michelle Flanagan, Jenna Gallelo, Tory Palmer, Jonathan Rafferty, Natalie Risser, Courtney Van Horn, Alisa Warren		
<b>8th Grade</b>	Ryan Adolph, Elyse Anderbery, Sarah Benson, Michaela Conkle, Laura Endicott, Kaleigh Frampton, Tessa Gerken, Olivia Godzak, Grace Haffenden, Sydney Jameson, Alexis Kelley, Cameron King, Hailey Lowden, Alec Rampe, Dylan Sexton, Kristin Tropic	<b>8th Grade</b>	Chandler Adams, Austin Bisbee, Ryan Brauneller, Mercedes Brooks, Andrew Chicotel, Heather Clark, Chase Conley, Heather DeBouver, Malynn Eaton, Audrey Evans, Ashley Flick, Morgan Flick, Sarah Greer, Cheyenne Harris, Brandi Hoyng, Emily Lammers, Brady Lucas, Daniel Moon, Todd Neall, Joshua Pettry, Cala Reynolds, Kennedy Richards, Brayton Schmitz, George Shawver IV, Ashley Smith, Kevin Smith, Kayla Sonnenberg, Mary Sullivan, Jacob Szczublewski, Brett Turner, Monique Walton, David Weber
<b>9th Grade</b>	Chandler Brown, Ashton Combs, Julia Endicott, Kaitlyn Endicott, Taylor Fieger, Kiera Gaswint, Meagan Grine, Lacie Kern, Elizabeth Kniss, Macy McCartney, Tyler McGrain, Amanda Pummell, Stephanie Sawyer, Taylor Watkins	<b>9th Grade</b>	Devin Beltz, Ashley Benishek, Joseph Claes, Brandon Conner, Brian Davidson, Derek Donley, Julia Edelbrock, Elizabeth Ehrnschwender, Amber Ellinger, Jacob Gilliland, Thomas Haase, Skyler Hall, Jessica Hammond, Carrie Houdeshell, Zane Kieffer, Matthew LaFontaine, Bryon Lako, Megan Lee, Cory Mathias, Jeremiah McDougale, Paige Pierce, Joshua Roberts, Justin Roberts, Dean Rodabaugh, Sara Roth, Kailie Scarlett, Joseph Simon
<b>10th Grade</b>	Rachel Adolph, Brooke Barnhisel, Jessica Borsani, Jacob Brown, Devon Causey, Matthew Early, Logan Eaton, Aaron Edelbrock, Zachary Hoehn, Matthew Lee, Colleen McCormick, Richard Meyer, Jacob Monday, Jude Palmer, Jacob Sexton, Hannah Shank, Megan Stewart, Clayton Sudlow	<b>10th Grade</b>	Erica Arthur, Kelsey Aukerman, Riley Bayer, Callie Bays, Joshua Bishop, Carol Campbell, Madison Coldren, Kodie Edler, Rebecca Farling, Zachary Fournier, Jacob Huber, Kylie Jacomet, Tiffany Keiser, Kalyn Leeper, Taylor Miller, Scott Neall, Brooke Rehus, Lindsay Rinker, Logan Roberts, Joel Ryder, Andrew Shroll, Christopher Smith, Taylor Squire, Tori Swain, Layne Turner, Tabitha Vandersall, Kasie Wilkins, Samuel Yoder
<b>11th Grade</b>	Alex Anderbery, Lauren Clark, Tarah Clark, Alyson Combs, Ashley Cytlak, Sara Doxsey, Chelsi Faine, Michael Flanagan, Tia Gilkerson, Dillon Jameson, Nichole May, Alan Molyet, Catelen Ramsey, Kayla Roberts, Alexander Roszman, Erika Stacy	<b>11th Grade</b>	Tyler Akers, Samantha Benson, Brittany Borsani, Sarah Brink, Brittany Brown, Karleigh Carman, Amanda Couchot, Thomas Cunningham, Dillon Flick, Joseph Gallelo, Madison Grant, Jordan Hammond, Shelby Heitmeyer, Steven Jett, David Lee, Katlin Mackedanz, Anthony Male, Dana Motter, Nicholas Rafferty, Morgan Tackett, Jason Tropic
<b>12th Grade</b>	Brittany Barnhisel, Courtney Campbell, Brittni Clark, Tayler Finsel, Bailey Heminger, Holly Kendrick, Mackenzi Monday, Jason Rinker, Evan Shank, Jacob Sublett, Brett Willson, Breann Zerby	<b>12th Grade</b>	Nadine Akra, Kalie Beltz, Derek Brauneller, Brittany Bucher, Taylor Colgate, Clay Eaton, Brittany Fagan, Joshua Gilliland, Adam Harris, Samantha Holbrook, Corbin King, Travis Kingsley, Lindsay Laney, Michelle Long, Matthew May, Sean McCormick, Erin Mingus, Matthew Nye, Kevin Ragless, Katelynn Romaker, Michael Ryder, Daniel Sullivan, Joseph Szczublewski, Laura Thornton, Hannah Wilkinson
	<b>ALL "A's" and "B's"</b>		
<b>6th Grade</b>	Ross Adolph, Allison Arthur, Kyle Bishop, Bryce Bowers, Caitlin Brink, Joseph Campbell, Kristin Conner, Desirae Cooper, Matthew Cooper, Adam Endicott, Maxwell Frost, Rachel George, Tabitha Gerken, Mackenzie Howard, Lucas Huber, Britton Jackson, Brooke Klausing, Kaitlyn Kniss, Brice Lawrence, Jessica Lawrence, Kailey Leal, Dillan Ludwig, Nathan Maynard, Alyssa Miller, Abigail Phillips, Justin Phillips, Ian Rafferty, Wade Schimmoeller, Paige Schmelzer, Isaac Sexton, Connor Shaffer, Chancellor Sonnenberg, Shana Stewart, Alexis Youngpeter		
<b>7th Grade</b>	Lindsey Barchent, Tyler Clark, Michael Domke, Brandon Edelbrock, Robyn Flick, Zara Fournier, Emily Foust, Aaron Franklin, Shelby George, Kurtis Gibson, Zachary Hiris, Nicholas Hoehn, James Irving,		

## Van Buren High School/Middle School Guidance

- The updated Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) work sheets for the 2009-2010 school year are now available in the guidance office for those students who will be attending college next year.
- Those juniors planning on going to college after graduation are encouraged to take the ACT test at least once before entering their senior year of high school. Sophomores should also think about taking the ACT at the conclusion of this year. The June 13 testing deadline for registration is May 8.
- Any student who has to complete class credit work before next year needs to see Mr. Zender by the end of the school year for make-up work information.
- This is the time of the year when scholarships for seniors start coming in on a regular basis. Seniors should stop in the guidance office weekly to pick up applications. Also, all Hancock Community Foundation scholarships are available on line at [www.community-foundation.com](http://www.community-foundation.com).
- Scheduling for next year is taking place this month. It is important that the student, parent, and teachers are all involved in the student's course selection for next year. Once school starts in the fall, there will be no schedule changes at that time.
- There will be a scheduling meeting for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the high school cafeteria on March 11 at 6:30 P.M. We will be selecting classes for those students entering Van Buren High School as a freshman for the 2009-2010 school year. The student and at least one parent are expected to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you need to contact Mr. Zender in the guidance office. Information has been sent home with all Van Buren 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- If any student in grades 8-11 is interested in taking college classes next year through the post secondary education options program, they need to contact the guidance office by March 31. Information has been sent home with the students.

## Middle School News

### 2009 Van Buren Spelling Bee

The 2009 Spelling Bee was a success. The following students qualified for the event and represented their grade and/or class on Tuesday, February 3, 2009. The students qualified for the competition through classroom quizzes/tests and/or class spelling bees: sixth graders Drew Connor, Adam Endicott, Max Frost, Lucas Huber, Dillon Ludwig, Isaac Sexton, Connor Shaffer, and Alexis Youngpeter; seventh graders Michelle Flanagan, Shawn Hobbs, Sawyer Junge, Esther Moon, Scott Phillips, Natalie Risser, and Alisa Warren; and participating from the eighth grade were Ryan Adolph, Sarah Benson, Tessa Gerken, Brandy Hoyng, Cameron King, Daniel Moon, Alac Rampe, Chandler Riffel, and Cala Reynolds.

This year's runner-up is Tessa Gerken and the 2009 Spelling Champion is Natalie Risser, who will represent Van Buren in a county-wide competition Thursday, February 12, 2009, at Central Auditorium beginning at 7:00 P.M. Congratulations to all the participants!



Tessa Gerken, daughter of Jerry and Tina Gerken; and Natalie Risser, daughter of Gary and Anne Lee.

### Van Buren Athletic Boosters REVERSE RAFFLE

Please join the VB Athletic Boosters for a fun-filled evening of good food, friends, and a chance to win \$5,000 and other prizes!

All proceeds from this fundraiser support the student athletes at Van Buren Middle School and High School.

This event takes place Saturday, April 4 at the Humane Society Hall  
Dinner at 6:00 P.M. – Raffle at 7:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$50 each. Save the date! Everyone is welcome!!!

Tickets can be purchased from a booster officer. (Ed May, Anita Huber, Steve Gilliland, Sean Brauneller, Carol Sudlow, Kristina Junge, Julie Erwin). Buy your ticket(s) before February 24 and you will be entered into a drawing for a free ticket. Two lucky numbers will be drawn at the February 27 home boys basketball game.

## School & Booster News

### Getting A Jumpstart on College

It's not too early to start thinking about college. Eighth graders and their parents are invited to attend an open house to help them start planning for this very important event. The open house will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at Owens Community College, Findlay Campus in the Community Education and Wellness Center. Don't miss the fun! There will be hands-on activities for the eighth grade students in the Owens' science, engineering, and computer labs. Parents will have an opportunity to learn about financing college, preparing for college, and post secondary enrollment options. Plan to arrive at 5:30 P.M. for a light meal. To RSVP for this free event or for more information, please call 567-429-3674 or send an e-mail to [lorena\\_baird@owens.edu](mailto:lorena_baird@owens.edu) by Monday, March 16, 2009.

### Van Buren High/Middle/Elementary School Students and Parents/Guardians

The price for the 2009 Knight is now \$50.00. A student can have his/her name stamped onto the book for \$5.50, and a protective plastic cover can be purchased for \$2.50. 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 and that the check is made payable to the 2009 Knight for the number of books purchased.

The yearbook staff thanks you for your support of the Knight, 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 2009 Knight

#### Van Buren Elementary, Middle School and High School

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$50.00 each Price of the 2009 Knight in FULL COLOR (coverage of the whole school including the elementary, middle school, and high school)

\$5.50 each Price to have your name put on your yearbook  
Write how you would like your name to appear  
\_\_\_\_\_

\$2.50 each Plastic protective cover for your book

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
	2009 <u>Knight</u>	\$50.00	
	Name on Book	\$5.50	
	Plastic Cover	\$2.50	

Please make all checks payable to: **2009 Knight. TOTAL**

## Music News

### Become a patron of the musical (and get great seats in the meantime!)

The Van Buren High School production of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* is just around the corner – Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday, April 5 at 3:00 P.M.! Tickets and great seats for this production will go fast – but you can get your seats early if you become a **Van Buren Musical Patron!**

Becoming a patron is easy and saves you some time as well. In addition to receiving *the first seats that go on sale*, a patron also is allowed to *put up to two lines of copy into the musical program*. Your message can include a greeting to a cast member or just your name – you choose! Best of all, you *don't have to wait in line to pick out seats* – we can (at your preference) pick out the best seats for you and hold them at the will call for you to pick up at that evening's performance. (Or, you can come in during the patron sale dates and pick out your own seats – it's up to you!)

**How do you become a patron?** Simple – here's what you do:

1. Cut and fill out the patron ad form below (please follow directions on the form.)
2. Include your check or money order, payable to *VB Drama*. One patron ad is **\$30** and includes **three tickets (either one per performance or three for one night's performance.)**
3. Send the form to Linda Schwemley at Van Buren High School before the deadline.

All patron seats that are requested to be selected by the musical staff will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. **No refunds or exchanges for any ticket sales (patron or general public.)**

**PATRON TICKETS will be sold from March 9 to March 27.** (If you are wishing to pick out your own seats, you can contact Linda Schwemley to arrange a time before or after school to pick them out).

**GENERAL PUBLIC TICKET SALES will begin March 31.** Tickets will be on sale before school and during lunch periods. All tickets will be \$7.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Linda Schwemley at 419.299.3384 x434, or email ([lschwemley@vbschools.net](mailto:lschwemley@vbschools.net)).

VAN BUREN MUSIC AND DRAMA DEPARTMENTS

**PATRONAD**

*You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*

NAME AND MESSAGE – **PLEASE PRINT ABOVE ON LINES PROVIDED**  
2 lines of copy – 36 characters per line maximum

I wish to have tickets reserved for:

FRIDAY ONLY (3 TICKETS) \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY ONLY (3 TICKETS) \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY ONLY (3 TICKETS) \_\_\_\_\_

FRI., SAT., SUN. (1 TICKET EACH) \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve Tickets For:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Pick Out Seats For Me (check here)** \_\_\_\_\_ (will be available at will call on the evening of the performance)

**I Wish To Pick Out The Seats (check here)** \_\_\_\_\_ (any tickets not picked out by March 27 will be picked out for you by musical staff)

### VB Fairs Well at DIII Solo and Ensemble AE

Students at Van Buren High School did an impressive job once again at District III OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event on Saturday, January 24 at Lima Senior High School. Below are the results:

Nick DeBouver, bari sax - III - Class B  
Chelsie Potteiger, clarinet - II - Class B  
Anthony Male, trombone - I - Class B  
Brent Beggs, piano - I - Class A  
Matthew Early, alto sax - I - Class A  
Justin Potteiger, snare drum - I - Class A  
Luke Routzon, snare drum - I - Class B  
Justin Potteiger, multiple percussion - I - Class A  
Luke Routzon, timpani - I - Class C  
Devon Causey - I - Class B  
Taylor Hummell - I - Class B  
Taylor Shackelford - I - Class C  
Cara Treece - II - Class A  
Samantha Benson - I - Class C  
Elizabeth Kniss - I - Class B  
Lacie Kern - II - Class C  
Emily Toupalik - II - Class C  
Riley Bayer - I - Class B  
Brandon Moran - I - Class C  
Josh Routzon - II - Class C  
Callie Bays - I - Class B  
Scott Wymer - I - Class C  
Josh Hart - II - Class B  
Katrina Glick - I - Class B  
Van Buren Women's Ensemble (In Time of Silver Rain) - I - Class C  
Van Buren Women's Ensemble (Jubilate Deo) - I - Class C  
Van Buren Men's Ensemble (Cindy) - I - Class C

### High School Musical - *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*

The Van Buren High School production of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* is just around the corner –

Friday and Saturday, April 3 & 4, 2009, at 7:30 P.M.,  
and Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.!

Tickets go on sale @ \$7 each beginning Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Ticket Office hours are the following:

Tuesday - Friday	7:30 – 8:00 A.M.
Tuesday - Thursday	3:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday	6:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Friday - Saturday	6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Sunday	2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

Tickets and great seats for this production will go fast! Come and see the very talented high school students that attend VB.

## Elementary News

### Van Buren Elementary to Host Northwest Ohio Youth Art Month

Van Buren Elementary School is hosting the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Ohio Regional Art Exhibit in celebration of Youth Art Month. The show opens on Sunday, March 8 at 1:00 P.M. and everyone is invited to attend. This exhibition features outstanding artwork from nine regions in Northwest Ohio for students in kindergarten through the eighth grades. A reception will be held on the opening day, March 8, from 1:00 until 3:00 o'clock. There will be refreshments and art activities for children and their families. Come and join the fun! Eight students are representing Van Buren Elementary School. They are fifth graders Ethan LaFontaine and Zach Bowling; fourth grader Adysson Miller; third graders Jacob Emerine and Nicholas Beitzel; second graders Kurtis Edler and Joseph Kovach; and first grader Camrie Roberts. Congratulations to these students and all the students whose work was chosen to represent the Northwest District.

This exhibit is open daily during school hours (8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.) March 9 through March 27. Please stop by and view this exhibit of exceptional artwork by these outstanding art students.

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held March 16 through April 3, 2009. Please contact the Van Buren Elementary office at 419-299-3416 during these dates between 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to set up your appointment for Kindergarten Screening. Screenings are done on a first-come, first-serve basis. The screenings will take place Monday, April 6, 2009, in the Van Buren Elementary School. All youngsters must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2009, to attend.

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

- Birth certificate
- Actual dates of immunizations
- Social security number
- Custody Papers (if applicable)

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

Please be advised of the necessary immunization requirements.

..... DTaP/DTP – 5 doses, Polio – 4 doses, MMR – 2 doses,

..... Hepatitis B – 3 doses and the Varicella vaccine, or a letter from your doctor with verification that your child has had the disease.

For more information on immunizations, please contact the Hancock County Health Department at 419-424-7869. Please call for a clinic appointment. You are encouraged to do this as soon as possible. Summer clinics tend to be very busy.

### Findlay-Hancock County Public Library

**March 9** - Facebook for Parents, Small Community Room, 12:00 - 12:30 P.M. Come see what Facebook is all about! No registration.

**March 11** - Internet Safety, Large Community Room, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. Sgt. Mike Martien from the Findlay Police Department will tell parents and teens how to stay safe on the internet. Register online at [www.findlaylibrary.org](http://www.findlaylibrary.org) or at the Reference Desk.

**March 12** - GoogleMania!, Computer Lab, 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Learn all about the cool stuff you can do on Google! For grades 6-12. Register online at [www.findlaylibrary.org](http://www.findlaylibrary.org) or at the Reference Desk.

**March 13** - Friday Fun, Large Community Room, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Join us after school in the large community room of the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library for board games, puzzles, a graffiti table and more! For grades 6-12. No registration.

**March 14** - Resumes for Teens, Computer Lab, 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. Learn how to create your first resume for job hunting or college and scholarship applications.

## Community News

### Preschool Screening

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009

A developmental screening for 3, 4 and 5 year-old children for whom there may be concerns in the areas of gross or fine motor skills, speech-language or readiness. In addition a vision and hearing screening will be offered.

IT'S  
FREE!

For students in the following school districts:  
Arcadia ~ Arlington ~ Cory Rawson  
Liberty Benton ~ McComb ~ Van Buren ~ Vanlue

#### SCREENING LOCATION:

Findlay First Nazarene Church  
2501 Broad Avenue, Findlay

**\*\*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\*\***

For a screening appointment call:  
419.422.7525, ext. 209

BY

April 8, 2009

(A confirmation will be mailed)

Register early! ~ Sessions fill quickly!

Conducted by: **HANCOCK COUNTY  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICE CENTER**

"Meeting Student Needs Through Cooperative Efforts"



Register online at [www.findlaylibrary.org](http://www.findlaylibrary.org) or by calling the Reference Desk.

**April 3** - Friday Fun, Large Community Room, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Join us after school in the large community room of the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library for board games, puzzles, a graffiti table and more! For grades 6-12. No registration.

**April 30** - Open Mic Night for Teens, Large Community Room, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. Recite poetry, read an excerpt from your favorite book, stand-up comedy, sing or play music – 2-3 minute acts. Teens do not have to perform to attend. Small community room. For grades 6-12. Register at the Reference Desk.

**Teen Book Discussion Blog** - Check out the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library's Teen Books blog! This is your place to tell us what you think about what you're reading. Log on often to see what other teens are reading, get recommendations on great new reads and comment on our discussion books. Find the Teen Books blog on our webpage [www.findlaylibrary.org](http://www.findlaylibrary.org). Choose Teen Blog from the Teen dropdown menu at the top of the page.

# Sports News

## 2009 VB BLACK KNIGHT SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

### 2009 Girls Varsity Softball

Mon.	Mar. 30	Old Fort	A	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 1	Northwood	A	5:00
Thurs.	Apr. 2	Miller City	A	5:00
Mon.	Apr. 6	Liberty Benton	A	5:00
Tues.	Apr. 7	Ridgemont	A	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 8	Hardin Northern	H	5:00
Thurs.	Apr. 9	Hopewell Loudon	H	5:00
Mon.	Apr. 13	Pandora Gilboa	A	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 15	Cory Rawson	H	5:00
Fri.	Apr. 17	Bettsville	H	5:00
Mon.	Apr. 20	Vanlue	H	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 22	McComb	A	5:00
Fri.	Apr. 24	North Baltimore	A	5:00
Sat.	Apr. 25	Kalida w/Patrick Henry	A	12:00
Mon.	Apr. 27	Arcadia	H	5:00
Tues.	Apr. 28	Mohawk	A	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 29	Arlington	H	5:00
Thurs.	Apr. 30	Calvert	H	5:00
Fri.	May 1	Carey	H	5:00
Mon.	May 4	Leipsic	A	5:00
Tues.	May 5	St. Wendelin	A	5:00

### 2009 Varsity Track

Tues.	Mar. 31	LB w/Arl & NB	A	4:30
Thurs.	Apr. 2	Hardin Northern	A	4:30
Sat.	Apr. 4	Carey Relays	A	10:00
Wed.	Apr. 8	Doug Mowrey Mem. Invite	H	4:30
Thurs.	Apr. 16	HN & Elmwood	H	4:30
Sat.	Apr. 18	St. Wendelin Invite	A	10:00
Tues.	Apr. 21	McComb & HL	H	4:30
Thurs.	Apr. 23	McComb/VB Meet	H	4:00
Thurs.	Apr. 30	Arlington	H	4:30
Sat.	May 2	Liberty Benton Invite	A	9:00
Tues.	May 5	Elmwood	H	4:30
Wed.	May 13	BVC Meet @ LB	A	5:00
Fri.	May 15	BVC Meet @ LB	A	5:00
Thurs.	May 21	Districts @ Spencerville	A	4:00
Sat.	May 23	Districts @ Spencerville	A	10:00
Wed.	May 27	Regionals @ Tiffin	A	4:00
Fri.	May 29	Regionals @ Tiffin	A	4:00
Fri.	June 5	State @ Columbus	A	9:30
Sat.	June 6	State @ Columbus	A	9:00

### 2009 Boys Varsity Baseball

Wed.	Mar. 25	Gibsonburg (scrim)	H	4:30
Mon.	Mar. 30	Old Fort	A	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 1	Eastwood	A	4:30
Thurs.	Apr. 2	Miller City	A	5:00
Sat.	Apr. 4	New Riegel (DH)	H	11:00
Mon.	Apr. 6	Liberty Benton	A	5:00
Tues.	Apr. 7	Ridgemont	A	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 8	Hardin Northern	H	5:00
Thurs.	Apr. 9	Hopewell Loudon	H	5:00
Mon.	Apr. 13	Pandora Gilboa	A	5:00
Tues.	Apr. 14	Patrick Henry	H	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 15	Cory Rawson	H	5:00
Mon.	Apr. 20	Vanlue	H	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 22	McComb	A	5:00
Fri.	Apr. 24	North Baltimore	A	5:00
Mon.	Apr. 27	Arcadia	H	5:00
Tues.	Apr. 28	Mohawk	A	5:00
Wed.	Apr. 29	Arlington	H	5:00
Thurs.	Apr. 30	Calvert	H	5:00
Fri.	May 1	Carey	H	5:00
Mon.	May 4	Leipsic	A	5:00
Tues.	May 5	St. Wendelin	A	5:00

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Wed.	Mar. 25	Gibsonburg HS (scrim)	A	4:30
Wed.	Apr. 1	Eastwood	H	4:30
Thurs.	Apr. 9	Hopewell Loudon	A	5:00
Fri.	Apr. 10	Mohawk	H	5:00
Tues.	Apr. 14	Patrick Henry	A	5:00
Thurs.	Apr. 16	Leipsic	A	5:00
Fri.	Apr. 24	North Baltimore	H	5:00
Tues.	Apr. 28	Mohawk	H	5:00
Thurs.	Apr. 30	Calvert	A	5:00
Tues.	May 5	St. Wendelin	H	5:00
Wed.	May 6	Liberty Benton	A	5:00
Tues.	May 12	Liberty Benton	H	5:00
Thurs.	May 14	Findlay	H	4:30

### 2009 Middle School Track

Mon.	Apr. 13	Pandora Gilboa	H	4:30
Mon.	Apr. 20	Arlington	H	4:30
Mon.	Apr. 27	Knight Relays Invite	H	4:30
Fri.	May 1	Liberty Benton Invite	A	4:15
Mon.	May 11	Liberty Benton	H	4:30
Thurs.	May 14	HN Invite	A	4:30



**What:** Middle School Weight Lifting Club  
**Who:** Students Interested in Playing Middle School Football  
**When:** Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. starting February 16  
**Where:** High School Weight Room

Anyone interest in playing middle school football (currently in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade) is invited to join the Middle School Weightlifting Club. The objective is to start developing strength in preparation for the fall football season. Adult trainers will provide supervision and stress proper lifting techniques and fundamentals. There will be two 6-week programs during the school year and a summer program. The initial 6-week session will be conducted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. in the high school weight room starting on February 16. Each athlete will be tested in bench press and leg press. Progress will be monitored with awards provided to individuals based upon ability and improvement. T-shirts will be awarded to athletes meeting levels to join bench press and combined press clubs.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Jeff Sexton (419-348-4744 or [jeffasexton@marathonoil.com](mailto:jeffasexton@marathonoil.com))

### Procedures for AWAY GAMES or TOURNAMENTS

Anytime a limited number of tickets are available for AWAY GAMES or TOURNAMENTS, the following sequence of procedures will be in effect.

1. Basketball program personnel\*:
  - a. Limit 2 - Less than 1,000 tickets available
  - b. Limit 4 - Less than 2,000 tickets available
  - c. Limit 8 - 2,000 or more available
2. Season Pass holder: (1 per pass)
  - a. Limit one per season pass (if tickets not purchased above)
  - b. Limit one per reserved seat (if tickets not purchased above)
  - c. Limit one per student pass (if tickets not purchased above)
3. Students: (1 per student)
  - a. Limit one student ticket per student (if tickets not purchased above)
4. Employees: (2 per employee)
  - a. Limit 2 adult tickets per employee (if tickets not purchased above)
5. Community: (2 per member)
  - a. Limit 2 adult tickets per community member (if tickets not purchased above)
6. Alumni: (2 per Alumni)
  - a. Limit 2 adult tickets per alumni (if tickets not purchased above)
7. First come, first served basis

\*Program personnel includes:


Coaches, Statisticians, Players (V/JV/9<sup>th</sup>), Video Recorder, Managers, Scorers table, Cheerleaders (V/JV), Administration, Announcer

**A reminder regarding high school boys/girls basketball tournaments! Remember fans cannot bring noisemakers, signs, banners, or confetti. It is a violation of OHSAA and NWSAB rules.**

**Athletic Director, Randy Ebling, would like to remind all student-athletes, parents, and fans of Van Buren sports teams that**

**WIN or LOSE,  
YOU HAVE NOT FAILED  
UNTIL YOU BLAME SOMEONE ELSE.**

## March - April Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Daylight Saving Time Begins, Spring Ahead</p> <p><b>8 MARCH</b></p>	<p>•Beef Burritos, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Ham, Egg, &amp; Cheese Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Music Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Fine Arts Wing</p>	<p>•Grilled Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk</b></p>	<p>•Beef &amp; Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Taco Salad, Corn Chips, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Board of Education meeting 7:00 P.M., Community Rm</p>	<p>•Macaroni &amp; Cheese, Peas, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p>
<p>** Menu subject to change **</p> <p><b>15</b></p>	<p>•Fish Critters, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Chili w/Cheese, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p>	<p>•Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Patrick's Day</b></p> 	<p>•Tacos, Corn, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk</b></p>	<p>•Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Beef &amp; Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p>	<p>•Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Fish Critters, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>End of Third Nine Weeks</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>21</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">District III Middle School Solo and Ensemble Contest @ LBHS</p>
<p>Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5)</p> <p>Italicized Print - <b>MS &amp; HS Menu (6-12)</b></p> <p><b>22</b></p>	<p>•Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Meatball Subs, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Academic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Community room</p>	<p>•Chili w/Cheese, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Sloppy Joe Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Var Baseball w/Gibsonburg, 4:30 PM (scrimmage)                      JV Baseball @ Gibsonburg, 4:30 P.M. (scrimmage)                      Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p>	<p>•Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Sausage Gravy over Buttermilk Biscuits, Fruit, Milk</b></p>	<p>•Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>Lunch Prices:</b></p> <p>K-5 \$1.85                      6-12 \$2.10                      Ala Carte \$2.35                      Adult \$2.60                      Milk \$0.45                      Sandwich \$1.50                      French Fries \$1.35                      Ice Cream \$0.70</p> <p><b>29</b></p>	<p>•Sloppy Joe Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Var Baseball @ Old Fort                      Var Softball @ Old Fort</p>	<p>•Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Var Track @ LB w/Arlington &amp; NB                      General public ticket sale for <i>You're a Good Man Charlie Brown</i> musical</p>	<p>•Beef Ravioli, Green Beans, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Var Baseball @ Eastwood, 4:30 P.M.                      Var Softball @ Northwood                      JV Baseball w/Eastwood, 4:30 P.M.                      Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p>	<p>•Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes over Old Fashion Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Var Baseball @ Miller City                      Var Softball @ Miller City                      Var Track @ Hardin Northern</p>	<p>•Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p><i>You're a Good Man Charlie Brown</i> musical performance, 7:30 P.M., Auditorium</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p>Var Baseball w/New Riegel (DH), 11:00 A.M.                      Var Track @ Carey Relays, 10:00 A.M.  <i>You're a Good Man Charlie Brown</i> musical performance, 7:30 P.M., Auditorium                      VB Athletic Boosters REVERSE RAFFLE, Humane Society Hall, 6:00 P.M.</p>
<p><i>You're a Good Man Charlie Brown</i> musical performance, 3:00 P.M. matinee, Auditorium</p> <p><b>5</b></p>	<p>•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Chicken Breast Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kindergarten Screening</b></p> <p>Var Baseball @ Liberty Benton                      Var Softball @ Liberty Benton                      Athletic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Community Room</p>	<p>•Chicken Breast Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Macaroni &amp; Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Var Baseball @ Ridgemont                      Var Softball @ Ridgemont</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Var Baseball w/Hardin Northern                      Var Softball w/Hardin Northern                      Doug Mowrey Memorial Track Invitational, 4:30 P.M.                      Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p>	<p><b>SPRING BREAK</b></p> <p>Var Baseball w/Hopewell Loudon                      Var Softball w/Hopewell Loudon                      JV Baseball @ Hopewell Loudon  <b>Board of Education meeting 7:00 P.M., Community Rm</b></p> <p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>SPRING BREAK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Good Friday</b></p> <p>JV Baseball w/Mohawk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p>

# Spring Break is Thursday - Monday, April 9-13, 2009

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