

VINTON-SHELLSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

—WHERE CHARACTER COUNTS!

"The Mission of the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District is to improve the quality of lives and assist individuals in becoming contributing members of society through the accumulation and application of knowledge."



Special Points of Interest:

- Registration—ONE Day - Aug. 6 @ High School - 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
On-line registration now open.
- Aug. 9—Freshman & New Student computer orientation, VSHS, 1:00pm or 5:30 pm
- Aug. 10—Computer Rollout grades 10-12; VSHS, 10:00am—6:00pm
- Aug. 13—School Board Meeting, 5:15 pm, Central Office
- Aug. 17—Fall Sports Blowout @ Karr Athletic Complex, 5:00 pm
- Aug. 21—"Back to School Night" Shellsburg: 5:30-7:00 pm
Tilford: 6:30-8:00 pm
- Aug. 22—"Back to School Night" High School: 5:00-6:00 pm
Middle School: 5:30-6:30 pm
- Aug. 23—Grades 1-12 First Day of Classes—2 Hr. Early Dismissal – Prof. Dev.
- Aug. 23 & 24—Kindergarten Scheduled Parent Conference by Appointment Only
- Aug. 24— Grades 1-12 Begin Regular Full-Day Schedules
- Aug. 27—First Day of Kindergarten
- Aug. 29—First Day of Tiny Vike's

To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community,

We are (almost) ready to kick-off the 2018-19 school year for students! My heart goes out to the communities west of here that experienced the tornadoes in July. We understand the challenges this creates for students, families, the school district and the community with school starting just around the corner as we had a similar event (on a small scale) on July 17, 2016.

The custodians and painters have done a tremendous job cleaning, updating and getting the buildings ready for the new year. Our maintenance crew has coordinated several jobs with outside contractors to get projects done.

At Tilford, the parking lot on the west side of the building is done plus we have a new sidewalk on the south side of the building that will make things more convenient for some of our older students. At the High School, we replaced the lights in the gym with more energy efficient ones plus we refinished the floor and had the lines repainted. At the Middle School, we installed new carpet in the library and are in the process of replacing the outside walk-in freezer with a more modern cooler/freezer inside the building. At Shellsburg, we have repainted the floors and updated two of the restrooms. At the bus barn, we installed more cement outside of the buildings. At the Karr Athletic Complex, we now have a sidewalk to the visitors' bleachers plus a better place for our band trailer to park.

Our staffing is in place as our principals finalized the new teachers who will be a part of our district as well as associates. There will be some new faces in our food service program along with those that are returning, everyone is returning on our central office staff, the secretaries in the buildings, the custodians and maintenance and our bus drivers! Many of our teachers have completed additional classes during the summer so they are better prepared to meet our students' needs. We are finalizing the professional development activities for our teachers in August before students return. We recently finished summer school that assisted our students either in staying caught up with their academics or helping them to catch-up with credit recovery.

For the third year, we offered a summer breakfast and lunch program at Shellsburg and Tilford where all children could eat for free. I recently stopped in and it was great to see all the students who came to eat as well as the high school students who were volunteering for Black and Gold hours!

We will have our annual school sale on Tuesday, August 7th from 11:00-6:00 pm. We will have old desks, chairs, and file cabinets for sale as well as some used sound equipment, DVD players and other miscellaneous.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Mary Jo Hainstock, Superintendent
maryjo.hainstock@vscsd.org

VINTON-SHELLSBURG REGISTRATION

All registrations will be done via the PowerSchool program again this year. If you choose to come to the Registration Day on August 6, there will be staff available to assist you in the registration process.

RevTrak will be the preferred use of payment for online registration. There will NOT be a convenience charge again this year for anyone that eRegisters AND pays online via RevTrak through August 6, 2018. If you so choose to pay by check or cash, you will need to come to Registration Day at the High School on August 6th, 12:00pm—7:00pm to pay your registration fees. **NOTE: Textbook fees must be paid prior to activity passes being issued. If you were invoiced for computer damage or loss for the 2017-18 school year, payment is due at this time.** Online fees will be for full price only, no waived amounts will be offered. If you believe you qualify for free and reduced fees then you will need to attend Registration Day and complete the paperwork to see if your family qualifies. You won't be able to pay online, but you will still be required to complete the eRegistration process online.

Options for registration include:

- ◆ You can eRegister online, but pay at school;
- ◆ You can eRegister and pay full price on-line with a credit /debit card;
- ◆ You can come in and complete eRegistration and payment at the high school on August 6.

VINTON-SHELLSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018-19 District-Wide Registration -

Vinton-Shellsburg High School

Monday, August 6, 2018 from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

On-line registration with on-line payment available. (Convenience fee waived through August 6th)

Visit our website at www.vscsd.org, scroll down and click on Registration Information.

2018-19 Registration Fees:

◆ Textbook/Materials/Technology

Grades K-5 — \$55

Grades 6-8 — \$65

Grades 9-12 — \$70

1:1 Computer Coop Fee without Insurance—\$50 (3 strike rule)

with Insurance—\$68 (no strike rule)

(OR 15 hrs. of verified community service)

◆ School Meals

Breakfast Grades K-12 — \$1.75

Lunch Grades K-12 — \$2.80

Student & Adult Extra Milk - 40-cents per carton NO WAIVER

Tilford Preschool & KDG, Shellsburg 4-yr.-old Preschool & KDG

Milk/Juice Fee: Pre-K—\$45/year; Kindergarten—\$50/year NO WAIVER

◆ Activity Ticket:

Gr. K-12—\$45.00 Admission to all Home Athletic & Fine Arts Events, excluding Cabaret.

New Students to District

Elementary Students: Parents should come to registration day August 6th at the high school to begin the process of registering your child(ren).

Middle School: Parents should come to registration day August 6th at the high school to begin the process of registering your child(ren).

High School: New students to the district may contact the guidance office (436-5704) beginning August 9th to schedule an appointment for registration with their counselor.

Appointments will be scheduled between August 13th and 17th so that all new students will be enrolled in their courses by the first day of school.

VARIED CLASS SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 23RD

Vinton-Shellsburg **Grade 1-12 students** will have classes August 23rd, but will be on a **2-Hour Early Dismissal** Schedule.

Kindergarten students don't have school on August 23 & 24. Kindergarten students and their parents will have scheduled parent conferences where students can bring their school supplies and teachers will share information about the school year and answer questions. Parents can sign up beginning July 20th online following the links at the Tilford Elementary and Shellsburg Elementary websites.

Kindergarten starts August 27th.

Tiny Vike's Preschool starts August 29th. Teachers will contact parents to set up home visits.

It is also important to note that there **will NOT** be free school supplies offered in district this year. School Packs are offered at www.EducationalProducts.com/ShopPacks. Enter our School ID (Shellsburg-SHE197; Tilford-TIL020), then click the Enter button. Choose a grade level and have it shipped to your home.

SCHOOL PERMIT INSTRUCTIONS

Students who are interested in applying for a School Permit can stop at the high school office during registration or contact the high school office to arrange an appointment time with Mr. Islas to get the necessary signature.

ANNUAL NOTICES

Weather Notifications

School delays or early release announcements due to unsafe weather conditions will be broadcast on KCRG, KWWL, KGAN & through School Messenger. Weather-related schedule changes are also placed on the Vinton-Shellsburg School District web page at www.vscsd.org and the Phone Information line, (319) 436-4728 enter 6, which you can call anytime. We also posted on Facebook and VintonToday.

Families with School Age Children (5-21)

The Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools makes available to homeless children or youth, all services and assistance of the district. This includes, but is not limited to: Free School Breakfast and Lunch, Health Services, Special Education, Gifted Education, English Second Language, School Fees, and Vocational Courses. For more information, contact **Sandy Hamilton**, HS guidance office, at (319) 436-5708

Medication Policy

It is the policy of the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District that whenever a student has medication, prescription or otherwise, that is to be administered by school personnel, written authorization and instruction must be provided by a parent or legal guardian. **Medication release forms are also available in each nurse's office. No Medication will be given WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION. This includes ASPIRIN, ANT-ACIDS and COUGH DROPS.** Only the school nurse or trained personnel will administer the medication upon request of the parent. The medication must be in the **original container**, stating the child's name, name of the medication, the time medication is to be given and the dosage. Students who have demonstrated competence in administering their own medications **may administer their medication when a written statement by the student's parent** is on file requesting co-administration of the medication when competence has been demonstrated. By law, students with asthma or other airway constricting diseases may self-administer their medication upon approval of their parents and prescribing physician regardless of competency.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

An immunization record is required for everyone attending public or non public schools.

Elementary/secondary requirements: Dtap-5 doses; Polio-4 doses; MMR-2 doses; Hepatitis B-series of 3; Varicella-2 doses or history of Chicken pox. **Kindergarten requirements:** Lead screen, Vision screen, and Dental screen. **Third grade:** Vision screen.

7th Grade: The Iowa Department of Public health is now requiring that all 7th graders receive a booster of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) It is recommend that students in the higher grades receive a booster of Tdap. **9th Grade:** Dental screen

If your student has not received the required booster please do so before the school year starts. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the school nurse at 319-436-4728 or Kristin.hallberg@vscsd.org. Our school district is required to have a current immunization record or an exemption for every student . The IDPD audits this every year.

School officials cannot allow your child to enter school unless the child has a completed certificate of immunization or an exemption on file. Please bring the completed immunization certificate or exemption when registering your child.

ANNUAL NOTICE OF OPEN ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

Following are highlights of the open enrollment procedures as mandated by the Iowa Legislature. This information does not cover the entire open enrollment legislation. **Non-kindergarten filing deadline is March 1st** and **kindergarten filing deadline is September 1st**. Parent/guardian must file Open Enrollment forms with **BOTH** the receiving district **AND** the resident district. The **RECEIVING** district approves or denies the application. The exception to this rule is if the **RESIDENT** district has a desegregation plan in place or a claim of pervasive harassment or serious health condition the resident district must act upon the application first.

2019-2020 Deadlines Timeline / Procedures

- **Before March 1, of the Preceding School Year:** Parent/Guardian sends application to **BOTH** the resident and receiving districts. If the student is entering kindergarten, the application may be made after March 1 until the deadline of September 1.

Parents should be aware that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility at the varsity level of competition for the first 90 school days of open enrollment. A separate form must be completed for each pupil requesting open enrollment. In most instances, a parent requesting open enrollment is responsible for providing transportation for the open enrolled student. However, if your family income falls within the Federal poverty guidelines you are eligible for financial assistance for transportation purposes. Contact the Administrative Office at 319-436-5684 for a copy of the guidelines or visit the web site at <http://educateiowa.gov>, A-Z Index Tab, Search Open Enrollment.

- **September 1:** Deadline for Kindergarten.
- **“Good Cause” Exception to March 1 Deadline:** Applications may be approved after the March 1 deadline if the reason for late filing qualifies for “good cause.”

WELCOME NEW V-S STAFF

High School: Wyatt Forsyth, Agriculture; Jalissa Irmiter, Family & Consumer Science; Jorge Malagon, Half-time Spanish & Half-time Alt. High School; James Offner, Language Arts/Journalism; Emily MacWilliams, Half-time Language Arts; Jennifer Greenwood, Custodian; & Barbara Rego, Kitchen.

Middle School: Wesley Recker, 7th Gr. Social Studies; Tracy Sweet, Kitchen; Timothy McFarland, Kitchen.

Tilford Elementary: Carley Meyer, Kindergarten; Sara Jorgensen, 4th Grade.

Shellsburg Elementary: Marissa Heth, 3rd Grade; Chloe Osborn, Part-time Special Education Associate.

District: Gretchen Kriegel, Curriculum Director.

Want to be in an extra-curricular activity? Feeling like the extra cost to be involved is keeping you from participating? Due to generous donations from patrons in our school-community, we have funds available to assist any student in grades 7-12 who may have financial barriers to participating in extra-curricular activities. These activities include FFA, sports, music, speech, Voyagers, drama, Reality Check and any other activity that is sponsored by the school. Please contact Sandy Hamilton, extension 5708, or Erin Heims, extension 5606 for additional information.

Activity Tickets

Students who purchase an activity ticket during registration will receive a Red colored ID card the first day of school as long as required fees and all other overdue fees are paid in full. Those students who do not purchase an activity ticket will receive the usual Gold ID card. Should you purchase an activity ticket later, you will need to turn in your Gold ID card and you will be issued a Red ID card as long as required fees and all other overdue fees are paid in full. There will be a \$5 replacement charge for ID's if you should lose them and need another one reprinted.

V-S PHONE DIRECTORY BUILDING EXTENSIONS DIAL 436-4728 PLUS

CENTRAL OFFICE - ENTER 1 TILFORD ELEM. - ENTER 2 HIGH SCHOOL - ENTER 3 MIDDLE SCHOOL - ENTER 4
SHELLSBURG ELEMENTARY - ENTER 5 BUS GARAGE - 472-3118 MAINTENANCE DEPT. - 472-5415

V-SCSD EQUITY STATEMENT

The Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District provides equal educational and employment opportunities and will not illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District shall take affirmative action in recruitment, appointment, assignment and advancement of women and men, minorities and disabled. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal educational or employment opportunities and/or affirmative action shall be directed to Becky Lutgen, Equity Coordinator, Vinton-Shellsburg CSD, 1502 C Avenue, Vinton, Iowa 52349 or becky.lutgen@vscsd.org. Inquiries may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, or the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Education in Chicago, IL.

AUGUST 2018

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>MARCHING BAND CAMP August 3; August 6-10; August 13-118, 8:00 am—12:00 pm</p>	<p>VOLLEYBALL CAMP July 30—Aug. 1 6th & 7th from 8:00—10:00 a.m.; 8th & 9th from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.; 10th, 11th, 12th from 2:00—5:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CROSS COUNTRY Team Bonding, (9-12) 7/30-8/1, Middle School Camp August 13-16, 5th-8th Gr. 5:30—6:45 pm.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">FOOTBALL CAMP Gr. 4-8 8:00 — 10:00 am; 7/30 - 8/1 Gr. 9-12 5:30 — 7:30 pm; 7/30 - 8/3</p>	
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p>Senior Citizen Activity Passes are available for Vinton-Shellsburg CSD residents who are age 55 or older; call or stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1502 C Ave., Vinton.</p> </div>		<p>1 ▶ All-State Choral Workshop @ Mt. Mercy Univ. ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg</p>	<p>2 ▶ All-State Choral Workshop @ Mt. Mercy Univ. ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg ▶ All-State Choral @ Central College ▶ FFA Districts @ Earlville, 8:30 am</p>	<p>3 ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg ▶ All-State Choral @ Central College</p>	<p>4 5 SUNDAY ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg</p>
<p>6 District Wide Registration @ High School 12 PM—7 PM 4 yr. old Preschool Included ▶ 9-12 FB, CC, G SW, VB practice begins ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg</p>	<p>7 ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 ▶ 1:1 FRESHMEN & New Students Computer Orientation, VSHS Aud., 1:00 pm OR 5:30 pm</p>	<p>10 ▶ 1:1 Rollout, VSHS 10-12 Gr., HS Hub, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>13 ▶ School Board Meeting, Central Office, 5:15 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 ▶ Preschool Workshop—New Teachers</p>	<p>17 ▶ Fall Sports Blowout @ Karr Athletic Complex, 5:00 pm</p>	<p>18 ▶ Band Family Potluck, 12:00 pm</p>
<p>20 Preschool Workshop—All Teachers</p>	<p>21 ▶ Preschool Workshop—All Staff Mandatory Meeting, VSHS Aud., 8:00 am ▶ “Back to School Night” Shellsburg 5:30-7:00 pm Tilford 6:00-7:30 pm ▶ HSAP Fall Registration @ Tilford Aud., 7:00 pm ▶ V CC @ Mt. Vernon Invite (Cornell Coll.) 5:00 pm</p>	<p>22 ▶ “Back to School Night” High School 5:00-6:00 pm Middle School 5:30-6:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Day 1 Classes Begin Grades 1-12 2 Hr. Early Dismissal - Prof. Develop. Kindergarten conferences by appointment</p>	<p>24 Day 2 Regular Full-day Schedule Begins Grades 1-12 Kindergarten conferences by appointment ▶ MS CC First Practice ▶ FR FB vs. Alburnett, 5:00 pm ▶ V FB vs. Alburnett, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>25 ▶ FFA @ Iowa State ▶ V VB Tournament @ Meskwaki, 9:00 am</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div> <p>Boomtown</p>
<p>27 Day 3 First Day of Kindergarten ▶ JV FB vs. Alburnett, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>28 Day 4 ▶ B/G JV/V CC @ Williamsburg Invite, 4:30 pm ▶ V VB @ Anamosa, 5:00 pm</p>	<p>29 Day 5 First Day of Tiny Vike's Preschool</p>	<p>30 Day 6 ▶ 9/10/JV/V VB @ Benton, 5:00/6:00/7:30 pm ▶ G SW @ Linn-Mar, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>31 Day 1 ▶ F/S FB @ Tipton, 5:00 pm ▶ V FB @ Tipton, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Sept. 1 ▶ V VB Vikette Tournament, 9:00 am</p>

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES MAY OCCUR AFTER PUBLICATION.

SCHOOL SURPLUS SALE—August 7, 11:00 am—6:00 pm— Behind the Middle School: Tables, desks, shop and sound equipment, DVD players, file cabinets, chairs, bookcases, white boards, chalkboards, & lots of misc. All sales final and items must be removed the day of the sale.

Please remember to update your information in the PowerSchool system along with any Contact's information when there is a change in address and especially a change in phone number. You can also contact your building secretary and they can assist you with these changes. **Accurate information is important to assure timely communication.**