

# 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:

- Apr. 4 - FFA Labor Auction, VSHS, 7:00 pm
- Apr. 5 - 2-Hr. Early Dismissal; Prof. Dev.;
- Apr. 6 - High School Spring Play, HS Aud., 7:00 pm
- Apr. 7 - High School Spring Play, HS Aud., 2:00 pm
- Apr. 8 - School Board Meeting @ Central Office, 6:00 pm, Public Hearing, 6:30 pm
- Apr. 18 - CLASSES IN SESSION
- Apr. 19 - NO CLASSES
- Apr. 22 - CLASSES IN SESSION

## National Volunteer Week April 7-13

We would like to say Thank You to the 60 regular community volunteers that contribute greatly to the Vinton-Shellsburg school district. If you are not currently a volunteer for our district, maybe you want to consider becoming one. Contact Molly Noren @ 319-436-5867.



## Benton County Community Health & Wellness Fair

Sat., April 6, 2019 8:00 am - Noon

### Vinton-Shellsburg High School

- \*FREE Health Screenings
- \*FREE Self-Defense Workshop
- \*FREE Demonstrations
- \*FREE Red Cross Emergency Kits
- \*FREE Driving Simulator
- \*Information Booths
- \*Vinton Police Department Child Safety Seat Checks
- \*Benton County Sheriff Child ID Cards
- \*Welcome Bags & Prize Drawings
- \*LOTS MORE!

To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community:

Spring has brought a welcome change in the weather after the long winter! I appreciate our rural families' patience as we used our hard-surface routes for several days.

After 11 snow days, we worked to be creative in how we would make up the lost time with students. The board approved having students attend school on February 18, March 15, April 18, April 22 and May 31. We waited to see how to make-up the last snow day from February 20<sup>th</sup>, but potentially it will be "absorbed" from the extra hours built into the calendar.

Our students are currently taking the new version of the Iowa Assessments. They are now called Iowa Assessment of Student Academic Progress and the changes include more than just the change in name. They are now available for students to take on-line (i.e. students use a computer) and are untimed. There are also fewer of them with the focus on English skills (reading, language and writing) and math with science only assessed at grades 5, 8 and 10. Another difference is that all schools across the state are taking them within the same timeframe and we will not have our results back until next fall.

Preparations are well underway for the 2019-20 year. The board will hold their annual budget hearing on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the board room at Central Office. They directed us to publish a budget that has the levy rate very similar to this year's rate along with allocating an additional principle payment on the bonds. Because of how they've managed the bond payments, we anticipate a savings of almost \$1.5 million over what was initially projected before the bond vote. The downside of next year's budget is the impact of declining enrollment. From fall 2017 to fall 2018, we had about 40 fewer students which translates into about \$280,000 fewer dollars for next year; however, we will qualify for the Budget Guarantee which will buffer the decline in revenues for a year.

We are also in the process of finalizing our staffing plan for 2019-20. We have several staff retiring and have reviewed which positions will be filled. We are currently looking for several elementary positions including kindergarten, fourth grade and reading. (If you know any great candidates, please have them go to Teach Iowa and apply on-line.)

Summer brings the opportunity for building projects and upgrades. We will use our Physical Plant and Equipment Levy dollars and our 1-cent local option funds (otherwise known as SAVE) to:

- Construct a new bus barn.
- Upgrade many restrooms at Shellsburg, Tilford and the Middle School.
- Remove asbestos from several floors at the Middle School and replace the flooring.
- Replace the MS band room's flooring and work to upgrade the acoustics.
- Lower the ceiling in the library at Shellsburg and install new lighting.

We will also continue our "regular" items that we do each year – roof repair and replacement, tuck pointing, cement replacement, the purchase of new busses, etc. We will have new computers for the incoming freshman available in August.

The board approved our 2019-20 calendar. Students will start on Friday, August 23. While starting on a Friday is not ideal, it is the first day we can legally start and with Christmas and New Year's falling on Wednesdays, we will have an extended break at that time so wanted to have as many student days in before that long break as possible. We will continue early outs to be scheduled on Fridays which allows for four solid days of teaching and learning (Monday through Thursday) and also allows for families to travel for the weekend. We very much appreciate it when parents schedule dental, doctor or other appointments on these days! We built in three snow make-up days being optimistic this year's weather was not going to repeat itself next year! The students' last day is scheduled for the last Friday in May. The calendar is based on hours not days and we are well in excess of the 1080 minimum. That served us well this year.

The spring events are gearing up with music performances, golf meets, track meets, soccer games, and other school activities. Thank you to everyone who attends their events!






If any student or parent has a question about the school district, I would encourage him or her to give me a call, send me an e-mail or stop in. I welcome the opportunity to talk about what is going well (or not so well) in our district.

Respectfully,  
Mary Jo Hainstock  
[maryjo.hainstock@vscsd.org](mailto:maryjo.hainstock@vscsd.org)

### BOOK FAIR BOGO SALE

Shellsburg Elementary: April 8-11 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Monday - Thursday; (Monday & Tuesday: Before, during, and after the Spring concerts. OPEN all 4 days for 5th grade noon recess !! Please email [Charlene.brody@vscsd.org](mailto:Charlene.brody@vscsd.org) with any questions.

# APRIL 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Day 3</b> ◇ B JV/V TR @ Williamsburg Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ College Planning/ Financial Aid Night (SO & JR Parents), VS-HS LMC, 6:00—8:00 pm  <b>APRIL FOOLS DAY</b>	<b>2 Day 4</b> ◇ Iowa Jazz Championships @ Iowa State Univ. ◇ Shellsburg Spring Picture Day ◇ G JV/V TR @ Jesup Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ B V SOC @ West Delaware, 5:00 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. West Delaware, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ Tilford 2nd Gr. Concert, 6:30 pm	<b>3 Day 5</b> ◇ Middle School Spring Picture Day ◇ Band Booster Meeting, VSHS, 6:30 pm	<b>4 Day 6</b> ◇ Tilford Spring Picture Day ◇ G JV/V G vs. Center Point -Urbana & Don Bosco (VCC) 4:00 pm ◇ B JV/V G @ Center Point -Urbana (Rolling Acres), 4:00 pm ◇ G JV/V TR @ Marion (Thomas Park), 4:30 pm ◇ B JV/V TR @ Clear Creek-Amana, 4:30 pm ◇ Tilford Kindergarten Concert, 6:30 pm (2nd group at 7:15 pm) ◇ FFA Labor Auction, VSHS Gym, 7:00 pm  <b>NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARIAN DAY</b>	<b>5 Day 1</b> <b>2 HR. EARLY DISMISSAL Prof. Dev.</b> ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Independence, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC vs. Independence, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ Middle School Solo/ Ensemble Festival, VSMS, 6:00 pm  	<b>6</b> ◇ HS & MS TRAP vs. Xavier @ Otter Creek SC, 8:00 am ◇ G V G @ Benton Invite, (Tara Hills), 9:00 am ◇ High School Spring Play "The Space Pirates" @ VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm
<b>7 Sunday</b> ◇ High School Spring Play "The Space Pirates" @ VSHS Aud., 2:00 pm	<b>9 Day 3</b> ◇ UNI Women Sing Festival ◇ G MS TR @ W. Delaware Invite, 4:00 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC @ Maquoketa, 5:00/6:30 pm ◇ B JV/V TR @ Iowa Valley Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Maquoketa, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ Shellsburg K—2nd Gr. Concert & Fine Arts Night, 6:30 pm  <b>NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKERS' DAY</b>	<b>10 Day 4</b> ◇ WaMaC Art Fair @ Center Point-Urbana HS, 10:00 am ◇ WaMaC Spring Meeting @ Long-branch, 1:00 pm ◇ Booster Club Meeting @ VSHS Commons, 6:00 pm	<b>11 Day 5</b> ◇ B JV/V G @ Benton (Tara Hills), 4:00 pm ◇ G MS TR @ Marion Invite (Thomas Park), 4:15 pm ◇ G JV/V G vs. Benton (Wildcat), 4:00 pm ◇ G JV/V TR @ East Marshall Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC vs. Clear Creek-Amana, 5:30 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Clear Creek-Amana, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ Tilford 4th Gr. Concert, 6:30 pm (2nd group @ 7:15 pm)	<b>12 Day 6</b> ◇ B/G JV/V TR @ Benton Co-ed, 4:30 pm	<b>13</b> ◇ HS & MS TRAP vs. C.R. Kennedy @ Otter Creek SC, 8:00 am ◇ B V G @ Waverly Invite, (MGC), 9:00 am  
<b>NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 4/7—4/13</b>					
<b>15 Day 1</b> ◇ G JV/V G @ Amana Colonies GC, 4:00 pm ◇ B JV/V G vs. Clear Creek-Amana, (Wildcat), 4:00 pm ◇ B JV TR @ Marion, (Thomas Park), 4:45 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC vs. Mount Vernon, (MV First St. Bldg.) 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ Art Show/5th Gr. Music Concert @ Shellsburg, 6:30 pm	<b>16 Day 2</b> ◇ B JV/V G vs. Williamsburg (Stone Creek GC), 4:00 pm ◇ B MS TR @ Williamsburg Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ B/G JV/V TR @ Solon Co-ed Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Mount Vernon, (MV First St. Bldg.) 4:30/6:00 pm ◇ Tilford 3rd Gr. Concert, 6:30 pm (2nd group @ 7:15 pm)	<b>17 Day 3</b> ◇ Marching Band Drumline Auditions ◇ Color Guard Auditions @ VSHS, 3:30 pm	<b>18 Day 4</b> <b>CLASSES IN SESSION (Snow Make-up)</b> ◇ B MS TR @ Benton Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Marion, 4:15/5:45 pm ◇ B V TR @ Cedar Falls Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ G JV/V TR @ W. Delaware Invite, 4:45 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC vs. Marion, 5:30/7:00 pm	<b>19</b> <b>NO CLASSES</b>	<b>20</b> ◇ B V G @ W. Delaware Invite, (Pin Oak GC), 9:00 am
<b>PATRIOT'S DAY</b>	<b>FFA STATE CONVENTION 4/14—4/16</b>				
<b>22 Day 5</b> <b>CLASSES IN SESSION (Snow Make-up)</b> ◇ G V G @ W. Delaware Tourney (Pin Oak GC), 4:00 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. West Liberty, 5:30/7:00 pm	<b>23 Day 6</b> ◇ B MS TR @ Independence, 4:15 pm ◇ G/B JV/V TR Viking/Vikette Co-ed Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Williamsburg, 5:00/6:30 pm	<b>24 Day 1</b> ◇ B V G @ Maquoketa Invite, 12:00 pm  	<b>25 Day 2</b> ◇ B JV/V G vs. S. Tama (VCC), 4:00 pm ◇ G MS TR @ Independence Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC vs. Williamsburg, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ Tilford 1st Gr. Concert, 6:30 pm (2nd group @ 7:15 pm)	<b>26 Day 3</b> ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. S. Tama, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ G JV/V TR @ Union, 4:30 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC @ S. Tama, 4:30/6:00 pm ◇ Shellsburg Spring Dance, 3:30-5:30 pm  	<b>27</b> ◇ 8th Gr. Band @ Adventureland ◇ HS & MS TRAP vs. C.R. Jefferson @ Otter Creek SC, 8:00 am ◇ Prom Grand March @ VSHS Aud. (open to public), 7:00 pm ◇ Prom, Vinton Skate & Activity Center, 8:00—11:30 pm ◇ Post Prom @ VSHS, 11:30 pm—5:00 am
<b>DRAKE RELAYS 4/25—4/27</b>					
<b>29 Day 4</b> ◇ G V G WaMaC West @ Williamsburg (Stone Creek), 4:00 pm ◇ B V G WaMaC West @ Benton (Tara Hills), 4:00 pm ◇ G MS TR @ Clear Creek-Amana Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ G JV/V TR @ Independence Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ B JV/V TR @ Marion (Thomas Park), 4:30 pm	<b>30 Day 5</b> ◇ G JV/V G @ S. Tama, (TTCC), 4:00 pm ◇ B MS TR Little Viking Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC @ Beckman, 5:00/6:30 pm				

This is a photo of future Tiny Vikes playing in the kitchen center. We hosted Tiny Vike's Roundup March 8. Students have to be 4 by September 15. Parents should contact the office to register their child.

### V-S CSD 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.