

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."



To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! It's always time of year when I think to myself, "Ready or not, here they come!" I am confident we will be ready to serve our students!

Our buildings and classrooms will be ready. Our custodians and maintenance crews have been thoroughly cleaning the classrooms and buildings. We had some outside crews work with some asbestos abatement, roof work, painting large areas, installing cement, and several other projects. We are finishing up a remodeling project at the central office to be more handicap accessible and have a buzz-in system similar to other buildings. This also gave us the opportunity to repaint and replace some of the carpet.

Our administrators have worked to fill open positions with new staff who will bring experience, training and enthusiasm to their jobs. We will have several new teachers and support staff positions as well as people who are transferring into new positions within the district. This includes Louise Fleming as our Facilitator of Teaching and Learning and Aric Chvala who will be an instructional coach at the high school.

Our technology will be ready. Several students and staff members have worked to make sure our computers are ready for staff and students and we will have the high school laptops ready to issue in early August. (We appreciated the community's support in the purchase of our old laptops – all of them were sold in a timely manner!)

Our food service program will be ready. Our Shellsburg and Tilford kitchens and staff were busy all summer as we provided the summer meal program. We continued to serve more meals than in previous years and some days had well over 300 meals served! We anticipate continuing our strong partnership with our Farm-to-School group in offering more locally sourced and made-from-scratch items on our menus.

Our transportation department will be ready. We are modifying our routes and so there will be some adjustments in pick-up and drop-off times. Please contact the bus barn if you have specific questions.

Most importantly, our teaching staff will be ready! Many of our teachers have been attending conferences and classes as they improve their skills and expand the opportunities we can offer our students. This has included college courses and workshops. Le Cox was a part of training in Washington DC and Kelly Steffen continued her learning at Valley Forge!

There are lots of important dates in August for students, families and staff.

Now-August 22nd – Register students on-line – go to our district website www.vscsd.org and click on "Registration Information". You can use Pay Schools for depositing money into lunch accounts and the fee to use Pay Schools will be waived through August 8th.

August 8th – On-site registration at the high school from 12-7; we will have staff available to help families and you can pay with check, cash and new this year debit/credit cards.

August 15th – New Teacher Orientation

August 19th – All Teachers for Staff Development

August 20th – Open Houses at Shellsburg (5:30-7:00) and Tilford (6:00-7:30)

August 21st – Open Houses at the High School (5:00-6:00) and the Middle School (5:30-6:30).

August 23rd – First Day for Students 1st-12th students - Two Hour Early Out

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

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 & 26. 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 29th 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.

Special Points of Interest:

- Registration—ONE Day - Aug. 8 @ High School - 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
On-line registration now open.
- Aug. 12—School Board Meeting, 5:15 pm, Central Office
- Aug. 14—Freshman & New Student computer orientation, VSHS, 1:00pm or 5:30 pm
- Aug. 15—Computer Rollout grades 10-12; VSHS, 10:00am–6:00pm
- Aug. 20— "Back to School Night"
Shellsburg: 5:30-7:00 pm
Tilford: 6:30-8:00 pm
- Aug. 21—"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—Fall Sports Blowout @ Karr Athletic Complex, 5:00 pm
- Aug. 23 & 26—Kindergarten Scheduled Parent Conference by Appointment Only
- Aug. 26— Grades 1-12 Begin Regular Full-Day Schedules
- Aug. 27—First Day of Kindergarten
- Aug. 28—First Day of Tiny Vike's

It is 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-TILO20), then click the Enter button.

Choose a grade level and have it shipped to your home. Molly Noren can also be contacted for assistance at Molly.noren@vscsd.org or call 319-436-5867.

VINTON-SHELLSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2019-20 District-Wide Registration

Vinton-Shellsburg High School

Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

On-line registration with on-line payment available July 29th. (Convenience fee waived through August 8th) Visit our website at www.vscsd.org, scroll down and click on Registration Information.

2019-20 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 8th at the high school to begin the process of registering your child(ren).

Middle School: Parents should come to registration day August 8th 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 12th and 16th so that all new students will be enrolled in their courses by the first day of school.

All registrations will be done via the PowerSchool program again this year. If you choose to come to the Registration Day on August 8, 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 8, 2019. If you so choose to pay by check or cash, you will need to come to Registration Day at the High School on August 8th to pay your registration fees. **We will be able to process fees paid with a debit card or charge card at the High School this year.** 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. **NOTE: Textbook fees must be paid prior to activity passes being issued. If you were invoiced for computer damage or loss for the 2018-19 school year, payment is due at this time.**

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 by cash, check, or credit card at the high school on August 8.

ANNUAL NOTICES

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.

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

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.

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.

2020-2021 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: Maureen Albritton, FCS; Bethany Barkdoll, Spec. Ed. Assoc.; Veronica Eberling, Spec. Ed. Assoc.; Adriane Gordon, Spec. Ed. Assoc.; Melissa Heeren, Ag; Amanda Hernandez, Spec. Ed. Assoc.; Kristal Hofer, Spec. Ed. Teacher; Morgan Ollinger, Building Secretary; Cody Robertson, Business/Vinton Popcorn.

Middle School: Makayla Prall, Band; Tessa Reiter, 8th Grade.

Tilford Elementary: Katie Busch, 3rd Grade; Jessica Noren, 2nd Grade; Kelsey Nourse, Kindergarten.

Shellsburg Elementary: Jessica Alderson, Spec. Ed. Assoc.; Jodi Covington, 2nd Grade; Shannon Gardemann, ECSE Preschool Assoc.; Michelle Holland, 4th Grade; Miranda Schwickerath, Spec. Ed. Assoc.; Calee TeGrotenhuis, Title 1/Spec. Ed. Teacher.

District: Lynne Church, HSAP Secondary Teacher; Corynn Downs, Accounts Payable.

Activity Tickets

Students who purchase an activity ticket during registration will receive a Green 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 Green 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.

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.

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.


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.**

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

AUGUST 2019

| MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| MARCHING BAND CAMP August 2; August 5-9; August 12-17, 8:00 am—12:00 pm | VOLLEYBALL CAMP Aug. 5-7 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. | CROSS COUNTRY Team Bonding, (9-12) August 9-11, Middle School Camp August 12-15, 4th-6th Gr. 6:15—7:15 pm; 7th-8th Gr. 6:15-7:30 pm | | FOOTBALL CAMP Gr. 1-8 8:00 -10:00 am; 8/12 - 8/14 Gr. 9-12 5:30-7:30 pm; 8/12 - 8/16 | |
| <p>Senior Citizen Activity Passes are available for Vinton-Shellsburg CSD <u>residents</u> who are age 55 or older; call or stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1502 C Ave., Vinton.</p> <p>The Superintendent's office was recently remodeled and the entrance door has been moved. We are still in the same location, the southwest corner of the Middle School, but our door is now on the south side of the Middle School building directly across from the baseball diamond.</p> | | | 1 ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Mt. Mercy Univ. ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg | 2 ▶ V BB @ Principal Park, TBD ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Mt. Mercy Univ. ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg | 3 ▶ V BB @ Principal Park, TBD ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Mt. Mercy Univ. 4 SUNDAY ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg |
| 5 ▶ All-State Choral Camp @ Wartburg | 6 | 7 | 8 District Wide Registration @ High School 12 PM—7 PM 4 yr. old Preschool Included | 9 | 10 |
| 12 ▶ 9-12 FB, CC, G SW, VB practice begins ▶ School Board Meeting, Central Office, 5:15 pm | 13 | 14 ▶ 1:1 FRESHMEN & New Students Computer Orientation, VSHS Aud., 1:00 pm OR 5:30 pm | 15 ▶ Preschool Workshop—New Teachers ▶ 1:1 Rollout, VSHS 10-12 Gr., HS Hub, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm | 16 | 17 ▶ Band Family Potluck, 12:00 pm ▶ Marching Band in Sesquicentennial Parade, 2:00 pm |
| 19 ▶ Preschool Workshop—All Teachers | 20 ▶ Preschool Workshop—All Staff Mandatory Meeting, VSHS Aud., 8:00 am ▶ V VB @ Monticello, 5:00 pm ▶ “Back to School Night” Shellsburg 5:30-7:00 pm Tilford 6:00-7:30 pm ▶ HSAP Fall Registration @ Tilford Aud., 7:00 pm | 21 ▶ Preschool Workshop—All Teachers ▶ “Back to School Night” High School 5:00-6:00 pm Middle School 5:30-6:30 pm | 22 | 23 Day 1 Classes Begin Grades 1-12 2 Hr. Early Dismissal - Prof. Develop. Kindergarten conferences by appointment ▶ Fall Sports Blowout @ Karr Athletic Complex, 5:00 pm | 24  |
| Vinton's Sesquicentennial Celebration | | | | | |
| 26 Day 2 Regular Full-day Schedule Begins Grades 1-12 Kindergarten conferences by appointment ▶ G SW @ Vinton Municipal Pool, 5:00 pm ▶ MS CC First Practice | 27 Day 3 First Day of Kindergarten ▶ V CC @ Mt. Vernon Invite (Cornell Coll.) 5:00 pm ▶ V VB vs. Anamosa & Midland, 5:00 pm | 28 Day 4 First Day of Tiny Vike's Preschool | 29 Day 5 ▶ G SW @ Central Middle School (W'loo), 6:00 pm | 30 Day 6 ▶ V FB @ Alburnett, 7:30 pm | 31 ▶ F/S VB @ Prairie Point Tourney, 8:30 am ▶ V VB @ Meskwaki Tourney, 9:00 am |

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES MAY OCCUR AFTER PUBLICATION.

SCHOOL SURPLUS SALE—August 7, 11:00 am—6:00 pm— Behind the Middle School: Office suite furniture, many student chairs, student & adult desks, desk chairs, computer carts, asst. file cabinets, wooden shelves, exercise equipment, lots of miscellaneous. All Items Sold “As Is” & Must be removed The Day of the Sale!!

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.