

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** — On-line registration now open and is preferred method. NO registration day @ high school. If you need assistance please call the building secretary.

- Aug. 10—School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Shellsburg Elem. (5:00 workshop)
- Aug. 11—High School Student computer rollout, VSHS hub, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Aug. 12—High School Student computer rollout, VSHS hub, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Aug. 23—Fall Sports Blowout @ Karr Athletic Complex, 5:00 pm
- Aug. 24—Grades 1-12 First Day of Classes—2 Hr. Early Dismissal – Prof. Dev.
- Aug. 25—Grades K-12 Begin Regular Full-Day Schedules
- Aug. 26—First Day of Tiny Vike's

To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community,

Thank you for your patience as our District leadership and our committee teams have moved through our Return to Learn planning. We are continuing to develop the best possible curriculum and delivery of instruction during these uncertain times. It will probably differ somewhat from building to building and age group to age group as necessary to be safe and most effective, but we will be continuing our commitment to teach to the highest Iowa standards. Our teaching staff has been and will be engaging in professional learning to enhance their skills in both face-to-face and virtual (remote, on-line) learning techniques around engaging students, communication, and feedback strategies, building off feedback and lessons learned from this past spring.

The school staff, school board and I appreciate the many phone calls, emails with comments, questions and suggestions that have arrived. This has been helpful in our planning of our Return to Learn plan. If you have a question about your individual student, the school principal is always the best place to begin at this time of the year.

There is a great diversity of opinion in our community about the right path forward. The information and guidance we receive each day is ever-changing. We will continually monitor the local data and pivot as necessary. I have great empathy for the struggles of each family as you work to support your students, and I hope all of the adults understand that we are listening to you. I hope we can continue to work together in a collaborative way to grow as a school community in the face of our challenges.

Our District team is grateful to the many staff who have given up large amounts of their summer to work with us to ensure a positive return to school for our students. We are also grateful to our families, many of whom spent their summers unusually close to home, and many of whom also contributed to our work by filling out surveys and providing feedback, or most importantly, by continuing to work with your children academically.

Thank you for your continued patience and support. Please don't hesitate to write with comments or questions to kyle.koeppen@vscsd.org.

Best regards and welcome back from summer,

Kyle Koeppen
Superintendent

VARIED CLASS SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 24TH

Vinton-Shellsburg **Grade 1-12 students** will have classes August 24th, but will be on a **2-Hour Early Dismissal** Schedule.

Kindergarten students' first day is August 25. A parent teacher conference will be held prior to August 25th. Information to schedule your conference will be available soon!

Tiny Vike's Preschool starts August 26th. Teachers will contact parents to set up home visits.

Frequently Asked Question

Q: If I signed up to do the virtual schooling with the district do I have to buy a computer? What fees do I need to pay?

A: Computers will be made accessible to those students grades K through 8th at no cost to the family. You still have to pay the textbook/materials fee as you normally would.

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2020-21 Registration

Please register and pay your fees online using the instructions found on our website under Registration. (www.vcsd.org)

Payments online can be made via check or credit/debit card.

Registration will be open online without a service fee July 22—August 14, 2020.

There will not be a registration day at the high school.

2020-21 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 — \$2.85

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

HS Students may contact the guidance office (436-5704) beginning August 10th to schedule an appointment for registration with their counselor.

Appointments will be scheduled between Aug. 17th to 21st so that all new students can be enrolled in their courses by the first day of school (Aug. 24th).

MS Students & Elementary Students should come to the building starting August 4 to begin the process of registering.

NOTE: Textbook fees must be paid prior to activity passes being issued. If you were invoiced for computer damage or loss for the 2019-20 school year, payment is due at this time.

FREE & REDUCED FEES APPLICATIONS - If you have not received the certification letter for free or reduced meals and fees, the application is on-line or available in the buildings starting August 4. Please complete the form to apply and turn it into the building secretary August 10th-14th between the hours of 9:00–11:30 am and 1–3 pm.

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 14, 2020. If you so choose to pay by check or cash, you will need to go to your child's building or closest building from August 10th through August 14th to pay your registration fees. 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 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.

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.

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@vcsd.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.

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.vcsd.org and the Phone Information line, (319) 436-4728 enter 6, which you can call anytime. We also post on Facebook and VintonToday.

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.

2021-2022 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: Corynn Downs, Head Building Secretary; Emma Henry, Guidance Secretary/Registrar; Amber Hermanson, Special Education Teacher; Shawna Hunziker, West Campus Associate; Kristin Mossman, Health & Activities Secretary; Gabrielle Power, Ag/FFA Teacher; Neil Whitehead, Spanish/Alt. HS Teacher.

Middle School: Trista Behrens-Wolf, Special Education Teacher; Teresa Stout, Special Education Associate; Eric Tabaka, Vocal Music (MS & SE); Shelly Williams, Special Education Associate.

Tilford Elementary: Lindsey Davis, 1st Grade; Natalia Duff, Guidance Counselor (shared with Benton); Abbi Gosse, General Education Associate; Danelle Hauschild, General Education Associate; Jill Reeve, Special Education Teacher; Kyle Reeve, Principal; Darci Walter, General Education Associate.

Shellsburg Elementary: Kirstin Andries, Special Education Teacher; Abilene Baldwin, ECSE Associate; Tori Dursky, Kindergarten Teacher; Kim Murray, Tiny Vike’s Teacher.

District: Kyle Koeppen, Superintendent; Kurt Janssen, Mechanic.

Activity Tickets

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

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. - 319-231-4701

AUGUST 2020

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
10 ▶ School Board Meeting, Shellsburg Elem, Workshop 5:00 pm, meeting 5:30 pm	11 ▶ 1:1 Rollout for all HS students, VSHS Hub, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm	12 ▶ 1:1 Rollout for all HS students, VSHS Hub, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm	13	14	15
17 ▶ Preschool Workshop—New Teachers ▶ HSAP Fall Registration @ Tilford Aud., 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21 ▶ Fall Sports Blowout @ Karr Athletic Complex, 5:00 pm	22
24 Day 1 Classes Begin Grades 1-12 2 Hr. Early Dismissal - Prof. Develop.	25 Day 2 Regular Full-day Schedule Begins Grades K-12	26 Day 3 First Day of Tiny Vike's Preschool	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	▶ 29

Senior Citizen Activity Passes are available for Vinton-Shellsburg CSD residents who are age 55 or older at the Superintendent's Office at 1502 C Ave., Vinton. We are going to do things a bit different this year. We ask that you please call in advance to make an appointment to stop and pick up your pass.
 Thank you for your understanding.

If you need assistance with school supplies please contact Molly Noren at Molly.noren@vscsd.org or call 319-436-5867.

SCHOOL PERMIT INSTRUCTIONS

Students who are interested in applying for a school permit need to contact the high school office to arrange an appointment time with Mr. Islas to get the necessary signature.

Please remember to register your child and update your information in the PowerSchool system before the first date of school. Please update 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-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.