

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."

We're Going Back To School



To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! I'm confident it is going to be a great one!

Special Points of Interest.

- **Registration—ONE Day - Aug. 8 @ High School - 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm**
On-line registration opened July 21st
- Aug. 14—School Board Meeting,
5:15 pm, Central Office
- Aug. 17—Fall Sports Blowout @ Karr Athletic Complex, 5:00 pm
- Aug. 16—Freshman & New Student computer Orientation, VSHS, 1:00pm **or** 5:30pm
- Aug. 21—"Back to School Night"
Shellsburg: 5:30-7:00 pm
Tilford: 6:30-8:00 pm
- Aug. 22—Computer Rollout Grades 10-12; VSHS, 10:00am-6:00pm
- 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. 25—First Day of Kindergarten
- Aug. 30—First Day of Tiny Vike's

During the summer months, the school is very focused on getting things prepared for the new school year. Our focus is on four priority areas – 1) making sure the facilities are cleaned, updated and construction projects done; 2) making sure we have staff hired; 3) making sure we are prepared for the adult learning that will occur in August and throughout the year; and 4) working to help students catch-up and be academically prepared for the next year. We are on track for our four priority areas.

We had several outside crews working on construction projects – which anyone who has ever done a remodeling project at home knows just how much extra mess this can create! We have a new HVAC system to serve "the circle" at Tilford and we also updated the lights and ceiling in that area. We updated restrooms at Shellsburg. The Middle School updated one of the science rooms. The high school had some flooring replaced. All of the gym floors received attention so they are ready for our PE and athletic events. One of the most noticeable improvements is to the west area of the Tilford parking lot. We did work to assist with the drainage and then installed cement. Our custodians and maintenance crew have done a phenomenal job of scrubbing, cleaning and preparing the buildings along with mowing, pruning and completing other landscaping tasks.

The building principals and directors worked to review applicant materials and conduct interviews and background checks for several teaching and support positions. Summer school was offered to most of our students who needed to catch up on some credits or other learning plus we opened the elementary libraries so kids could continue reading. We were able to offer a summer meal program and had almost 200 meals served on some of the days.

Our administrators and teacher leaders have been working throughout the summer to design adult learning for the new year. Many of our teachers and other staff members were learners as they completed graduate classes and specialized training. As I have visited with them over the last few days, I can tell they are reenergized and ready for their students.

We will have our annual school sale on Tuesday, August 1st from 12-6. We will have old desks, chairs and file cabinets for sale as well as some used student MacBook computers.

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 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, 2017. 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, 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 2016-17 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 than 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 at home with a credit card;
- ◆ You can come in and complete eRegistration and payment at the high school.

VINTON-SHELLSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-18 District-Wide Registration -

Vinton-Shellsburg High School

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

On-line registration with on-line payment available July 21st. (Convenience fee waived through August 8th)

Visit our website at www.vscsd.org and click on the Registration Information tab.

2017-18 Registration Fees:

◆ Textbook/Materials/Technology

Grades K-5 — \$50

Grades 6-8 — \$60

Grades 9-12 — \$65

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

with Insurance—\$71 (no strike rule)

(OR 15 hrs. of verified community service)

◆ School Meals

Breakfast Grades K-12 — \$1.70

Lunch Grades K-12 — \$2.75

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

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

ilk/Juice Break: 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 11th and 18th 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 18th online following the links at the Tilford Elementary and Shellsburg Elementary websites.

Kindergarten starts August 25th.

Tiny Vike's Preschool starts August 30th. 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 or at Clickstop this year. You may still purchase one of the elementary kits, see the district website for 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.

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, 436-4728 enter 6, which you can call anytime. 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) I would also 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 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. Please bring the completed immunization certificate 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.

2018-2019 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 will be approved after the March 1 deadline if the reason for late filing qualifies for “good cause.”

WELCOME NEW V-S STAFF

High School: Lisa Streif, Special Education Teacher.

Middle School: Chad Anderson, Industrial Technology; Logan Walston, 6th Gr. Science; Sarah Bumann, 8th Gr. Math; Shelly Gray, Secretary.

Tilford Elementary: Emily Hanson, 1/2 Pre-school Teacher; Whitney Roster, Special Education Associate;

Shellsburg Elementary: Kristen Heaverlo, Special Ed/Title 1; Meg Turnis, ECSE Teacher; Emily Hanson, 1/2 Shellsburg Kindergarten.

Home School Program: Kayla Squires, Teacher.

District: Randy Arndt, Transportation 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 Molly Noren extension 5867 for additional information.

Activity Tickets

Students who purchase an activity ticket during registration will receive a Blue colored ID card the first day of school as long as required fees and all other over due 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 Blue ID card as long as required fees and all other over due 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 TLFORD 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 Kim Meyer, Equity Coordinator, Vinton-Shellsburg CSD, 1502 C Avenue, Vinton, Iowa 52349. 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 2017

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>MARCHING BAND CAMP July 28; July 31-August 4; August 7-12, 8:00 am—12:00 pm</p>	<p>SCHOOL SURPLUS SALE: Aug. 1st The district has used student MacBook computers & numerous miscellaneous items for sale @ the Middle School Auto Shop from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. All sales final and items must be removed the day of sale.</p>			<p>BOWLING CAMP 7/30 & 8/6 Gr. 3-5 9:00—11:00 a.m.; Middle School 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.; High School 1:00—4:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>VOLLEYBALL CAMP July 31—Aug. 2 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>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>Middle School</p>	<p>CROSS COUNTRY Team Bonding, (9-12) 8/2-8/4, Camp August 14-17, 4th-6th Gr. 7th & 8th Gr. 5:30—6:45 pm.</p>	<p>4:00—5:15 pm,</p>	<p>FOOTBALL CAMP Gr. 1-8 8:00 — 10:00 am; 7/31 - 8/2 Gr. 9-12 5:30 — 7:30 pm; 7/31 - 8/4</p>	
<p>7 ➤ 9-12 FB, CC, G SW, VB practice begins</p>	<p>8 District Wide Registration @ High School 12 PM—7 PM 4 yr. old Preschool included</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 ➤ Band Family Potluck, 12:00 pm</p>
<p>14 ➤ School Board Meet- ing, Central Office, 5:15 pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Preschool Workshop— New Teachers ➤ 1:1 FRESHMEN & New Students Computer Orienta- tion, VSHS Aud., 1:00 pm OR 5:30 pm</p>	<p>17 Preschool Workshop— All Teachers & Staff ➤ Fall Sports Blowout @ Karr Athletic Complex, 5:00 pm ➤ Fellowship of Chris- tian Athletes @ Karr Athletic Complex, 8:00 pm</p>	<p>18 Preschool Work- shop—All Teachers (flex)</p>	<p>19 ➤ Speech Trash Pick- up @ Karr Complex, 8:00 am</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>21 Preschool Workshop— All Teachers ➤ “Back to School Night” Shellsburg 5:30 - 7:00 pm Tilford 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>22 ➤ 1:1 Rollout, VSHS 10-12 Gr., 10:00 am - 6:00 pm ➤ “Back to School Night” High School 5:00— 6:00 pm Middle School 5:30- 6:30 pm ➤ V CC @ Mt. Vernon Invite (Cornell Coll.) 5:00 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 ➤ G SW @ Waterloo East, Central Pool, 6:00 pm ➤ HS Drama “Bring It On the Musical” auditions, VS-HS Aud., 7:00 pm</p>	<p>25 Day 3 First Day of Kindergarten ➤ FR FB @ Center Point-Urbana, 5:00 pm ➤ V FB @ Center Point-Urbana, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>26 ➤ All-State Choral Workshop, Waukee ➤ V VB Tournament @ Meskwaki, 9:00 am ➤ FR VB Tournament @ Prairie Point, 9:00 am</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Boomtown</p> </div>
<p>28 Day 4 ➤ FFA Chapter Meeting, Kiwanis Park, 6:30 pm ➤ HS Drama “Bring It On the Musical” audi- tions, VS-HS Aud., 7:00 pm</p>	<p>29 Day 5 ➤ B/G JV/V CC @ Williamsburg Invite, 4:30 pm ➤ 9/10/JV/V VB @ Midland Invite, 4:00/5:00 pm</p>	<p>30 Day 6 First Day of Tiny Vike’s Preschool</p>	<p>31 Day 1 ➤ 9/10/JV/V VB vs. Benton, 5:00/6:00/ 7:30 pm ➤ G SW @ Linn-Mar, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Sept. 1 Day 2 ➤ F/S FB vs. Union, 5:00 pm ➤ V FB vs. Union, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>3 ➤ Speech Trash Pick- up @ Karr Complex, 8:00 am ➤ V VB Vikette Tour- nament, 9:00 am</p>

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES MAY OCCUR AFTER PUBLICATION.

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.