

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

- Dec. 1 - 2-Hr. Early Dismissal, Prof. Dev.
- Dec. 4 - 6-12 Winter Vocal Concert, VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm
- Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Program @ VSMS Media Center, 12:00 pm
- Dec. 11 - School Board Meeting @ Central Office, 5:15 pm
- Dec. 11- 6-12 Band Concert, VSMS, 7:00 pm
- Dec. 15 - 2-Hr. Early Dismissal, Prof. Dev.
- Dec. 22 - 2-Hr. Early Dismissal
- Dec. 25 - Jan. 2 - NO CLASSES — Christmas Break.
- Jan. 3 - CLASSES RESUME

SHELLSBURG BOOK FAIR IS HERE!!

December 4th—8th

Mon. thru Thurs.: 7:30-8:15 am & 3:00-3:45 pm; Opened up to 5th gr. at their noon recess.
Fri.: 7:30-8:15 am only.

Online Fair will run from Dec 7th - 20th and there is a Mobile App available. (<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/vsms>)

COMING SOON

2018-2019 Registration

(More information at a later date)

Kindergarten Round-Up

March 15, 2018

Must be 5 years old by 9/15/2018

Tiny Vike's Preschool Round-Up

March 23, 2018

Must be 4 years old by 9/15/2018

To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community,

We have just finished the fall parent-teacher conferences and the first trimester. It seems as though the school year is going by very quickly! We also recently hosted the annual Veterans' Day program. Every year I am impressed by the number of veterans and patrons attending as well as our students' leadership and participation. I am not sure there is a better program or one with more people anywhere in the state!

This is a time of year when we reflect on the many good things that we have. We have great facilities and, more importantly, we have great staff who work with our students. We have parents who are concerned and interested in their students' learning. We have students who demonstrate every day their interest, desire and commitment to learning. We have many volunteers who put in many hours each week to help our students be successful and our school district thrive. We have seven school board members who volunteer their time and attention to the district and our students. We have a community that has demonstrated its support for our school district and our students in ways that are almost too numerous to count!

We have many events happening in December. If you want to see students displaying their talents, plan to attend a music program, basketball game, wrestling meeting, swimming competition...and the list goes on (just refer to the calendar).

If you have any questions about anything that has to do with the school, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. I would welcome the opportunity to sit down and visit with you. I sincerely wish you a safe and happy holiday season and New Year.

Happy Holidays,

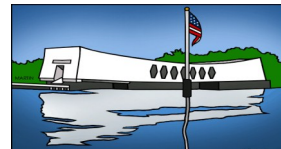
Mary Jo Hainstock, Superintendent

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Annual Pearl Harbor Program

In recognition of the 76th anniversary of the US entry into World War II, the 8th graders at Vinton-Shellsburg Middle School will host a memorial service in the Middle School LMC on Thursday, December 7, 2017, from approximately 12-1 pm.

The centerpiece of the memorial is a section of armor from the USS *Arizona*, lost in the attack on Pearl Harbor with 1,177 souls. Students will perform the National Anthem, Taps, and read testimonials from participants. This event is free and open to the public.

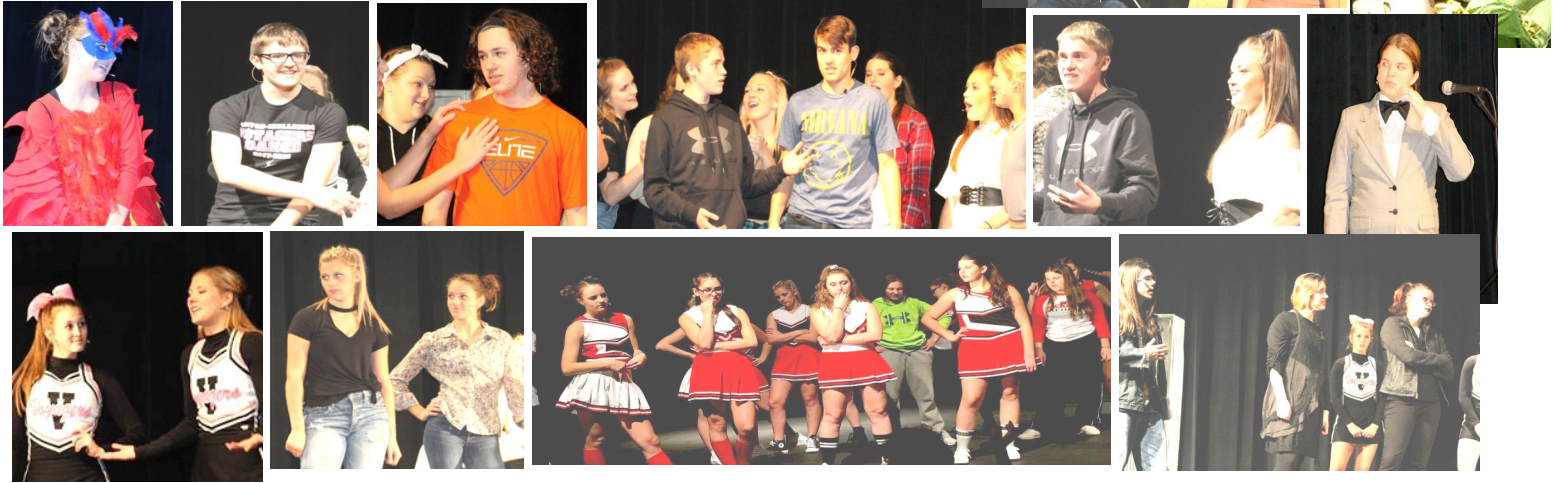


Season's Greetings & a Happy New Year from Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools!! See you next year!!!



“Bring It On:” VSHS Musical

The actors, singers and dancers of the VSHS music department production of "Bring It On," the musical based on the movie about two competing cheerleading teams.



Aaron Askelson, Benton County Naturalist, is teaching first graders about turkeys.



Caitlin Savage, Benton County Naturalist, is taught Tiny Vikes preschool students about animal tracks and pine needles.

Wednesday October 25th, 15 members, 3 chaperones and 2 advisors headed to FFA National Convention. On Thursday, October 26th we spent the day in Indianapolis. We attended the first session where we listened to keynote speaker Laila Ali, a champion female boxer, who gave a motivating speech about her path to boxing and her rise to fame outside of her father's life. Friday, October 27th we attending the 4th General Session.



IOWA Assessments

We are asking for your support to help make sure the students of Vinton-Shellsburg are at school during our IA Assessments testing window. Attendance is very important during the first full week of testing as we'll be administering our Reading and Math assessments that week. We will be administering the **IA Assessments from Jan 29-Feb 2, 2018 in grades 3-11**. Research shows that students perform better on the assessment when taken with the rest of their class or on schedule instead of during a make up session.

We would like to ask you not to schedule appointments during these times. Thank you in advance for planning ahead for those appointments. It is very hard to make up missed tests. These tests are used by the state to determine if the Vinton-Shellsburg District achieves adequate progress and by the district as one measure of our students' learning.

Cub Scouts Pack 47, Den 3 Donates a Buddy Bench To The Tilford Playground

Third-grade cub scouts completed their Baloo The Builder Adventure by donating a Buddy Bench to the Tilford Playground. The adventure work helped them progress toward their Bear Badge.

Chelsea Kettler is the den leader and facilitated the project. Seth Kettler constructed the bench with the scouts. Kurt and Angie Kerkman from Kirk's Enterprises generously donated the materials. The purpose of the Buddy Bench is to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship. Kids can go sit on the Buddy Bench showing others they would like to meet new friends and be asked to play.



The Iowa Association of School Boards launched **“The Promise of Iowa”** campaign to focus attention on the future of Iowa public school students and to rally support for ensuring our public schools lead the nation.

Iowa’s future leaders, innovators and citizens are its children. They are “The Promise of Iowa.” Their future is created every day by Iowa public schools.

Iowans have an enduring commitment of support for public education and its connection to developing the potential of our young people, strengthening our communities, and contributing to our economy. Public education is such a core value in our state that “Foundation in Education” is even the centerpiece of our state quarter!

The Promise of Iowa campaign celebrates the many successes of Iowa public schools by bringing to life the story of Iowa public education. It’s part of our commitment as locally elected school boards to ensure that Iowa taxpayers know that your investment in public schools is making a difference.

But we can’t rest on our laurels—there is more work to be done. Our next generation faces new challenges we never dreamed of. Iowa public schools are changing and evolving to keep pace with a fast-changing digital and global world. We must continue to find ways to close achievement gaps so that Iowa public schools fulfill the ideal of equity and opportunity for all. We must also keep pace with improvements made in other states, to ensure our public schools provide our students and state with an advantage. The need is especially important now, as Iowa has fallen behind other states in some areas.

State and local leaders came together around an ambitious agenda to strengthen our public schools in 2013 landmark legislation. State policy makers, locally elected school board members, educators and the business community all made a shared commitment to ensure the next generation of Iowa students receives a world-class education.

In this era of competing priorities and limited resources, we can’t afford to lose sight of these important goals. As locally elected citizens entrusted with public education, Iowa school boards are taking on the responsibility to tell the story and rally public support and understanding for continued efforts that ensure:

Students are prepared: Sustained focus on improvement efforts to ensure all students are college and career ready. Iowa needs high standards for student learning, an aligned assessment, and a strong system to develop and retain qualified teachers and educators. A focus on early education and literacy will ensure students get a strong start. Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) efforts align with future workforce needs. And we must ensure students with challenges receive extra support to succeed.

Increased Flexibility for Schools: More flexibility and autonomy for local community schools. Even as we pursue statewide initiatives, every school district faces its own unique challenges and each community must set priorities and invest in areas that ensure student success. Our local schools need greater flexibility from burdensome regulations, allowing more innovation, efficiency and responsiveness to parent and community needs. Overly restrictive state and federal policy stifles success.

Sufficient and Timely Funding: School funding is sufficient, equitable, timely, and sustainable. To keep our public schools strong, school funding policy needs work as well. We must ensure state and local improvement efforts are funded to implement them well; address inequities in how schools are funded; and ensure that state funding decisions are made in a timely, sustainable way that allows local school boards to plan responsibly.

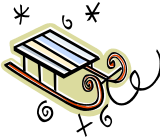



225 School boards have committed to rally support through local campaigns. Check out promiseofiowa.org. Vinton-Shellsburg is featured in the campaign launch video.



SOLE SISTERS

This is the third year for Sole Sisters, which began in 2015. The group’s mission: To empower girls to become confident, positive role models who make healthy choices for themselves. The 26 girls, along with the teachers, their older “sisters,” which included relatives and friends, and some other runners and walkers, held their 2K walk/run on Sunday, Nov. 19. While the fall session has concluded, there will be a shorter spring session, as well as planning for the 2018 Sole Sisters program. Any fifth-grade girl can sign up.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<h1>DECEMBER 2017</h1>				<p>1 Day 6 2-HR EARLY DISMISSAL Professional Dev.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Tilford Holiday Activity, 1:30-3:30 pm, Tilford Gym ◇ MS WR vs. S. Tama, Williamsburg & Solon @ VS-MS, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB @ Union MS, 4:15 pm ◇ FS/JV/V G BB vs. W. Delaware, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm ◇ 9/10/V B BB @ W. Delaware, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm ◇ JV/V BOWL @ Independence (Lucky Lanes), 4:00 pm ◇ Voyagers State Dance Competition 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ MS & HS NEIBA Honor Band @ Oelwein ◇ V WR @ Monticello Tourney, 10:00 am ◇ B V SW @ Cardinal Invite (Newton), 10:00 am
<p>Senior Citizen Activity Passes are available for Vinton-Shellsburg CSD residents who are age 55 or older; stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1502 C Ave., Vinton.</p>					
<p>3 Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 13th Annual Tour de-Lights 5K Run @ Vinton Fire Station, 5:00 pm 	<p>5 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 7 G BB @ Benton (Norway), 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB vs. Benton, 4:15 pm ◇ FS/JV/V G BB vs. Williamsburg, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm ◇ 9/10/V B BB @ Williamsburg, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm 	<p>6 Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Band Boosters Mtg., VSHS, 6:30 pm 	<p>7 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Pearl Harbor Program @ VS-MS Media Center, 12:00 pm ◇ 7 G BB vs. Clear Creek -Amana, 4:15pm ◇ 8 G BB @ Clear Creek-Amana MS, 4:15 pm ◇ MS WR vs. CCA, Lisbon & Anamosa @ Anamosa MS, 4:15 pm ◇ JV B BB vs. Benton, 7:00 pm 	<p>8 Day 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ JV/V BOWL vs. Cascade @ Berry's Lanes, 4:00 pm ◇ JV/V G BB @ S. Tama, 6:00/7:30 pm ◇ 9/10/V B BB vs. S. Tama, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V WR @ South Tama Invite, 9:30 am ◇ B V SW @ Grinnell Invitational (Grinnell College), 11:00 am ◇ V G BOWL C.R. Prairie Invite @ Lancer Lanes, 1:00 pm
<p>4 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 6-12 Winter Vocal Concert, VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm 					<p>10 Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</i></p>
<p>11 Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V B BOWL @ Cascade Lanes, 4:00 pm ◇ MS WR vs. Benton & CPU @ Benton (Keystone), 4:15 pm ◇ JV WR - Viking Invite @ VSHS, 5:00 pm ◇ School Board Meeting, Central Office, 5:15 pm ◇ 6-12 Band Extravaganza, VSMS, 7:00 pm 	<p>12 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 7 G BB @ W. Delaware MS, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB vs. W. Delaware, 4:15 pm ◇ 9/10/V B BB vs. Clear Creek-Amana, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm ◇ FS/JV/V G BB @ Clear Creek-Amana, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm <p style="text-align: center;"><i>HANUKKA STARTS</i></p>	<p>13 Day 2</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>14 Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ JV/V WR vs. Williamsburg & Fairfield @ Williamsburg, 6:00 pm 	<p>15 Day 4 2-HR EARLY DISMISSAL Professional Dev.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ JV/V BOWL @ W. Delaware @ Lightning Lanes, 4:00 pm ◇ FS/JV/V G BB vs. Independence, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm ◇ 9/10/V B BB @ Independence, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm ◇ B V SW @ Decorah, (Luther) 6:00 pm 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V WR @ Iowa Falls-Alden Tourney, 10:00 am ◇ V B BOWL C.R. Prairie Invite @ Lancer Lanes, 1:00 pm
<p>18 Day 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ JV WR @ Center Point-Urbana Tourney, 5:00 pm ◇ FFA Meeting @ VSHS, 6:30 pm ◇ JV B BB @ Independence, 7:00 pm 	<p>19 Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ FS/JV/V G BB @ Marion, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm ◇ 9/10/V B BB vs. Marion, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm ◇ B V SW @ Williamsburg, 5:30 pm 	<p>20 Day 1</p>	<p>21 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 10/9 B BB vs. Dunkerton, @ MS Gym, 4:00/5:15 pm ◇ V WR vs. Solon, Keokuk, PCM, & Wilton @ Solon, 4:00 pm ◇ JV/V G B BB vs. Dunkerton @ HS Gym, 4:30/6:00 pm ◇ V B BB vs. Dunkerton @ HS Gym, 7:30 pm 	<p>22 2-HR EARLY DISMISSAL HOLIDAY BREAK</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>25 NO CLASSES HOLIDAY BREAK</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>26 NO CLASSES HOLIDAY BREAK <i>KWANZAA BEGINS</i></p>	<p>27 NO CLASSES HOLIDAY BREAK</p>	<p>28 NO CLASSES HOLIDAY BREAK</p>	<p>29 NO CLASSES HOLIDAY BREAK</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ FFA/NHS/GO V-S remove holiday roping, 9:00 am
<p>JAN. 1</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>2 NO CLASSES HOLIDAY BREAK</p>	<p>3 CLASSES RESUME</p>			