

VINTON-SHELLSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"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

- Jan. 3 - CLASSES RESUME
- Jan. 14 - School Board Meeting @ Tilford Elem., 5:15 pm
- Jan. 18 - NO CLASSES, Prof. Development
- Jan. 21 - NO CLASSES (Snow Make-up Day)
- Jan. 24 - COMPLIMENT DAY—Say something positive to someone today!
- Jan. 25- 2-Hr. Early Dismissal, Prof. Development
- Jan. 25 - Band Soup Supper, VSHS Commons, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Jan. 26—ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar (Gr. 10-12), 8:00—3:00

To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community,

Happy New Year!

In December, the Iowa Department of Education released reports showing how public schools performed in a new accountability system that meets the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act). The Iowa School Performance Profiles include each school building's scores on a set of accountability measures and includes the overall rating plus the performance of subgroups of students (ethnicity, English Language status, special education, and those qualifying for free or reduced priced meals). Besides performance measures, there is an indicator of school climate that is based on student surveys of engagement, safety and the overall learning environment. The other measures include: student participation in state assessments, academic achievement in reading and math, student growth in reading and math and graduation rate (at the high school level). Each category generates points for a building and then the categories are each weighted. Another indicator – "Postsecondary Readiness" – will be added next year.

Based on the school building ratings, the Iowa Department of Education has identified some who need Comprehensive Assistance. There are 34 of these across the state. There are some others (307) that qualify for Targeted Support and Improvement.

As a whole, our students did better than the state averages on almost every measure and we have no building that needs "Comprehensive Assistance." As the data was disaggregated for the subgroups, our students at the high school who qualify for free or reduced meals did not attain at the same level as all students and the high school will receive "Targeted Assistance." Most notably, our drop-out rate for these students showed a fairly significant gap with their peers who do not qualify for reduced price meals.

Our district ratings continue to be ones we should take pride and reflect work our associates, teachers and administrators have been working hard over the last few years to increase our students' reading and math proficiencies. You can access the report at: www.iaschoolperformance.gov

As well as we did, I am cautious in making sweeping judgments based on the rankings. This is the state's first attempt with the rankings; it has a tremendous focus on student success on the Iowa Assessments which is not totally reflective of the teaching and learning that occurs each day within our classrooms; and each year we have a different group of students whose achievement is measured within the rankings for the school building.

We are working on draft calendars for the 2019-20 school year. Please watch our Facebook page and district homepage for your opportunity to give feedback.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Mary Jo Hainstock, Superintendent
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Ext. 5900 (Shellsburg)

Our preschool program will offer:

- *Morning or afternoon preschool free of a tuition charge (only a milk/juice fee)
- *Highly qualified preschool teachers with a college degree specializing in early childhood education
- *Teacher associates with a paraprofessional endorsement or two year degree
- *Classrooms that align with the Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards
- *The state approved Creative Curriculum and assessments

**Children must be 4 on or before
September 15, 2019 to attend preschool**

2019 DRIVERS' EDUCATION

We will continue working with ABC Driver Education LLC to provide instruction and experience for students who need driver education. Spring and summer registration will open after January 1st. More information is available on the school's website.

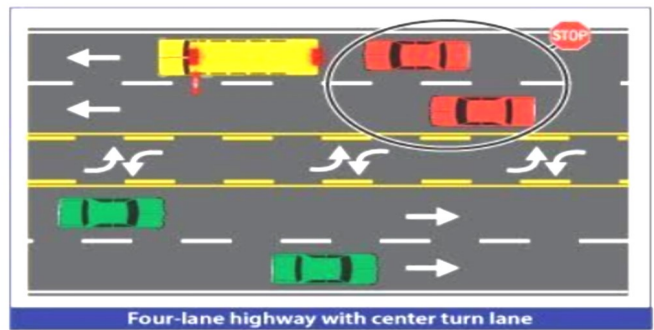
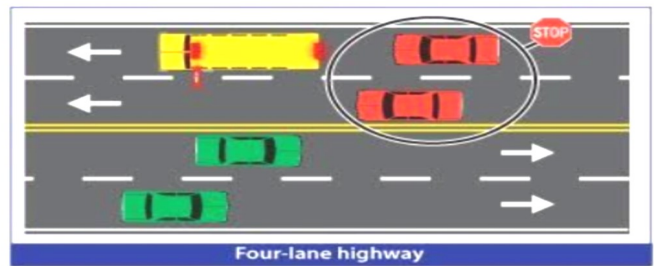
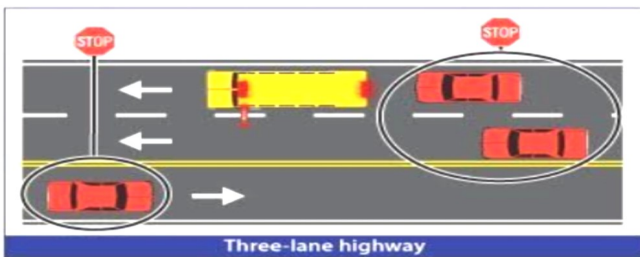
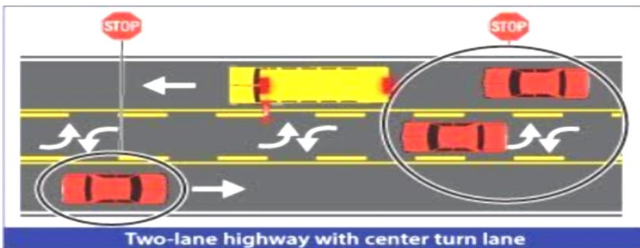
TILFORD ELEMENTARY

1M and 1Mc go and visit the Annex residents about once a month. Sometimes we read stories to the residents, play bingo or enjoy treats such as hot chocolate and cookies. Lori, the activities director, plans with Emily McLaughlin on which activity we'll do each month. This month, they treated the first graders to hot chocolate and cookies. The first graders sang a song to the residents.



Stopped School Bus Passing Laws in Iowa

www.iowadot.gov/schoolbus/requiredstopping.html



Director Wise presented a National Blue Ribbon flag to the school and a plaque for the awesome teachers at Tilford.



State Education Director Wise is at Tilford Elementary to celebrate Tilford's Blue Ribbon School Award. Greeting him are Board President Rob Levis, board member Sue Gates, and principal Jim Murray.

BAND SOUP SUPPER

The band boosters are hosting their annual soup supper on Friday, January 25th prior to the varsity boys basketball game against Clear Creek-Amana. The profits from this event will go towards fees associated with marching band, bringing in specialists to work with the band, and providing instruments and music to the students in the ensemble. Meal tickets are \$6 a person and can be bought in advance from band students in grades 6-12 or at the door. The purchase includes all you can eat chicken noodle soup, chili, and various sides and desserts. Please consider supporting the band department on Friday, January 25, 2019!



From the Vinton-Shellsburg High School

We are deep into the school year and school events and activities are happening all around us. The message from the high school would be to remind your children that everyday attendance is important. Our focus on everyday student attendance is developing good lifelong learning skills. Our students at the high school are doing an amazing job with their attendance each month. (See the breakdown of each graduating classes attendance through November). We here at Vinton-Shellsburg High School know that in order to reach the stage of graduation that good learning habits are practiced and supported by students, families, community members, teachers, and administrators. So, we encourage you as the stakeholders of each child's learning to support every schools attendance efforts and have your children at school each day. We have had a good start to the year with our attendance and we looking forward to a great finish to the year with your support.

ATTEND-	AUG./SEPT.	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Class of 2019	96.4%	93.6%	91.5%
Class of 2020	94.6%	93.8%	93.7%
Class of 2021	96%	96.8%	95.4%
Class of 2022	95.4%	95.3%	95.5%

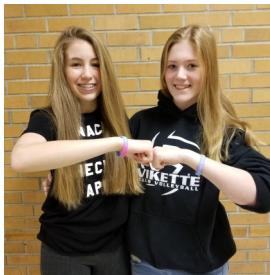
I can say that having SRO West in the building is a benefit to our students and learning community. He has spent a lot of time working to build relationships with students, staff, and administrators. He is always willing to be involved whether it be helping supervise lunch to providing an ear for a student to have someone to listen to them. I am glad that we have him here in the building and have heard many great things about his involvement at the middle school with their student body.

Mr. Tony Islas
Assistant High School Principal & At-Risk Director

Art That Makes A Difference

One of the things I love about being an Art teacher is when students surprise me with their ideas. I recently had one of these moments with two of my eighth-grade students. I introduced a unit to all eighth-grade students titled Artists Solve Problems. I discussed how artists overcome obstacles in their art and often times embrace those limitations. I gave the students a few choices for their final project. They could set up rules they had to follow in order to create a work of art, create a work of art using limited materials, or they could try and solve a current issue or make a difference in some way using their art. The majority of the eighth-grade class chose the first two options. I only had two students that took on the challenge of the third choice. Kaelyn Pettyjohn and Maya Lapan-Islas went above and beyond what I ever anticipated for this project. They asked if they could work as partners because they both wanted to make a difference within our school. For weeks they researched and created surveys for students to fill out in order to decide where in the middle school they were going to focus. After multiple meetings with staff and administration, they decided that they wanted to donate money to the special education room for supplies. In order to raise the money, Kaelyn and Maya designed wristbands with the saying "Be the one who makes the difference". They are currently selling these to students and staff throughout our district. It is amazing to me what can happen when we step back and allow students the freedom to use their creativity in a positive way.

Kari Russler VSMS Art Teacher



3RD GRADERS GET DICTIONARIES
Every year, the Vinton Kiwanis club makes sure that every 3rd grader owns their very own dictionary.

The Kiwanis visited Tilford & Shellsburg handing out dictionaries and sharing a little bit with the kids about who the Kiwanis are.

Thank you, Vinton Kiwanis for our dictionaries!



Jane Stolen and the preschool led a Toiletry Drive as a community service project at Shellsburg Elementary this past month. The project was a huge success. We had donations from every classroom! Over 1000 toiletry items were collected for the Shellsburg Food Pantry. Hats off to a couple of extremely generous parents. Thank you all for your participation. The 2 top classes will be sharing the prize, as they were very close in final numbers.







Give a big congratulations to the Elementary School Lego League team for being nominated or receiving awards in 3 out of 6 areas during the Regional Qualifier Event on Saturday, December 8th. Team GBCWNIC won FIRST PLACE for their project, and team Floating M&M Monkeys won Runner Up for the prestigious Champion's Award and was nominated for the Global Innovation Award!

These students modeled great behavior and even if they hadn't won some fantastic awards, made us proud. Great job, kids! [#vsproud](https://www.facebook.com/vsproud)

For a description of the awards, please go to <https://www.vscsd.org/2018/12/10/elementary-elp-robotics-team-made-vs-proud-at-regional-qualifier-event/>

JANUARY 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<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>1</p> <p>NEW YEARS DAY NO CLASSES HOLIDAY BREAK</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>NO CLASSES HOLIDAY BREAK</p> <p>◇ Band Boosters Mtg., VSHS, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>3 Day 3 CLASSES RESUME</p> <p>◇ B V SW vs. Decorah, (IBSSS), 4:30 pm</p> <p>◇ JV/V WR vs. Independence & Williamsburg @ Williamsburg, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>4 Day 4</p> <p>◇ State Debate @ DMACC</p> <p>◇ FS/V G BB @ Independence, 6:00/7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ 9/10/V B BB vs. Independence, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>◇ State Debate @ DMACC</p> <p>◇ NEIBA Honor Jazz Band @ CR Kennedy</p> <p>◇ JV/V WR @ Benton Tourney, 8:00 am</p> <p>◇ B V SW @ Waterloo Invite (Central Pool), 12:00 pm</p> <p>◇ V BOWL vs. Louise-Muscatine @ Rose Bowl (Muscatine), 2:00 pm</p>
<p>7 Day 5</p> <p>◇ FFA Meeting @ VSHS, 6:30 pm</p> <p>◇ JV B BB @ Center Point-Urbana, 7:00 pm</p>	<p>8 Day 6</p> <p>◇ V BOWL vs. Prairie @ Lancer Lanes, 3:00 pm</p> <p>◇ 9/10/V B BB @ Clear Creek-Amana, 4:30/ 6:00/7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ FS/JV/V G BB vs. Clear Creek-Amana, 4:30/ 6:00/7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ B V SW vs. Grinnell @ (IBSSS), 4:45 pm</p>	<p>9 Day 1</p>	<p>10 Day 2</p> <p>◇ 7 B BB vs. Union, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ 8 B BB @ Union, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ JV/V WR vs. Maquoketa & Mount Vernon @ Mount Vernon, 6:00 pm</p> <p>SAVE THE EAGLES DAY </p>	<p>11 Day 3</p> <p>◇ Chamber Choir @ Onalaska</p> <p>◇ 9/10/V B BB @ Center Point-Urbana, 4:30/6:00/ 7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ FS/JV/V G BB vs. Center Point-Urbana, 4:30/ 6:00/ 7:30 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>◇ Chamber Choir @ Onalaska</p> <p>◇ V WR @ Solon Invite, 9:00 am</p>
<p>13 Sunday</p> <p>◇ Chamber Choir @ Onalaska</p> <p>◇ Dorian Vocal Festival (Luther College)</p>	<p>15 Day 5</p> <p>◇ JV/V BOWL vs. Independence @ Berry's Lanes, 4:00 pm</p> <p>◇ FS/V G BB vs. S. Tama, 6:00/7:30pm</p> <p>◇ 9/10/V B BB @ S. Tama, 4:30/6:00/7:30pm</p> <p>◇ B V SW vs. Williamsburg (IBSSS), 4:45 pm</p> 	<p>16 Day 6</p>	<p>17 Day 1</p> <p>◇ 7 B BB @ Marion (Vernon MS), 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ 8 B BB vs. Marion, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ JV/V WR vs. Benton & Center Point-Urbana, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NO CLASSES Prof. Dev.</p> <p>◇ JV/V BOWL vs. Marion (Berry's Lanes), 4:00 pm</p> <p>◇ JV/V G BB @ Central DeWitt, 6:00/7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ 9/10/V B BB vs. Central DeWitt, 4:30/6:00/ 7:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>◇ MS Honor Band @ Marion</p> <p>◇ District Large Group Speech @ Monticello</p> <p>◇ V WR @ North Tama Tourney, 10:00 am</p>
<p>14 Day 4</p> <p>◇ Dorian Vocal Festival (Luther College)</p> <p>◇ 7 B BB @ Independence, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ 8 B BB vs. Independence, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ WaMaC Large Group Speech @ S. Tama, 4:30 pm</p> <p>◇ School Board Meeting @ Tilford, 5:15 pm</p> <p>◇ JV B BB vs. Mt. Vernon, 7:00 pm</p>					
<p>21</p> <p>NO CLASSES (Snow Make-up)</p> <p>◇ IHSMA State Jazz Band Festival @ Benton</p> <p>◇ 7 B BB vs. Mount Vernon MS, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ 8 B BB @ Mount Vernon MS, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ JV WR WaMaC Tourney @ Maquoketa, 5:00 pm</p> <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</p>	<p>22 Day 2</p> <p>◇ JV/V BOWL vs. Columbus Catholic, (Berry's Lanes), 4:00 pm</p> <p>◇ FS/V G BB vs. Independence, 6:00/7:30 pm <i>Pink Game</i></p> <p>◇ B V SW Invite @ CR Washington, 5:00 pm</p> <p>◇ 9/10/V B BB @ Independence, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Day 3</p>	<p>24 Day 4</p> <p>◇ 7 B BB @ W. Delaware MS, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ 8 B BB vs. W. Delaware, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ 10/9/V B BB @ Union, 4:00/5:30/7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ JV/FS/V G BB @ Union, 4:00/5:00/6:15 pm</p> <p>COMPLIMENT DAY</p>	<p>25 Day 5</p> <p>◇ ECICDA 6th Grade Honor Choir @ Coe College</p> <p>◇ JV/V BOWL vs. Maquoketa (Timber Lanes), 2:30 pm</p> <p>◇ 9/10/V B BB vs. Clear Creek-Amana, 4:00/5:00/ 7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ FS/JV/V G BB @ Clear Creek -Amana, 4:30/6:00/ 7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ Band Soup Supper, VSHS Commons, 5:00-7:00 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>◇ ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar (Gr. 10-12), 8:00 am - 3:00 pm</p> <p>◇ V WR WaMaC Tourney @ Benton, 10:00 am</p> <p>◇ B V SW Meet @ Luther College, 10:30 am</p>
<p>NO NAME CALLING WEEK 1/21— 1/25 Talk to your child. Take a stand against bullying!</p>					
<p>28 Day 6</p> <p>◇ 7 B BB @ S. Tama, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ 8 B BB vs. S. Tama, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ JV B BB vs. Union, 7:00 pm</p> 	<p>29 Day 1</p> <p>◇ 7 B BB vs. Benton, 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ JV/V BOWL vs. Waverly-Shell Rock (Waverly Bowl), 4:00 pm</p> <p>◇ FS/JV/V G BB vs. Benton, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm <i>(Senior Night)</i></p> <p>◇ 9/10/V B BB @ Benton, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ JV/V WR vs. IC Regina, Iowa Valley & W'loo West @ Regina HS, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>30 Day 2</p>	<p>31 Day 3</p> <p>◇ 7&8 ECICDA Honor Choir @ Calamus Wheatland HS</p> <p>◇ 8 B BB @ Benton (Atkins), 4:15 pm</p> <p>◇ 10/9 B BB vs. Oelwein @ VS MS, 4:00/5:30</p> <p>◇ JV/V G BB vs. Oelwein @ VS HS, 4:30/6:00 pm</p> <p>◇ V B BB vs. Oelwein @ VS HS, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Feb. 1 Day 4 2-HR EARLY DISMISSAL Prof. Dev.</p> <p>◇ ISU Honor Band</p> <p>◇ JV/V BOWL vs. Central DeWitt (Berry's Lanes), 4:00 pm</p> <p>◇ 9/10/V B BB vs. Center Point-Urbana, 4:00/ 5:00/ 7:30 pm</p> <p>◇ FS/JV/V G BB @ Center Point-Urbana, 4:30/6:00/ 7:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>◇ B SW Districts @ TBA</p> <p>◇ ISU Honor Band</p> <p>◇ Speech Large Group State @ CR Kennedy</p> <p>◇ V WR Sectionals @ West Delaware, 12:00 pm</p>

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 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.