





MARCH 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Day 2 ◇ B & G Track Practice Begins	2 Day 3 ◇ ACT Testing, VSHS, 8:00—12:00 READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY/ DR. SUESS B'DAY	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6 2 HR. EARLY DISMISSAL Prof. Dev.	6
GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — 3/1 - 3/6					
7 Daylight Saving Begins 	9 Day 2 ◇ B V TR Dickinson Relays Indoor Meet @ UNI- Dome, 2:00 pm	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 ◇ Tiny Vike's Preschool Orientation, 9:30—11:00 am ◇ Senior Awards Night, VSHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm	13 ◇ FFA NE District Convention @ Independence 8:00 am
8 Day 1 ◇ FFA Meeting @ VSHS, 7:00 pm ◇ G V TR Dickinson Relays Indoor Meet @ UNI- Dome, 2:00 pm	BOYS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — 3/8 - 3/12				
15 Day 6 ◇ B SOC Practice Begins ◇ School Board Meeting @ Central Office, 6:00 pm	16 Day 1	17 Day 2 	18 Day 3	19 2 HR. EARLY DISMISSAL Prof. Dev.	20 
22 Day 4 ◇ G SOC Practice Begins	23 Day 5 ◇ Tractor Drive-in Day  National AG Day	24 Day 6	25 Day 1 ◇ Tilford & Shellsburg Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00—11:00 am OR 12:30—2:30 pm No KDG Classes	26 Day 2 ◇ B Soccer Jamboree @ Benton, TBD	27
29 Day 3 2 HR. EARLY DISMISSAL K-12 Parent/Teacher Conf. K-8 2:00 pm—8:00 pm 9-12 4:00 pm—8:00 pm	30 Day 4 ◇ B V TR Viking Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ 5th Grade Fine Arts Night, 6:30 pm	31 Day	April 1 Day 5 2 HR. EARLY DISMISSAL K-12 Parent/Teacher Conf. K-8 2:00 pm—8:00 pm 9-12 4:00 pm—8:00 pm ◇ B V Soccer Game @ Benton, 5:30 pm	2 Day 6	3 Day 1 (Changes may occur after publication.)

Viking wrestlers Damon Swenson (#126 Senior) and Curtis Erickson (#170 Sophomore) both placed 4th at Districts. Congratulations! Brady Ortner (#138 Junior) placed 2nd and moved on to state! Brady finished 6th at the State tournament in the 138-pound division. This season Brady also achieved his 100th career win. Congratulations Brady!



On Wednesday, February 24th, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA members travelled to Hawkeye Community College for the annual Sub-District Leadership Development Events. The top two in each contest will advance to Districts in Independence on March 13th. The top two at districts will advance to State in April.

Here are our results from the Sub-District Level:
Chapter Program - 1st Gold-Advance to Districts - Emma Arnold, Carly Williams, and Alesha Brunssen
Conduct of Meetings - Silver - Rachel Rollinger, Sammie Lundvall, Parker Arnold, Mathew Bookmeier, Tori Elwick, Lizzie Brummer, and Jerry Lee
Ag Sales-Silver - Clayton McKenna
Extemporaneous Speaking - 1st Gold-Advance to Districts - Ethan Rollinger
Public Speaking - 2nd Gold-Advance to Districts - Josh Wiley
Parliamentary Procedure Pro - 1st Gold-Advance to Districts - Annabelle Newton, Lizzie Noe, Autumn McGowan, Christopher Fleming, Grace Schminke, Baylee Wheeler, and Kate Timmerman
Job Interview - 2nd Gold-Advance to Districts - Emma Wiley
Ag Broadcasting - Gold-Alternate - Paul Herger

*Anabelle Hernandez had prepped for the creed speaking contest but was unable to join us that day.



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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:

- March 5 – 2-Hr. Early Dismissal, Prof. Development
- March 12 - Tiny Vike's Preschool Orientation
- March 15 - School Board Meeting @ Central Office, 5:00 pm Work Session, meeting follows
- March 25 - Tilford & Shellsburg Kindergarten Orientation
- March 29 & April 1- 2-Hr. Early Dismissal, K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences, K-8 2:00-8:00 pm; 9-12 4:00-8:00 pm
- March 30 - Shellsburg 5th Grade Fine Arts Night, 6:30 pm

ENROLL NOW FOR 2021-22

Tiny Vike's Preschool Round-Up —
 Both Elementaries: March 12, 2021
 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
 Must be 4 years old by 9/15/2021

Kindergarten Round-Up —
 Both Elementaries: March 25, 2021
 9:00—11:00 a.m. or 12:30—2:30 pm
 Must be 5 years old by 9/15/2020

To Enroll Your Child
 Go to VSCSD.org and click on Tilford or Shellsburg page OR call: 319-436-4736
 Ext. 5800 or 5802 (Tilford)
 Ext. 5900 (Shellsburg)

Tilford Book Fair BOGO
 Scholastic Book Fair...Buy One Get One Free. Tilford Music Room.
 Monday, March 29th from 2 to 8 pm & Thursday, April 1st from 2 to 8 pm.
 Please enter through exterior door by the main entrance. No before school sales this year.

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. Passes good for most all fine arts and sports events.

Vinton-Shellsburg School Community -

As we move from the doldrums of winter into the renewal of spring, the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District has so much to celebrate! To begin, our students have been working so diligently on their studies. Through our formative assessment system at the elementary and middle school levels, we were able to see where students were to start the school year in relation to their basic skills. As one would guess, our scores were lower than usually with last spring's school closure. As we finished our winter session of assessments, we found our students have made tremendous progress. We observed double the typical growth from fall to winter. This is a testament to the hard work of our students and staff.

Our clubs and teams have witnessed great success this winter as well. From our speech, dance, FFA, wrestling, basketball, to bowling we had record breaking seasons! All of this through a pandemic. Our students and staff have shown great resilience to persevere through all of the changes and challenges which this year has brought. Hopefully, you have been able to observe these successes through our communications to the community. We want to celebrate their successes as much as possible and our community always rises to the occasion to share in celebrating these accomplishments.

As author Jon Gordon points out, teams and organizations that focus on and celebrate success create more success. Success becomes ingrained in the culture and people naturally look for it, focus on it and expect it. This is why certain organizations are always successful. They implement systems and principles that create a culture that celebrates and expects success and this drives behavior and habits that create successful outcomes.

What we focus on shows up more in our life. If we look for and celebrate success we'll see more of it.

Speaking of successes, I'd be remiss not to point out that we have not had to shut down school due to the Coronavirus. We have had to quarantine individuals and groups multiple times throughout the school year, but the strategy has been effective in stopping large outbreaks, while allowing the schools to remain open. Also, because of the derecho, we implemented remote learning for winter weather days. By the school's observation we have seen a 95% participation rate on these days. We are on track to have the last day of school on Friday, May 28th. The remote learning time for snow days was only allowed for this school year by the governor. It will most likely not be allowed following this year.

If you have any thoughts or questions to share please reach out to me. You may contact me through email at kyle.koeppen@vscsd.org or phone 319-436-5685.

Take care,

Kyle Koeppen
 Superintendent

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

The High School ISASPs are running March 23-26th. Homeschool are March 29th and 31st, 9:00-1:00 with make-up testing done April 1st, 9:00-1:00. All other testing for ISASPs will be done in April or May.

Please help to make sure your students receive adequate sleep and receive a good breakfast during the Iowa Assessments. We ask that you please not schedule appointments during this time as it becomes difficult to make-up tests.



The 2020-2021 Vikette basketball season was incredible in many ways. The girls won a share of the WaMaC Conference title. This is the first time that has happened in 20 years. Their record of 18-5 is the most wins of any team in the WaMaC. The Vikettes lead the Conference in offensive rebounds and were 3rd in total rebounds. Vikette Nation added 2 first team All Conference players: Alyssa Griffith and Lucy Howes-Vonstein. One 2nd team All Conference player in Kayla Griffith and 2 WaMaC Recognition players in Abby Davis and Brylee Bruce. The Vikettes would like to thank everyone for their support all season long. It means a lot to have our fans in the stands. Coach Rich Haisman



On January 23, ten Vikettes completed the wrestling season at the 3rd annual Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Girls State tournament. This is the second year Vinton-Shellsburg has competed in the IWCOA Girls State tournament. Last year, two girls competed in the event, with Bailey Weeks placing eighth. Bailey again placed eighth this year and the team finished 18th overall out of over 120 schools. Congratulations!

The girls made tremendous strides throughout the season. Bailey Weeks was the only returning member from last year's team. Many of the girls had never wrestled before. They worked hard each and every day and continued to improve throughout the season. They helped grow a sport that has seen a rapid increase in participation the last few years. Five years ago, 67 girls participated in high school wrestling in Iowa. This year, that number increased to 683.



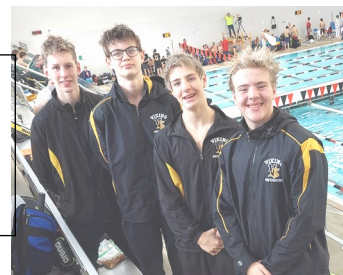
The Group Mime (l to r: Hannah McGowan, Zena Aragon, Sam Walton, Natalie Armstrong, Morgan Lang) was nominated for Large Group All-State. Their mime was titled 2020 Vision, and looked at different scenarios that occurred last year starting with school closure. At least two of the three judges who critiqued the Group at State Contest nominated them as being an outstanding performance. Only 5 other mime groups in the southeast district were nominated. All-State is the highest honor in Speech. Congratulations!

The "Stormin" Vikings swim team capped perhaps its best season ever with a strong performance at the single-classification state meet where they tied the 1995 team for the most state qualifiers in team history. The 200 Medley Relay of Bradyn Schlieff, Carter Kirtz, Isaac Allsup and Ian Allsup shattered their own school record by 1.75 seconds. Seeded 19th in the state, they came from behind to win their heat, capture 14th place in the event, but more importantly, turned in the top time in the state for smaller/3A schools. Regardless of what the HS Athletic Association recognizes, those guys are State Champions in the 200 Medley. As a single classification sport, they had to take down schools from Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Linn-Mar and Dubuque, which they did. They beat most of the 4A teams in the state and all of the 3A ones. Additionally Carter Kirtz finished 8th in the State in the 100 Breaststroke and Isaac Allsup was 21st in the 100 Backstroke. On the day, the team finished 21st in the State of Iowa and 3rd among 3A programs. Isaac Allsup was also honored as one of 16 members state-wide on the Academic All-State team. For the season the team established new program records in five different events – the Medley Relay, 200 Individual Medley, 100 Back, 100 Breast and the 400 Free Relay. Additionally the team was recognized by the State for Academic Excellence with a team GPA of 3.56.

saac Allsup swimming his 100 Backstroke. Photo by "CJ Eilers, Cedar Valley Times/Vinton Eagle"



Medley Relay (l to r) Carter Kirtz, Bradyn Schlieff, Ian Allsup, Isaac Allsup. Photo by - "CJ Eilers, Cedar Valley Times/Vinton Eagle"



For the first time in program history, both boys and girls bowling teams took home the WAMAC CHAMPION trophy! All boys receive top ten medals. Four girls received medals in the WaMaC top ten which is the most we have ever had. For the first time ever the girls are the WaMaC Champions and the boys are 3 time champions! Our boys winning score of 2785; high scores went to Ayden Bearbower 1st place & Alex Funk 3rd place. The girls winning score was ???; high scores went to Anna Becker 2nd place, Christina Harrelson 4th place, & Chloe Tharp 6th place. CONGRATULATIONS!! The girls team finished fourth overall at the state bowling tournament. [#VSPROUD](#)



Vinton-Shellsburg's boys placed seventh out of eight teams with a score of 2,884 at State.



CELEBRATING 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

