



# 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:**

- Nov. 1—NO CLASSES, Prof. Dev.
- Nov. 3—Election Day
- Nov. 11—Veteran's Day ,
- Nov. 9 School Board Meeting,
- Shellsburg 6:00 PM
- Nov. 18-22—American Education Week
- Nov. 27-29—NO CLASSES, THANKSGIVING BREAK

To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community,

Thank you for your flexibility with parent teacher conferences this fall. Hopefully, with the variety of conference options offered, everyone found an opportunity to conference with teachers. Just like everything else this school year, teachers have found ways to make things work. Conferences were no exception. Teachers had correspondence with families by email, phone, zoom, and in-person. The whole school year has been similar to this with finding new ways to do traditionally simple tasks.

We filed several state reports in October. The most exciting news is that our Certified Enrollment shows that we have a few more students this year than last year! We still have more students who open enroll out to other districts than come into us.

To keep students, staff, parents, and the entire community aware of how COVID-19 is impacting our district, we have implemented a COVID-19 dashboard to deliver vital information while protecting the privacy of those affected. The district has been working diligently and will continue to make adjustments and improvements as we learn more during this pandemic. The dashboard will be updated frequently. You can access the VSCSD COVID-19 dashboard from the home page of our website: [www.vscsd.org](http://www.vscsd.org)

We have wrapped up our fall season of activities. We are proud and excited to be able to make it through the entire first quarter and have all of our clubs and teams participate through their entire season schedule. Being able to offer students the opportunity to enjoy their passions while the world around them has been different provides a sense of normalcy and a positive outlet.

Because of the pandemic, our annual Veterans' Day program on November 11, will be different this year. The school will be hosting a breakfast for all Veterans and their spouses, as well as Auxiliary members. The breakfast will start at 8:30 and will be at the high school this year. We will have a small presentation during the breakfast at approximately 9:15 am. Because the normal assembly cannot be held this year, the juniors and seniors would like to do an afternoon of service for our Veterans.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Take care,

Kyle Koeppen, Superintendent - [kyle.koeppen@vscsd.org](mailto:kyle.koeppen@vscsd.org)

VINTON-SHELLSBURG CSD Needs you! We need substitute teacher associates and food service personnel for all buildings. Please consider being a substitute for our district. The choice is yours as to when and where you want to work. Stop by the Superintendent's office and grab an application!

V-S CSD also is in need of certified teacher substitutes. Whether you have a teaching license, a substitute license or a substitute authorization, we would love to have you work in our district. The choice is yours as to when and where you want to work. The application can be found online at [www.vscsd.org](http://www.vscsd.org). Please turn in your application, a copy of your license, and a copy of your Mandatory Reporter certificate to the Superintendent's office at 1502 C Ave., Vinton. Once you are board approved we will place you on our call list.

*"It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us." Be a difference maker!*

Congratulations to Jim Struve for being nominated as the NE Iowa District High School AD for the 2020-21 school year. Jim was nominated by his peers and fellow colleagues. Congratulations, Mr. Struve. Go Vikes!!



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Day 1	3 Day 2 <b>ELECTION DAY</b>	4 Day 3 ◇ Shellsburg Elem. & High School Picture Re-takes, 8:30 am	5 Day 4 ◇ 7 G BB VS. Clear creek -Amana, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB @ Clear Creek-Amana, 4:15 pm	6 Day 5 ◇ MS WR Meet vs. Center Point-Urbana, Clear Creek-Amana, 4:15 pm	7 ◇ V CC State Co-Ed @ Fort Dodge (Lakeside GC), 11:00 am ◇ Girls Regional Swim Meet @ Dubuque Hempstead, TBD
STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 11/2—11/5					
9 Day 6 ◇ 7 G BB @ Center Point-Urbana, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB vs. Center Point-Urbana, 4:15 pm ◇ School Board Meeting, Shellsburg Elem., 7:00 pm ◇ 9-12 Cross Country Wrap-up, HS Commons, 6:30 pm	10 Day 1 ◇ MS WR Meet vs. BCLUW, S. Tama, Williamsburg, 4:15 pm	11 Day 2 <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b>	12 Day 3 ◇ 7 G BB vs. Williamsburg, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB @ Williamsburg (Mary Welsh), 4:15 pm	13 Day 4 <b>2-HR. EARLY DISMISSAL PROF. DEV.</b> ◇ Girls State Swim Meet @ Marshalltown YMCA, 5:30 pm ◇ FFA Pork BBQ & Meeting, 6:30 pm <b>WORLD KINDNESS DAY</b> 	14 ◇ Girls State Swim Meet @ Marshalltown YMCA
16 Day 5 ◇ 7 GBB @ Benton, (Atkins), 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB vs. Benton, 4:15 pm	17 Day 6 ◇ MS WR vs. S. Tama & Williamsburg, 4:15 pm	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 ◇ 7 G BB vs. S. Tama, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB @ S. Tama, 4:15 pm	20 Day	21
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK 11/16—11/20					
23 Day 4 ◇ 7 G BB @ W. Delaware, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB vs. W. Delaware, 4:15 pm	◇ MS WR vs. CCA, Tipton @ Mount Vernon, 4:15 pm ◇ F-S/JV/V G BB @ Maquoketa, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm	<b>NO CLASSES</b> Thanksgiving Break	<b>NO CLASSES</b> Thanksgiving Break 	<b>NO CLASSES</b> Thanksgiving Break	◇ 28
30 Day 6 ◇ 7 G BB vs. Mount Vernon, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB @ Mount Vernon MS, 4:15 pm ◇ 10/V B BB vs. Belle Plaine, 6:00/7:30 pm	DEC. 1 Day 1 ◇ F-S/JV/V G BB vs. West Delaware, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm	2 Day 2	3	4 Day 4	5

**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.**

**VOTE on November 3rd!!!**  
Your vote makes a difference, be a difference maker!

The Shellsburg Elementary students met their first PBIS goal of the year! To celebrate, Mr. Davis and Mr. Church cooked s'mores for all the students. Students also had the chance to write notes about challenges and negative happenings from this year and their messages were placed in the fire.



District 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. 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.



# National Fire Prevention Week



Mrs. Parker's class learned about fire trucks.



Ms. Griffith's 2nd grade



Mrs. Meyer's Kindergarten class enjoyed learning more about fire trucks and fire safety during Fire Prevention Week!



Mrs. Chvala's 1st grade class hears from the Shellsburg Fire Department on home fire safety.



Ms. Martinez's class learns about all the different equipment on a fire truck.



KB loved riding on the fire truck and going on a tour of the fire station! Thank you Shellsburg Firemen!



Ms. Noren's class had a great time seeing the fire trucks and learning about fire safety from the fire fighters.



Ms. Mathis' 1st grade class



The VSU Girls Swim team is rolling into the final weeks of their season with sights on returning some swimmers to the State meet, and hopefully bringing a few new faces too. All three relays are currently ranked below the State cut-off, but the cut will ultimately be made at the District Meet November 7. VSU recently won a 6-team invitational at Williamsburg on October 12, and was looking forward to a strong showing at their modified Conference meet October 17th and home meet October 22nd. After a rocky 2019 season of pool malfunctions, Hobart Historic Restoration has taken over ownership of the braille school pool and is proving to be a great entity to work with. VSU's home pool has been operational more this year than in the last 4 years, and it looks to continue through the end of the season. It's been great to have reliable facilities to practice in - keeping the athletes focused on their sport, not the logistics of how or where they're going to train. It's been a successful season so far, with many personal and team goals already achieved (and reset)! Now the team looks to achieve their lofty end-of-season goals as well! Thanks for your support of the VSU Girls Swim Team!

