

# VINTON-SHELLSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Mission of the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District is to "Be Positive Difference Makers."

Hello Vinton-Shellsburg Community,

We have made it to April and so that means that the final quarter of the year is well underway. We are making our plans for summer and next school year already. It is important that we finish the year strong and focused.

The school district has a number of summer maintenance projects in the works. Some of these projects include abating old floor tile and replacing it, refinishing gym floors, bleacher update to the visiting bleachers at the Karr athletic complex, replacing the middle school outdoor sign, plus more. Two large projects are in the planning stages, they are a solar array at the high school and remodel of the middle school's heating, cooling and ventilation system.

We are excited to share new volunteer opportunities that exist through our newly established mentoring program. This is a school-based program serving Kindergarten through 5th grade in the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District to connect youth with a positive adult role model who can help them aspire, achieve, and develop to their fullest potential. The mission of the mentoring program is to involve committed and talented volunteers in a valued partnership with teachers and staff to enrich the lives of our students to become effective communicators, problem solvers, responsible citizens and productive people. The purpose of the program is to establish long lasting relationships which will improve the attitude, attendance, and academic performance of students. A VSCSD Mentor is someone who sets a positive example for a young person by providing support, friendship, and encouragement. Mentors are matched with students based on their needs and common interests. If you or someone you know is interested in mentoring, please contact Chelsea Koeppen at [chelsea.koeppen@vscsd.org](mailto:chelsea.koeppen@vscsd.org)

**What is the Time Commitment?** Mentors are asked to commit 30-40 minutes per week during the school day, during the months school is in session. There will also be 2-3 organized group mentoring activities per year, which will occur outside of the school day, and includes the students' parents/legal guardians. A minimum of one year commitment is requested, with the long term goal of the mentor and student relationship to continue while the student attends VSCSD.

**What Happens During Mentoring?** Time spent is about talking and having fun. This may involve playing games, reading books, helping with homework, eating lunch together, going outside for recess, talking about their day, etc.

**Mentoring Training:** The VSCSD Mentoring Program will provide and require mentor training.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District and as always, if you have questions please feel free to send me an email or call at any time.

Sincerely, Mr. Koeppen

**National Volunteer Week**  
**April 18-22**

We would like to say Thank You to the community volunteers that contribute greatly to the Vinton-Shellsburg school district. If you are not currently a volunteer for our district, maybe you want to consider becoming one. Contact Molly Noren @ 319-436-5867.



Iowa High School Speech Association's State Individual Events performers.



**Special points of interest:**

Apr. 7- FFA Volunteer Auction, VSHS, 7:00 pm

Apr. 8 - 2-Hr. Early Dismissal; Prof. Development

Apr. 11 - School Board Meeting @ Central Office, 6:00 pm,

**Public Hearing, Regular meeting to follow.**

Apr. 15 - NO CLASSES

Apr. 18 - NO CLASSES


Apr. 29 - 2-Hr. Early Dismissal; Prof. Development

Mrs. Meyers kindergarten class.






# APRIL 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Senior Citizen Activity Passes are available for Vinton-Shellsburg CSD <u>residents</u> who are age 55 or older; call or stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1502 C Ave., Vinton. Passes good for <u>most</u> all fine arts and sports events.		<b>Calendar subject to changes after publication.</b>		<b>1 Day 1</b> ◇ B V TR Viking Invite, 4:30 pm  <b>APRIL FOOLS DAY</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>4 Day 2</b> ◇ FFA Meeting (Officer Elections), 6:30 pm	<b>5 Day 3</b> ◇ FFA @ Ankeny ◇ G JV/V TR Meet @ Jesup, 4:30 pm ◇ B JV/V TR @ Williamsburg Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ G V SOC vs. W. Delaware, 5:30 pm ◇ B V SOC @ W. Delaware, 5:00 pm ◇ B V G @ Mount Vernon (Kernoustie GC), 4:00 pm	<b>6 Day 4</b> ◇ FFA @ Ankeny	<b>7 Day 5</b> ◇ FFA @ Ankeny ◇ B/G V TR @ Marion, (Thomas Park), 4:30 pm ◇ Shellsburg 5th Gr. Fine Arts Concert, 6:30 pm ◇ FFA Volunteer Auction, VSHS Gym, 7:00 pm	<b>8 Day 6</b> <b>2 HR. EARLY DISMISSAL Prof. Dev.</b> ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Independence, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC @ Independence, 5:30/7:00 pm	<b>9</b> ◇ G V G Tourney @ Tara Hills, 9:00 am ◇ HS & MS TRAP , TBD
<b>11 Day 1</b> ◇ B V G vs. Solon @ Dyersville (DGCC), 4:00 pm ◇ G JV/V G vs. Beckman Catholic & Solon, (VCC), 4:00 pm ◇ B MS TR @ Solon, 4:15pm ◇ B V TR @ E. Marshall Invite, (LeGrand), 4:30 pm ◇ Shellsburg 3/4 Gr. Fine Arts Concert, 6:30 pm ◇ School Board Meeting, Central Office, 6:00 pm	<b>12 Day 2</b> ◇ G MS TR @ W. Delaware Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ B/G JV/V TR @ Lisbon Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ B V SOC @ Maquoketa, 7:00 pm ◇ G V SOC @ Maquoketa, 5:00 pm ◇ Shellsburg K-2 Gr. Fine Arts Concert, 6:30 pm	<b>13 Day 3</b>	<b>14 Day 4</b> ◇ B JV/V G vs. W. Delaware @ Williamsburg (Pin Oak GC), 4:00 pm ◇ G V G vs. W. Delaware, Williamsburg @Wildcat GC, 4:00 pm ◇ G MS TR @ Marion (Thomas Park), 4:00 pm ◇ G/B JV/V TR @ Benton Co-ed Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ B MS TR @ Grinnell HS, 4:30 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC @ Clear Creek-Amana, 5:00/6:30pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Clear Creek-Amana, 5:30/7:00pm	<b>15</b>  <b>NO CLASSES GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>16</b> ◇ HS & MS TRAP vs. Williamsburg @ Izaak Walton, 9:00 am ◇ B V G Tourney @ Tara Hills, 9:00 am
<b>FFA STATE CONVENTION 4/10—4/12</b>					
<b>18</b>  <b>NO CLASSES SPRING BREAK</b> ◇ B JV/V G vs. Benton & Marion, Gardner GC, 3:30 pm ◇ G V G Tourney vs. Marion & Benton @ Tara Hills, 4:00 pm	<b>19 Day 5</b> ◇ B/G JV/V TR @ Solon Co-ed Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Mount Vernon, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC @ Mount Vernon, 5:00/6:15 pm	<b>20 Day 6</b> ◇ WaMaC Art Fair @ S. Tama HS, 10:00 am	<b>21 Day 1</b> ◇ Blood Drive @ VSHS Aux. Gym, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm ◇ B JV/V G vs. Independence, (VCC), 4:00 pm ◇ B MS TR @ Benton, 4:15 pm ◇ G V TR @ W. Delaware Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ Tilford 2nd Gr. Fine Arts Concert, 6:30 pm	<b>22 Day 2</b> ◇ G JV/V G @ Independence (Three Elms GC), 4:00 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC vs. Marion, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ G MS TR @ Benton, 4:15 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Marion, 5:00/6:30 pm  <b>EARTH DAY</b>	<b>23</b> ◇ B V G @ W. Delaware Tourney (Pin Oak GC), 9:00 am ◇ HS & MS TRAP vs. C.R. Kennedy @ Otter Creek SC, 9:00 am ◇ Spring Jazz Concert @ Riverside Park, 4:00 pm
<b>NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 4/18—4/22</b>					
<b>25 Day 3</b> ◇ G V G vs. Clear Creek-Amana & Dyersville @ W. Delaware Invite (Pin Oak GC), 4:00 pm ◇ B V G vs. Center Point-Urbana & S. Tama @ VS (Wildcat GC), 4:00 pm ◇ Tilford 1st Gr. Fine Arts Concert, 6:30 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Williamsburg, 5:30/7:00 pm	<b>26 Day 4</b> ◇ G V G vs. Clear Creek-Amana @ Tama-Toledo CC, 4:00 pm ◇ FFA World Food Prize @ Des Moines ◇ B MS TR @ Independence, 4:15 pm ◇ G/B JV/V TR Co-ed @ Viking Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC @ Williamsburg, 5:00/6:30 pm	<b>27 Day 5</b> ◇ B V G @ Maquoketa Invite (MCC), 12:00 pm  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY</b>	<b>28 Day 6</b> ◇ G MS TR @ Independence, 4:15 pm ◇ Tilford Kindergarten Fine Arts Concert, 6:30 pm	<b>29 Day 1</b> <b>2 HR. EARLY DISMISSAL Prof. Dev.</b> ◇ G JV/V G @ Independence Invite, (Three Elms GC), 1:00 pm ◇ B/G V TR @ Union, 4:30 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC vs. S. Tama, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC @ S. Tama, 4:30/6:00 pm	<b>30</b> ◇ Prom Grand March @ VSHS Aud. (open to public), 6:30 pm ◇ Prom, Vinton Skate & Activity Center, 8:00 – 11:30 pm ◇ Post Prom @ VSHS, 11:30 pm—5:00 am

## Vinton-Shellsburg FFA

### Ranked 5th in Iowa

The National Chapter Award Program is designed to recognize FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using a Program of Activities (POA) that emphasize growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture.





Mrs. Parker's class had fun celebrating Dr. Seuss week in kindergarten with some fun dress up days.

Oelwein McDonald's: We have to send a huge shoutout to Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools for what their students did at our Oelwein location this week. A bus of 34 Vinton-Shellsburg Middle School students stopped by for food, and every. single. one. of the students donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) through our Give a Little Love promotion! Our hearts are overflowing!



#### 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 Becky Lutgen, Equity Coordinator, Vinton-Shellsburg CSD, 1502 C Avenue, Vinton, Iowa 52349 or becky.lutgen@vscsd.org. 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.