Wildcat Newsletter

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FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT VALASEK

Vanlue Families,

The 2026-2027 school year is approaching quickly. We are excited to welcome students back into the building a little earlier this year in order to log some instructional time before the Hancock County Fair. This year Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 18th from 6:00-8:00 pm, and the first day of school for students is Thursday, August 20th. An earlier start to the school year allows us to better align with Millstream Career Center's schedule, have students in school when their sports seasons begin, and take longer Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring breaks.

In June Mr. Petrie and I, along with a group of teachers, attended the Culturize Conference in Chicago to learn strategies to help build a positive school culture. The training we received will be implemented this year along with our continued PBIS initiatives in order to help foster a positive environment for students and staff. As part of this process, I have decided that this is also a perfect time to update our mascot and our district's branding. You will begin to see our new logo being displayed throughout the district this fall. I have been working with House of Awards/Five Points Threads, and we are happy to announce a new district apparel store, which can be located here: fivepointsthreads.chipply.com/VanlueWildcats26/. It will remain open until August 6th.

This year we have a couple of new additions to the Vanlue staff. The first is Ms. Emma Brinkman. She will be our new Kindergarten teacher. The other is Mrs. Patsy Puff who will be taking over as the 2nd shift custodian. I want to sincerely thank our long-time custodian, Jenny Childress, for her years of dedicated service to the district and wish her the very best as she retires at the end of July.

In addition to our routine summer maintenance, we also completed a significant construction project this summer. The roof over the entire building has been replaced. This was an important and necessary upgrade in order to ensure the long-term viability of our building. Prodigy Building Solutions is wrapping up some minor details with the project, and it should be completed by the beginning of August.

As always, thank you for your continued support! I hope that you all enjoy what remains of your summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone at Open House on Tuesday, August 18th.

Go Wildcats!

Mr. Valasek

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletters, please contact Jodi at 419-387-7724 or colej@vanlueschool.org to have your address placed on the mailing list. You can be added at any time for the next newsletter.

The Vanlue Local School District will once again receive Title VI-B funds for the 2026-2027 school year. These funds are used to supplement special education and needs programs already in place. This money is earmarked to help pay for special education services Vanlue students receive through the Hancock County Educational Service Center. The school system would like to continue to use its Title VI-B money for this purpose.

The annual event will start at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 7 and run until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 9. The state has shortened it back to the traditional weekend instead of the extended week. Please take advantage and look for ads in the coming weeks on stores advertising this event!

Since Vanlue School receives Title I funds, by federal law under the No Child Left Behind Act, notification must be sent to parents informing them of the right to request information on the qualifications of their child's teacher. The district must provide (if requested) the following:

- Whether the teacher has met the certification requirements of the state.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher in the field or discipline of his or her certificate or degree.
- Whether or not the child is provided service by a paraprofessional and, if so, his or her qualifications.

The request can be made at any time during the school year. This newsletter serves as notification to parents.

FINAL FORMS

Final Forms must be updated and completed BEFORE Monday, August 17. All parents MUST have a working email address in order to login. Students in grades 6-12 MUST sign off on their end as well. All athletic sections MUST be signed BEFORE your student can practice along with having a current physical on file in the office. Please get this done as soon as possible.

If you need assistance, please call Jodi in the office as soon as possible.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Updated immunization records for all kindergartners, 7th graders, and juniors/seniors must be on file in the office no later than Friday, September 12th. You can contact the Hancock County Health Department at 419-424-7105 for questions or to set up your immunizations. To view what your child needs, please go to odh.ohio.gov and search for "required school immunizations."

Bus routes for the 2026-2027 school year will not be available until the week of August 17. A Final Forms email and Facebook post will be sent and the routes will be posted on the website. Addresses only will be published. Please call Jodi if you have any questions. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Morning Unloading Procedures

Our three main bus routes will unload students in the front curb lane beginning at 7:40am. If you drive your student/s to school, please drop them off in the main parking exit lane.

Afternoon Loading Procedures

Vanlue Busses will load students in the afternoon in the front curb lane beginning at 2:35pm. Please do not park in the front curb lane for student pick up between 2:00-2:55pm. If you wish to pick up your student/s after school, please use the main parking lot. A traffic pattern will be established using orange cones where cars can flow through and pick up students. Please plan on using a designated parking space if you plan on meeting your student at the glass doors.

CLASS OF 2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS (TOTAL=$489,900)

Madison Brooks - (total = $97,750) University of Findlay's Presidential Scholarship for $24,000 renewable for 4 years; The Vanlue Teacher Association Scholarship for $750 and The Vanlue Athletic Boosters Scholarship for $1,000.
Phoenix Heuerman - (total = $106,550) University of Findlay's Trustees Scholarship for $25,000 renewable for 4 years; The Community Foundation Jon A. Schlueter scholarship for $1250; The Marie Berry Scholarship for $1250 renewable and the Vanlue Music Boosters for $300.
Odessa Musgrave - (total = $109,300) The Hancock County Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic scholarship for $300; The Hancock-Wood Electric scholarship for $1,000; University of Findlay's Trustees Scholarship for $25,000 renewable for 4 years; The University of Findlay Alumni scholarship for $1,000; the Oiler Participation scholarship for $1,000; The Impact Credit union scholarship for $1,000; The Denise Tebbe Memorial 4-H scholarship for $500; The Marie Berry Scholarship for $1000 renewable; The Ryan Cornell Memorial Scholarship for $250 and The American Red Cross for $250.
Adrienne Phillips - (total = $9,000) The Carey American Legion for $1,000; Owens Community College Start Here Scholarship for $1000 renewable; The Marie Berry Scholarship for $500 renewable; The American Red Cross for $250; The Vanlue and $500; The Tall Timbers Industrial Park scholarship for $500; The Vanlue Teacher Association Scholarship for $750 and The Vanlue Athletic Boosters Scholarship for $1,000.
Lani Price - (total =$62,300) Tiffin University Merit Scholarship for $15,000 renewable; The Tiffin Arts Scholarship for $2,000; and the Vanlue Music Boosters for $300.
Candace Saltzman - (total = $5,000) The Marie Berry Scholarship for $1250 renewable.
Landon Shulaw - (total = $100,000) University of Findlay's Trustees Scholarship for $25,000 renewable for 4 years.

CONGRATS TO ALL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!!

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

You should already be in the process with your senior of applying to colleges of their choice. Many school deadlines for applications are early. Please make sure you check with each school to find out the exact cut-off date to apply.
Starting October 1, FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) can be filed online or through the mail. This must be completed if your senior is looking at any form of higher education. To begin, go to https://fafsa.ed.gov/. Scholarship information will be passed out in English class as it becomes available.

Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION
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One reason Vanlue functions as well as it does is because our students are cooperative and understand expectations. Please familiarize yourself with the Vanlue School Code of Conduct, Attendance Policies, Dress Code, Personal Communicative Devices Policies, and all information which can be found in your child's Student Handbook.
The Dress Code and Personal Communicative Devices (PCD) Policies will be strictly enforced this school year. Students **will not** be permitted to have cell phones in their possession from 8:00am – 2:46pm (including lunchtime). Students may use their cell phones in the office during school hours with permission. Locks for student lockers are available through Mrs. Smith.

The Vanlue School District requires all students in grades K-12 to eat in the cafeteria. **Students cannot bring or have someone bring up (including DoorDash, UberEats, etc.) outside lunches such as McDonald's, Subway, Wendy's, etc.**

All students who plan on driving a car to school must display a registration tag. Students may park their car in the student parking area only and students are not permitted to park in front on any school bus or along the fenced areas. Any violation of the student driver regulations will have the registration revoked and will not be permitted to drive to school. As always, student drivers must wait until all school busses have left the loading zone to leave the main parking lot. Students may pick up the parking tag in the office after the insurance form is turned in. There is a $5 fee for replacing lost or damaged tags.

Vanlue School will be continuing the PBIS in all grade levels. This is a research-based instructional program helps create a learning environment where teachers can teach and learners can learn. Vanlue will focus on the themes of "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe". As part of the program, we will be using the PBIS Rewards app to track student progress and communicate with parents. More information about PBIS and PBIS Rewards will be placed on the school website and sent home with students at the beginning of the year.

CENTER ON PBIS Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

MRS. SMITH'S COUNSELING CORNER

Hello again! I am looking forward to a great year! Below you will find dates for testing and new student orientation. Remember that all stat testing dates can be found on the school's website under the Calendar link. Scholarships will be starting to come in so please check my Google Classroom for the newest postings and on my Twitter feed @VanlueGuidance.

New Student Registration/Orientation

New student registration and orientation will be by appointment throughout the summer **only** between the hours of 9am-2pm. Please call (419) 387-7724 to make your appointment. All student records MUST be brought to the school before the appointment or to the appointment. Registration WILL NOT take place without the student's records.

ACT Information and Schedule

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Initial Online Score Release
September 19, 2026	August 14, 2026	September 1, 2026	October 1, 2026
October 17, 2026	September 11, 2026	September 29, 2026	October 22, 2026
December 12, 2026	November 6, 2026	November 29, 2026	December 17, 2026

Students are able to register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up a preparation or registration packet in my office. Vanlue's School Code for the ACT is 365-205. Students are required to upload or mail in a photo of themselves along with their registration on or before the photo registration deadline. This picture will be printed out on their admissions ticket. Please read over picture requirements on the ACT website before submitting a photo. If you do not provide a photo, your ACT test registration will be cancelled.

College Planning Begins NOW!

It's never too early to start planning for the future. All students in grades 9-12 should be working on the following:

1. Study hard and work towards the best grades you can earn.
2. Strengthen your vocabulary by increasing your reading.
3. Become involved in extra-curricular and community activities.
4. Meet with Mrs. Smith to discuss your plans for the next four years.
5. Browse through college catalogs online. What kids of schools look interesting?
6. Check out what high school courses colleges require.
7. Know NCAA requirements if you want to play sports in college.
8. Research career possibilities.
9. Keep an academic record and extra-curricular/community service record.
10. Determine if you are going to work for an Honors Diploma. Know what requirements are and plan to fulfill those requirements.

K-5 LITTLE WILDCATS NEWS

This year we are still encouraging all of our K-5 students to do as best as they can with class tracking of our iReady program. This program was implemented last year to aid students with math and reading. It's always a great sight when the graphs get filled up!

Parents who wish their student's picture/information NOT published in newspapers, the newsletter, or posted on the website or Facebook must make sure Final Forms is filled out correctly. By doing this the school can keep better records of this information.

With the cold and flu season right around the corner, we wanted to remind parents about our procedures and some relevant guidelines for keeping sick kids home. As always, if you have any questions please call Jodi in the main office at 419-387-7724.

Elementary and JH/HS Handbook

---NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

- It is the responsibility of parents to communicate to the school the reason for all absences.
- Parents, not students, must notify the school at 419-387-7724 by 8:00am. The school will contact the parent if no call has been received.
- **Parent notes and/or appointment documentation to excuse an absence must be received no later than 1 week following the student's absence or the absence will be classified as unexcused.**
- Parent notes to request an early dismissal or appointment must be presented to the office before the student is dismissed in order for dismissal to be considered excused.
- Parents must provide medical documentation for long-term absences, to include the nature of the illness, any limitations on the student, inclusive dates of medical condition, specific dates of absence covered.
- All parent notes must include student name, date of absence(s), specific reason for absence/tardy/early dismissal, parent signature, and a day time phone number which parent can be reached.
- "Blanket" notes covering unspecified dates of absences, tardies, etc. are not acceptable. For example: "Please excuse my child from all absences in the months of April and May due to illness."
- Emails are an acceptable note for notification. Please email Jodi Cole at colej@vanlueschool.org.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARREHA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

AS OF 7-6-26 - PLEASE CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MOST CURRENT EVENTS AND START TIMES

Vanlue Wildcat Sport Passes 2026-27 (includes all JH/HS home Athletic Events)

All pass sales are final. No refunds will be issued.

All Sports **Family** Pass- $350 (2 parents and 3 children up to age 20)
*Included admission for 2 named parents and students in grades Pre-K through age 20.
*Does NOT include extended family (age 21+ adult children, grandparents, cousins, etc.)
*Pass eligible for all HOME athletic events for JH/HS.
All Sports **Student** Pass- $95 (1 Vanlue student grades PreK-12)
All Sports **Adult** Pass- $160 (1 adult)

***Golden Wildcat Pass**- Free
Must be a current Vanlue School resident who is 65 years or older, pass can be picked up from the school office between the hours of 8am and 2pm. This pass is a permanent hard pass.

Senior Citizen Pass- $65
Vanlue Resident or a non-resident who is 62 years and older.

Varsity Football – All games begin at 7pm unless otherwise noted	
8/21	Ottawa Hills
8/28	@ Leetonia
9/4	Beachwood
9/11	Toledo Christian
9/18	Manchester
9/28	Hardin Northern – Homecoming
10/2	@ Toledo Rogers
10/9	@ Jefferson Twp.
10/16	Stivers
10/23	@ Crestline

Varsity Girls Volleyball – All games begin at 5:30pm unless otherwise noted	
8/11	@ Danbury – Scrimmage – 4:30pm
8/13	@ Lima Temple Christian – Scrimmage
8/17	@ Plymouth/SE – Scrimmage – 5pm
8/19	@ Cardinal Stritch – 6pm
8/22	Waite – 10am
8/24	North Baltimore
8/26	Upper Scioto Valley
8/27	@ Ridgemont
8/31	Lima Perry
9/9	@ Crestline
9/14	Arlington
9/16	@ McComb
9/21	@ Elmwood
9/23	Riverdale
9/26	Cory Rawson Invite – 9am
9/28	Leipsic
9/30	@ Pandora Gilboa
10/5	@ Van Buren
10/7	Ada
10/10	@ Hardin Northern/AE – 10am
10/12	@ Arcadia
10/17	@ Cory Rawson – 10am

JH Volleyball – All games begin at 5pm unless otherwise noted	
8/11	@ Danbury – Scrimmage – 4:30pm
8/19	@ Hardin Northern – 5:30pm
8/26	@ North Balitmore
8/27	Ridgemont
9/9	Arcadia
9/10	Cory Rawson
9/14	@ Arlington
9/15	@ St. Mike's
9/16	McComb
9/21	Elmwood
9/23	@ Riverdale
9/28	@ Leipsic
9/30	Pandora Gilboa
10/5	Van Buren
10/7	@ Ada
10/8	New Riegel

VANLUE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

2026-2027 "Wildcat Club" Membership Drive

All members are encouraged to attend booster meetings and are allowed to have a vote at the Athletic Boosters Meetings. All residents and supporters of Vanlue Local Athletics are encouraged to join & become involved with the Wildcat Club at this time!

The Vanlue Athletic Boosters support Vanlue Athletic programs of all ages in various ways. This includes but is not limited to: offering two $1,000 scholarships for a graduating male and female student athlete each year, supporting all athletic programs elementary through high school, contributing to the Hudl cameras for livestreaming, funding our teams to attend team camps in the summertime, helping fund team bonding activities for all athletic teams, recent weight room upgrades and supporting our Wildcat coaching staffs!

There are 2 types of membership donations! All memberships submitted & paid for by August 14, 2026 will have their name displayed on a banner to be hung at home sporting events throughout the year.

- **$25+ donation - Family Membership** *(any donation $25 or over)*
- **$10 donation – Individual Membership**

***Memberships can be purchased any time throughout the year but must be in by August 14, 2026 to be on the banner! ***

Contact Logan Wells at 740-361-0603 if you have any questions!

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2026
VANLUE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE
CONTACT LOGAN WELLS OR WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

To become a 2026-2027 Wildcat Club member, please complete the following with payment:
Checks can be made payable to: Vanlue Athletic Boosters
Name as you would like it to appear in any publications made: (if you chose family membership, feel free to list individuals or a family name - example: "The Jones Family")

Address: _____

Phone Number:_____ **Type of Membership: Family or Individual**

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Cash**_____ **Check**_____ **Venmo to @lo_frey**_____

Return to any Booster Officer or Mail to:
Vanlue Athletic Boosters
c/o Logan Wells
17961 Township Highway 22
Carey, OH 43316

Scan the QR code to fill out this form online!

SCAN ME

2026-2027 Officers:

President: Logan Wells Vice President: Kim Secord
Secretary: Ashley Brauneller Treasurer: Denise Correll
Members At Large: Dawn Caudill, Mitzi Wellman, Lacey Cornette

Attendance Works

Keep Your Student on Track in Middle and High School

Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's social and academic development. Even as children grow more independent, **families play a key role** in making sure students get to school and understand how attendance benefits their health and success in school and beyond.

Did you know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is **losing interest** in school, **dealing with a bully** or facing some other difficulty.
- By **6th grade**, chronic absence (missing 10%, or 2 days each month) is one of **three signs that a student may drop out** of high school.
- By **9th grade**, attendance is a **better predictor of graduation** rates than 8th grade test scores.

What you can do

Make school attendance a priority

- **Talk about** the **opportunities** available when your teen or preteen shows up to school every day.
- Help your middle and high schoolers maintain **daily routines**, such as finishing homework and getting enough sleep.
- Consider **limiting** use of **devices** if they interfere with sleep.
- Try not to schedule **nonurgent medical appointments** during the school day.
- Help your student to stay **healthy**.
- If your children must stay home because they are **sick**, make sure they have **asked teachers for materials** to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your student stay engaged

- **Find out** if your children **feel engaged** by their classes and whether they **feel safe** from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your students are not missing class because of challenges with **behavioral issues** or **school discipline policies**. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- **Monitor** your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers, school counselors or tutors when necessary. Provide teachers with your **contact information**.
- Stay on top of your child's **social contacts**. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful **after-school activities**, including sports and clubs.
- **If** you notice signs of **anxiety**, support your middle and high schoolers, and if needed, **seek advice** from your school or health-care provider.

Communicate with the school

- **Know** the school's **attendance policies** both incentives and penalties.
- **Check** on your preteen/teen's **attendance** to make sure absences are not adding up.
- **Seek help** from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need resources and support.

October 2025

Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

Vanlue Local School

2026-2027 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

KINDERGARTEN

Most supplies are furnished and included in the kindergarten class fee. Teacher will inform parents in early August by letter of additional items needed.

GRADE 1

Please put student's name on all items:

- ❑ 2: Crayons (24)
- ❑ 2 big erasers
- ❑ Scissors (Fiskars)
- ❑ Glue – 10 sticks
- ❑ 4-6 dry erase Expo markers – Fine Tip
- ❑ 2: 1 subject spiral notebook – 70 sheets
- ❑ 2: 5-Star pocket folder w/3 ring binder holes (no prongs)
- ❑ 3 ring binder – 1 ½ in. thick. Must have clear plastic sleeve on outside of binder to slip a cover page in.
- ❑ Wired headphones for computer – no ear buds
- ❑ 1 school box
- ❑ 24 #2 Orange Pencils – Papermate or Ticonderoga preferred (already sharpened)
- ❑ 1: 5 tab insert dividers w/pockets
- ❑ Art shirt and Art folder (labeled "Art")
- ❑ Gym shoes (to be left at school)
- ❑ Book bag (no wheels)
- ❑ Girls: snack size bags
- ❑ Boys: quart size bags

*All extra supplies in a labeled Ziploc Bag

GRADE 2

- ❑ Solar powered calculator
- ❑ Crayons (24 or 48)
- ❑ Crayola markers - 1 pkg. Thick
- ❑ 30 #2 Ticonderoga pencils- sharpened
- ❑ 3 big erasers
- ❑ 1 box of colored pencils – 12 count
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ 5 glue sticks
- ❑ 1 school box
- ❑ Wired headphones for computer
- ❑ Eraser or clean cloth for dry erase slates
- ❑ 8 dry erase markers – No Crazy Art brand
- ❑ 2 plastic folders – No prongs
- ❑ 2 pocket folders
- ❑ Small package pencil top erasers
- ❑ Bookbag- without wheels
- ❑ 3 ring binder – 2 in. thick. Must have clear plastic sleeve on outside of binder to slip a cover page in.
- ❑ 1 wide ruled spiral notebook
- ❑ 100 3x5 index cards (1 pack)
- ❑ Gym shoes and Art shirt -to be kept at school

*All extra supplies in a labeled Ziploc Bag

GRADE 3

- ❑ 1 skinny highlighter
- ❑ 2: 24-count Crayola crayons
- ❑ 1 box colored Crayola pencils
- ❑ 1 box Crayola markers
- ❑ 12 #2 wood pencils Ticonderoga preferred
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ 6: glue sticks
- ❑ 2: large pink erasers
- ❑ 1: Large school box to fit all supplies
- ❑ 4: black skinny dry-erase markers
- ❑ 3: 3-ring binder heavy duty pocket folders (no prongs)
- ❑ 2 packs wide ruled, loose-leaf paper
- ❑ 2: spiral bound notebook for journals
- ❑ Book bag
- ❑ Wired headphones for computer
- ❑ 1-1.5 inch 3-ring binder w/front & back sleeves
- ❑ 1 box of Kleenex (Optional)
- ❑ 1 container of Clorox wipes (Optional)
- ❑ 1 roll of paper towels (Optional)
- ❑ 1 box any size box Ziploc bags: gallon/quart/sandwich (Optional)
- ❑ Gym shoes

*All extra supplies in a labeled Ziploc Bag

GRADE 4

- ❑ Crayola Markers (1 pkg. thick)
- ❑ 1: Box of colored pencils
- ❑ 1: Crayons – 24 pack
- ❑ 2: Glue sticks
- ❑ 1 school box
- ❑ 2: Black Sharpies
- ❑ 4 highlighters – any color
- ❑ 24: #2 pencils (sharpened) Ticonderoga preferred
- ❑ 4: Dry Erase Expo Markers
- ❑ Pencil erasers
- ❑ 1 big pink eraser
- ❑ 4 colored pens – not black
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ 4 packs: 3x3 Post-It Notes
- ❑ 3: 3-ring 1.5 inch binders
- ❑ 3 sets of 5-tab dividers (plastic w/pockets)
- ❑ 1 1 subject wide-ruled spiral notebook
- ❑ 2: 2-pocket plastic folders
- ❑ 1 3-holed zipper pencil bag
- ❑ 1 box sandwich size bags
- ❑ 1 roll of paper towels
- ❑ 1 container Clorox wipes
- ❑ 2 boxes of tissues
- ❑ Dry eraser/cloth
- ❑ Wired headphones for computer (left at school)
- ❑ Gym shoes (left at school)
- ❑ Art shirt (left at school)
- ❑ Book bag

GRADE 5

- ❑ 1 pack Crayola markers (thick)
- ❑ 1 box of colored pencils
- ❑ 2 glue sticks
- ❑ 1 school box
- ❑ Scissors (7-8 in.)
- ❑ 4 highlighters – any color
- ❑ 1 box Crayons (24)
- ❑ 2 black Sharpies
- ❑ Ruler (regular & metric)
- ❑ 24 #2 pre-sharpened pencils Ticonderoga preferred
- ❑ 4: colored pens – not black
- ❑ 4 packs of 3x3 Post-It Notes
- ❑ 2: packs loose-leaf notebook paper
- ❑ 3: 3-ring binders – at least 1.5 inches
- ❑ 3: sets 5 tab dividers with pockets
- ❑ 2: 2-pocket plastic folders
- ❑ Wired headphones for computer
- ❑ 8 dry erase markers
- ❑ 1 box gallon size baggies
- ❑ 4: boxes of tissues
- ❑ Calculator (TI-30IIS or TI 30XS)
- ❑ 1: roll of paper towels
- ❑ 1: box of sandwich baggies
- ❑ 1: container of Clorox wipes
- ❑ *Gym shoes

GRADES 6, 7, and 8 – All Subjects

- ❑ Pencils
- ❑ Assignment Book
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ 4 Glue sticks
- ❑ 1 pack multi-colored highlighters
- ❑ Supply box or pouch
- ❑ Wired headphones for computer
- ❑ 3: 100 packs of lined notecards
- ❑ Colored pencils – 24 pack
- ❑ TI-30X IIS Calculator
- ❑ 8 pack Expo Markers (chisel-tip)

6th Grade

- ❑ 1 – 100 sheet composition notebooks
- ❑ 3 – 1" 3 ring binders
- ❑ 3 sets of 5-tab dividers
- ❑ 2 – 2 pocket plastic folders
- ❑ 1 white vinyl eraser for Art Class
- ❑ 1 pocket folder for Art Class

7th Grade

- ❑ 4 – spiral notebooks
- ❑ 1 – 1" 3-ring binders
- ❑ 1 set of 5-tab dividers
- ❑ 5 – 2 pocket folder
- ❑ 1 box gallon Ziploc bags

8th Grade

- ❑ 4 – 100 sheet composition notebooks
- ❑ 3 – 1" 3 ring binders
- ❑ 3 sets of 5-tab dividers
- ❑ 3 – 2 pocket plastic folder
- ❑ 2 Book covers
- ❑ 1 box gallon Ziploc bags

GRADES 6-12 Fees – 2026-27:

ART:

Independent Art	30.00
High School I	30.00
High School II	30.00
High School III*	30.00
High School IV*	30.00

*plus any expense for independent/ extensive projects

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY:

Jefferson Online Courses (Core/Elective)	20.00/class
CEES	15.00
Consumer Math	15.00
Laptop insurance costs Grades 9-12	40.00

*All students in grades 9-12 must have wired earbuds for Chromebooks.

MUSIC/BAND:

Instrument Rental	20.00
Instrument Rental (1/2 year)	10.00
Uniform Rental/Dry Cleaning	20.00
Choir/Dry Cleaning	20.00

SCIENCE:

Physical Science	10.00
Biology	10.00
Chemistry	10.00
Physics	10.00
Science & Sustainability	10.00

GRADES 6-8:

Grade 6	50.00
Grade 7	50.00
Grade 8	50.00
Laptop insurance	40.00

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ELEMENTARY FEES – 2026-27:

KINDERGARTEN:	40.00
FIRST GRADE:	40.00
SECOND GRADE:	40.00
THIRD GRADE:	40.00
FOURTH GRADE:	40.00
FIFTH GRADE:	40.00
Laptop insurance Grades 4-5 Only	40.00

New Student Registration and Orientation:
By Appointment ONLY

K-12 Open House
Tuesday, August 18: 6:00-8pm
Grades 6-12 Schedule Pickup
Pay fees for ALL grades
Add money to lunch accounts
Check bus routes
Laptop Pick up in Room 206 after insurance fee is paid and laptop bag is approved.
***Limited number of laptop bags may be available for $20.**

Board of Education approved on June 15, 2026

CAFETERIA UPDATE:

The Vanlue School Cafeteria uses PaySchools to make lunch payments. However, you may send cash or a check to school with your child to have the money deposited into your child's lunch account. Multiple children may be paid with one check, just please specify how much money you would like applied to each child. More information will be provided closer to the start of school via FinalForms and social media.

Please be sure your child carries a positive lunch balance. Notifications will be sent weekly via FinalForms to families who owe lunch fees. If you receive one of these notifications, please be sure to make the required payment promptly! Please be vigilant to monitor your child's account throughout the school year. The cafeteria manager reserves the right to deny a child any ala carte purchases.

Alternate Meals

Students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to request an alternate meal instead of the menu meal. These alternate meals may be a sub sandwich, pinwheels, PBJ box, or salad. If a student owes lunch money AN ALTERNATE MEAL MAY NOT BE REQUESTED. However, the menu meal of the day may still be purchased.

Free and Reduced applications will be available the first week of school. These must be completed and returned no later than the first 30-operating days of the current school year. This is a state requirement, no exceptions. However, applications will be accepted throughout the entire school year if your financial situation should change.

Lunch prices are as follows:
K-5: $2.70 ($13.50 for 1 week)
6-12: $2.90 ($14.50 for 1 week)
Alternate Lunch 6-12: $3.00
Adult Lunch: $3.05
Milk for all: $0.50

AUGUST | 2026

VANLUE WILDCATS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Menu items are subject to change	4 Breakfast served daily *Excluding delay days*	5 GRADES 6-12 ALTERNATE MEALS: SUB SANDWICH PINWHEEL PBJ *EXCLUDING DELAY DAYS*	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20 CHICKEN NUGGETS GOLDFISH CRACKERS CARROTS w/DIP FRUIT MILK	21 PEPPERONI PIZZA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
24 CORN DOG TATER TOTS FRUIT MILK	25 MAC AND CHEESE PRETZELS BROCCOLI w/DIP FRUIT MILK	26 ORANGE CHICKEN FRIED RICE CARROTS FORTUNE COOKIE FRUIT MILK	27 LOADED NACHOS PINTO BEANS FRUIT MILK	28 CHEESE PIZZA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
31 NO SCHOOL	1	2 *NO BREAKFAST OR ALTERNATE BOX MEALS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST*	3	4

News

Please visit www.payschoolscentral.com or download the app. You can set up automatic payments, set reminders and alerts, review purchases, and so much more!

Please watch your email for negative balance notices. Purchasing restrictions may be enforced if an account remains delinquent.

Free and Reduced applications may be filled out through PaySchools. Paper copies will be accepted as well.

The following major food allergens are used as ingredients in this facility: Milk, egg, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, soy, and sesame. Please notify staff for more information about these ingredients.

MEAL PRICES:
K-12 breakfast: $1.25
K-5: $2.70
6-12: $2.90
6-12 alternate box lunch: $3.00

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

VANLUE LOCAL SCHOOL
2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 17-19	Monday-Wednesday	Teacher Professional Developments & Work Day
August 18	Tuesday	Open House – 6:00-8:00pm
August 20	Thursday	First Day of School
August 31-September 8	*Monday-Tuesday*	*No School – Fair Break & Labor Day*
September 9	Wednesday	Classes Resume
October 12	*Monday*	*No School – County-Wide PD Day*
October 23	Friday	End 1st Quarter
November 12 & 18	Thursday/Wednesday	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3:15-6:30pm
November 23	Monday	Teacher Professional Development
November 23-29	*Monday-Sunday*	*No School – Fall Break*
November 30	Monday	Classes Resume
December 21 – January 3	*Monday-Sunday*	*No School – Winter Break*
January 4	Monday	Classes Resume
January 15	Friday	End of 2nd Quarter/End of 1st Sem.
January 18	*Monday*	*No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
February 15	*Monday*	*No School – President's Day*
March 11 & 17	Thursday/Wednesday	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3:15-6:30pm
March 19	Friday	End 3rd Quarter
March 25	*Thursday*	*Early Dismissal at 1:15pm*
March 26-30	*Friday-Tuesday*	*No School – Spring Break*
March 31	Wednesday	Classes Resume
May 22	Saturday	Graduation
May 27	Thursday	Last Day for Students/Early Dismissal 1:15pm End of 4th Quarter/End of 2nd Sem.
May 28	Friday	Teacher Work Day
May 31	*Monday*	*Memorial Day Observed*

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WEATHER DELAY PROCEDURE

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL TO CHECK ON SCHOOL DELAYS

We need to keep our phone lines open to receive input from bus drivers and law enforcement agencies so a wise and informed decision can be made to delay or cancel school. The following stations will be notified:

WFIN/WKXA (Findlay) 1330 A.M./100.5 FM

WNWO-TV (NBC 24) WTOL-TV (11 The News Channel) WTVG-TV (13ABC)

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The mission of the Vanlue Local School District is to instill in our students the desire to achieve at their highest potential.

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