

# Wildcat Newsletter

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## From the Office of Superintendent Traci Conley:

I hope this newsletter finds you well! The start of the 2023-2024 school year has proven to be a positive one! Our first month of school has been very busy and successful. In this newsletter, you will find snapshots of activities that have occurred depicting a multitude of activities reflecting successes of our students and staff.

We have welcomed a number of amazing, new staff members! They have proven themselves to be excellent additions. I am also thankful for the manner in which our veteran staff members have welcomed their new colleagues and have provided assistance. Our parent-teacher conferences are this October 18th and 25th. I am encouraging parents to set up conferences to build new relationships and communication avenues with our new teachers.

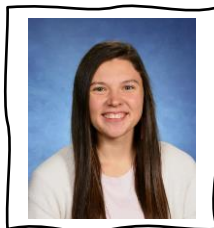
On Saturday, October 28, from 1-4 pm Vanlue will have a 100 Year Building Celebration and Family Fun Day. The school building will be open to tour so come celebrate Vanlue School’s Building Centennial. We will have various activities for the family to enjoy. This anniversary means acknowledging Vanlue’s tradition of Excellence! Hope to see you there.

Enjoy the wonderful fall weather before the snow flies! #VanlueProud

## **Welcome to Vanlue School!!**

Please give a warm Wildcat welcome to our newest staff members:

### Elementary Staff



Mrs. Chelsea Barnes – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Miss Bethany Smith – Kindergarten  
Mrs. Tina Hunt – Elem. Special Education

### JH/HS Staff



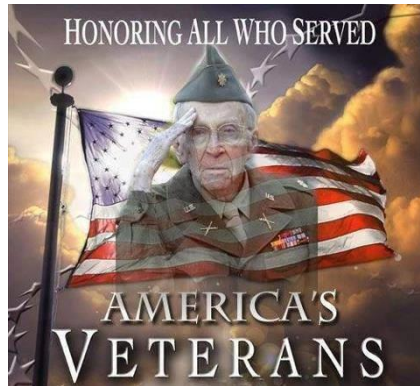
Mrs. Bailey Daugherty– JH Math/Science  
Mr. Klayton Hilleary – Music/Band

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Veterans Day Assembly

On Friday, November 10 at 10:00am, Vanlue School will once again hold the annual Veterans Day Assembly in the auditorium. All area veterans are encouraged to attend and the assembly is also open to the public. After the completion of the assembly, lunch will be provided for the veteran and his/her spouse or one guest in the band room.

**Please RSVP to the main office at 419-387-7724 no later than Wednesday, November 8.**



## **K-12 Retakes & Winter Sports Pictures**

On Friday, November 17, there will be individual retakes for anyone who needs them. The picture packages parents ordered will be mailed after this day has been completed. Also, there will be winter sports and yearbook group pictures. Please make sure your athlete has their uniform.



**Sunday,  
Nov. 5,  
2023**

**For the latest up-to-date happenings, check out the school website at [vanlueschool.org](http://vanlueschool.org) or find us on Facebook at [Vanlue Local School](#).**



## **23-24 Early Dismissals**

This year, we will be dismissing school early at 1:15pm on the days before a major holiday break:

November 21

December 22

March 28

## **Parent-Teacher Conferences have changed!**

On Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> information was sent home about scheduling your parent-teacher conferences online. The system we are using is called PTCFast.com. As always, if you have any questions, please contact Jodi in the office so she can assist you in signing up.

# Wildcat Student Information

## A Message from Elem. Principal Hoadley

Happy Autumn Vanlue! We have many exciting things planned for the upcoming season in Vanlue elementary classes. At the end of October, the entire elementary school will be traveling to the Toledo Zoo to learn about over 700 different species of animals that live there. The students (and teachers, too) are anxiously awaiting this experience. In November, our students will be participating in the annual Veteran's Day program. They are currently learning new songs and can't wait to share with the community on November 10th at 10 am. Please join us for this program as we honor our local veterans!

Our PBIS program continues this year and we will celebrate student achievements on the last Wednesday of each month. At the September celebration, our entire 2nd grade class was recognized for receiving a Positive Office Referral. All the students worked diligently on their reading and logged over 100 minutes of reading in a week! Keep up the good work 2nd grade! I hope to recognize many other students throughout the year for being "sent to the office" for a positive reason.

This school year the Ohio Department of Education has mandated the screening of all Kindergarten through 3rd grade students for dyslexia. Vanlue will be using i-Ready Reading materials and other annual reading assessments to complete this screening. Once screening has been completed, parents of those students deemed "at risk" will be contacted. Additional support will be provided for these students and they will be reassessed at various times during the year. This screening will now be part of reading assessments Vanlue Elementary completes with students at the beginning of each year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns about these screenings or anything happening in the elementary.

Finally, we are thrilled to be celebrating 100 years in the current school building. It is a testament to the Vanlue community that this building has seen 100 years of students learning the fundamentals of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Thank you for your continued support in all we do. #VanlueProud

## A Message from JH/HS Principal Sager

October is upon us and fall is reminding us how beautiful change can be! One of our changes this year is to introduce PBIS Houses. We have divided the entire student body, as well as the staff members, into four teams to engage in a friendly competition with PBIS points. We are excited to encourage one another to exhibit the characteristics that are valued here at Vanlue. For the month of September, we focused on the attribute of Respect. Several students were recognized for their efforts throughout the month. October's attribute is Responsibility. A great way to support this characteristic is to regularly meet with your student and review their grades on Progressbook, have deep conversations about their responsibilities as a student, and give them opportunities to show this skill at home. Attributes for the next several months include Caring, Integrity, Cooperativeness, and Kindness.

As we continue this school year, the Junior High and High School staff members have discussed the important role vocabulary knowledge plays in our students' academic success. We are collaborating with one another to take a deeper look at this area and strategically plan to address needs within this area. More to come soon!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. I have truly enjoyed the conversations I have had with many of our parents and community members. The pride at Vanlue shines through each and every day.

# Mrs. Smith's Counseling Corner

The school year is off to a busy start! Along with meeting with all of our new students, I have also been starting the college application process with our seniors. Scholarships are starting to come in so please check my Google Classroom and on my Twitter feed @VanlueGuidance for the newest postings.

For the month of October, I will also be doing K-5 Red Ribbon Week/Bullying classroom lessons along with other K-12 activities. We will begin our testing with the PSAT for Juniors and the ASVAB for all Sophomores on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Our juniors and seniors will travel to Findlay HS on October 11<sup>th</sup> for the College and Career Fair. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be traveling to Millstream with the Sophomores to check out programs they offer.

Attention current students in grades 6-11! College Credit Plus information now available.

All students entering grades 7-12 for next school year (24-25), have the option each year to take classes at a post-secondary institution while attending classes while in high school. Each technical school, college and university has established their own criteria, which students must meet to be eligible to participate. Students/Parents who are seriously considering this program are required to attend a virtual meeting. More information will be sent out in November via Final Forms and posted in my Google classroom.

The Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey (OHYES!) - Grades 7, 9, and 11

Vanlue School will soon be offered the Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey, or OHYES! to students in grades 7, 9 and 11. Detailed information was sent through Final Forms to parents/guardians with student(s) in grades 7, 9 and 11. The Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey empowers high-impact change by uncovering student needs at the local level. This survey offers a deeper look into the experiences of youth in different communities and environments across Ohio. Using these insights, schools can learn where Ohio students are thriving and build on what works. This data can also enable schools to track changes in student health and safety over time. Family, peer group, school, and community factors can affect young people's health and well-being. Addressing the positive development of youth can facilitate their adoption of healthy behaviors and ensure a healthy and productive future. By implementing the Ohio Youth Surveys, we are allowing students to voice the risks that they perceive to their health and wellness, as well as their sense of resiliency to live healthy lives. Participation in OHYES! can help us understand youth issues and how best to advocate for them, sending a clear message to students that their voices matter. More information regarding the survey can be found at [youthsurveys.ohio.gov](http://youthsurveys.ohio.gov).

Senior Parents:

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 December 1, FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) can be filed online only. 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 is available through my Google classroom.

# WINTER BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

**AS OF 10/4/2023 - PLEASE CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MOST CURRENT EVENTS AND START TIMES**

## Varsity Boys Basketball – All games begin at 6pm unless otherwise noted

11/11 @ Lima Perry – Scrimmage 10am  
 11/15 @ Kenton – Scrimmage 6pm  
 11/20 @ Leipsic – Scrimmage 6pm  
 11/29 @ New Riegel – Scrimmage 6pm  
 12/1 @ Bucyrus  
 12/2 Danbury  
 12/8 @ Liberty Benton  
 12/9 Ridgedale  
 12/15 McComb  
 12/22 @ Upper Scioto Valley  
 12/29 @ St. Joe's 5:30pm  
 12/30 @ Lakota 4:00pm  
 1/6 Waynesfield Goshen  
 1/12 Pandora Gilboa  
 1/13 Cory Rawson  
 1/19 @ Riverdale  
 1/26 Van Buren  
 1/27 Lima Temple 5pm  
 2/2 Arcadia  
 2/3 Ridgemont  
 2/6 @ Cardinal Stritch  
 2/9 @ Arlington  
 2/10 @ Hardin Northern  
 2/16 Elmwood  
 2/24 Ada

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11/29 @ Ridgemont 5:30pm  
 12/4 Liberty Benton  
 12/6 North Baltimore  
 12/9 St. Mike's 10am  
 12/14 @ McComb  
 12/20 Ridgedale 5:30pm  
 1/3 @ Pandora Gilboa  
 1/8 Riverdale  
 1/10 Hardin Northern  
 1/13 @ Upper Scioto Valley 10am  
 1/15 @ Van Buren 5:30pm  
 1/17 @ Arcadia 5:30pm  
 1/22 Arlington  
 1/29 @ Elmwood  
 TBD Tournaments @ Cory Rawson

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11/4 @ Holgate – Scrimmage 10am  
 11/8 Rossford – Scrimmage 6pm  
 11/1 @ Ottawa Hills – Scrimmage 10am  
 11/18 Emmanuel Christian – Scrimmage 10am  
 11/22 Upper Scioto Valley  
 11/28 @ Ridgedale  
 11/30 @ Bucyrus  
 12/7 Liberty Benton  
 12/14 @ McComb  
 12/16 Northwood 1pm  
 12/17 @ Northwood 1pm  
 12/19 @ Ada  
 12/21 Calvert  
 12/27 Cardinal Stritch  
 12/30 @ Hardin Northern 12pm  
 1/7 @ Elgin 12pm  
 1/11 @ Pandora Gilboa  
 1/13 Ridgemont 1pm  
 1/18 Riverdale  
 1/23 Colonel Crawford  
 1/25 @ Van Buren  
 1/27 @ Waynesfield Goshen 11am  
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 2/1 @ Arcadia  
 2/8 Arlington  
 2/12 @ Lima Perry  
 2/15 @ Elmwood

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# OCTOBER | 2022

## VANLUE WILDCATS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD BREADSTICK FRUIT MILK	<b>4</b> CHEESE QUE SADILLA CARROTS w/DIP FRUIT MILK	<b>5</b> CHICKEN NUGGETS COOKIE BAKED BEANS FRUIT MILK	<b>6</b> PIGS IN A BLANKET (MAPLE PANCAKE WRAPPED SAUSAGE) HASHBROWN TRIANGLES FRUIT MILK	<b>7</b> PEPPERONI PIZZA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
<b>10</b> BREADED CHICKEN SANDWICH CARROTS w/DIP FRUIT MILK	<b>11</b> CHEESY BREADSTICKS W/MARINARA SAUCE SALAD FRUIT MILK	<b>12</b> WILDCAT BOWL COOKIE FRUIT MILK	<b>13</b> PULLED PORK NACHOS PINTO BEANS FRUIT MILK	<b>14</b> STUFFED CRUST SAUSAGE PIZZA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
<b>17</b> HOT DOG OR CONEY DOG BAKED BEANS FRUIT MILK	<b>18</b> CRISPY CHICKEN WRAP CARROTS w/DIP FRUIT MILK	<b>19</b> HAMBURGER OR CHEESEBURGER SANDWICH SALAD FRUIT MILK	<b>20</b> MINI WAFFLES SAUSAGE LINK HASHBROWN TRIANGLES FRUIT MILK	<b>21</b> FIESTA DA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
<b>24</b> BREADED VEAL SANDWICH STEAK FRIES FRUIT MILK	<b>25</b> MINI CORN DOGS BROCCOLI AND CHEESE FRUIT MILK	<b>26</b> SOFT SHELL BEEF TACO PINTO BEANS FRUIT MILK	<b>27</b> GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH TOMATO SOUP FRUIT MILK	<b>28</b> PIZZA RIPPERS GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
<b>31</b> MAC AND CHEESE SOFT PRETZEL FRENCH FRIES FRUIT MILK 5 <sup>th</sup> GRADE CHOOSE YOUR CHOW DAY!	<b>1</b> GRADES 6-12 SECOND CHOICE MEALS: SUB SANDWICH PINWHEEL PBJ SALAD	<b>2</b> VANLUE SCHOOL 301 S. EAST ST. VANLUE, OH 45890 PHONE: 419-387-7724 FAX: 419-387-7722	<b>3</b> MENU ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	<b>4</b>

### News

Please be sure your child always carries a positive lunch balance!! You may call the school at 419-387-7724 or email [kingh@vanlueschool.org](mailto:kingh@vanlueschool.org) to check your child's account balance. **Please be vigilant to monitor your child's account throughout the school year!**

Please sign up at [www.k12paymentcenter.com](http://www.k12paymentcenter.com) to check your child's balance, make payments, see purchases, plus much more! Sign-up is FREE!

**LUNCH PRICES:**  
 K-5: \$2.50  
 6-12: \$2.70

For the month of October Mrs. Lyall's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class participated in the Choose Your Chow Day.

**VANLUE LOCAL SCHOOL**  
**2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

August 21-24	Monday-Thursday	Teacher Professional Developments & Work Day
August 22	Tuesday	Open House – 6:30-8pm
September 5	Tuesday	First Day of School
<i>October 9</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>No School – County-Wide PD Day</i>
October 18 & 25	Wednesdays	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3:15-6:30pm
November 3	Friday	End 1st Quarter
November 21	Tuesday	Early Dismissal at 1:15pm
<i>November 22-26</i>	<i>Wednesday-Sunday</i>	<i>No School – Fall Break</i>
November 27	Monday	Classes Resume
December 22	Friday	Early Dismissal at 1:15pm
<i>December 23 – January 7</i>	<i>Saturday-Sunday</i>	<i>No School – Winter Break</i>
January 8	Monday	Classes Resume
<i>January 15</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>
January 24	Wednesday	End of 2nd Quarter/End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem.
<i>February 19</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>No School – President’s Day</i>
March 6 & 13	Wednesdays	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3:15-6:30pm
March 28	Thursday	Early Dismissal at 1:15pm/End 3rd Quarter
<i>March 29-April 1</i>	<i>Friday-Monday</i>	<i>No School – Spring Break</i>
April 2	Tuesday	Classes Resume
<i>April 8</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>No School – Teacher PD Day</i>
May 25	Saturday	Graduation
<i>May 27</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>No School – Memorial Day Observed</i>
May 31	Friday	Last Day for Students/Early Dismissal 1:15pm End of 4th Quarter/End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem.
June 3	Monday	Teacher Work Day

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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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