## **Blue Valley Middle School Family References**

**BVM Website** The BVM website has current information about what's going on at BVM. It is also a great reference area for BVM specific information. Updated multiple times a week, check here first! <a href="https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/bvm">https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/bvm</a>





**Lunch Accounts** Blue Valley uses a system called LINQ to manage money in your student's lunch account. Your student's account will follow them from one school to another. You will need to create an account and access it via the web or download the app on your phone.

**Absences/Leaving Early/Arriving Late** If your student is absent from school, leaving early, or arriving late you must notify the Attendance Office (not teachers and not the principal). We recommend ParentVue's *Report a Full Day Absence* option (use the notes section to let us know about late arrivals or early pick ups). Otherwise, call the attendance line at 913-239-5105.



**ParentVue** Your ParentVue account is where your contact information is located. It is also where you will pay fees and where report cards are posted each quarter. If you have more than one child in Blue Valley you can access all your children from your account. ParentVue login

**Calendar and Bell Schedules** Want to know about upcoming school events, or when your student's classes and lunch are? You can find the daily bell schedule and the school calendar on the <u>BVM Website Calendar page</u>. 1st period class starts at 7:51am and 9th period ends at 3:00pm.





**Bus Company/Durham** Blue Valley contracts with Durham Bus for all bus services. Please contact Durham directly to sign up for bus services. We highly recommend you sign up for Durham's textcaster messages that will let you know about late buses, bus number changes, etc. <u>Blue Valley Transportation Information</u>

**Item Drop Off** Everyone forgets something sometime! If you bring a forgotten item for your student please follow our <u>Forgotten Item Drop Off</u> guidelines. You will leave the item on a pickup cart in the front office, labeled with student name. Remember, you can say 'no' because you did not forget your shoes, lunch, homework, or water bottle, etc.





**Canvas** Canvas is the system used for student access to classes, assignments, individual grades, and teacher messages. Your student must grant you access to their Canvas account for you to see their information. <u>Canvas Login</u>

**Chromebooks** Every BVM student is issued a Chromebook laptop for school use. Charge it every night and bring it to school every day. Click here to read about <u>Chrome Book Troubleshooting 101</u> tips. See Mrs. Eckert in the library for any Chromebook problems.



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**Clubs and Activities** There are so many clubs and activities at BVM! Clubs vary by year and are dependent on student interest and sponsors. Students may form a new club if they find a staff sponsor and get club approval by admins. <u>BVM Website Activities page</u>



**Fees** All school fees (registration and individual course fees) are paid via ParentVue. There are also optional fees for yearbooks, PTO membership, etc. From the Fees tab you can see your required and optional fees that are due and those that have been paid. If you do not order a yearbook by January, your student will not receive one!

**Grades and Report Cards** Grades for individual assignments and tests can be found on Canvas. You can look at each class for a list of upcoming homework, quizzes, and tests that will or have received a grade. Report cards are posted to ParentVue at the end of each quarter.



**Cell Phones and Earbuds** Yes, students can have cellphones, WIRED earbuds, and headphones at BVM. Cellphones need to be turned off at 7:51am and can be turned on at 3:00pm. Items that are misused will be taken to the office. For full policy about use and consequences, read the BVM Student Handbook

**BVM Staff** See the BVM website for staff lists by grade, by subject, or by name. This is where you can find email addresses and phone numbers! <u>BVM Website Staff Directory</u>



**Cardinal Flyer** If there is one thing we want all families to do, it is to read the principal's Friday newsletter called The Cardinal Flyer! It will list upcoming events (including links and registrations) review events of the past week, and so much more! Be in the know! The Cardinal Flyer is sent to the email on your ParentVue account and posted to our website.



**Athletics** There are many athletic/cheer teams at BVM. Some require students be in a certain grade to participate. Check out the <u>BVM Website Athletics Page</u> for individual sports and requirements.

**PTO** The BVM Parent Teacher Organization puts on student events like Cardinal Activity Night, Rock N Run, and 8th Grade Graduation. They also support the staff with classroom stipends, a grant program, and meals during conferences. Join to help with big or small projects! <a href="https://bvmspto.membershiptoolkit.com/">https://bvmspto.membershiptoolkit.com/</a>



**Parent Teacher Conferences** Parent Teacher conferences happen twice during the school year in fall and spring. Walk ins (open house style conferences) and team conferences (when a group conference is needed with multiple teachers) are offered at different times. Watch your email for more information in the Cardinal Flyer and any outreach from teachers.

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