

LMS Eagle News

March 22

We will have school on April 1st. No Fooling!!

We wanted to remind you to mark your calendars as school will be in session on April 1st instead of the previously scheduled professional development day in order to meet the state attendance requirements. This adjustment was made in response to the Chiefs Super Bowl Parade Day. We understand that this change may impact your plans, and we apologize for any inconvenience it may cause. If your child will not be present on this day, please use our typical absence reporting protocols to report the absence.

From the desk of Ryan Colburn 🧑

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Sometimes it is not what is said, but what is not said. Sometimes it is not what is said, but how it is said. Middle schoolers are growing and changing so much. They are impacted by everything around them: their homes, their friends, school, what they see on their phones, what their friends see on their phones, and the list goes on and on. They try on different personas, like clothes, to see what fits and what they like. As adults, it can be difficult sometimes to let our kids go through "phases" as they learn who they are and what works to make them who they are. Nevertheless, kids do pay attention to the feedback they receive, both verbal and nonverbal.

Recently, a quote was shared with me that struck a chord. While I may not remember it completely, it was something like this: "When you talk you repeat what you already know, when you listen you might learn something new." What a good reminder for all of us that it is important to listen to understand. At school, I really try to listen to our students when I am visiting with them. Often it is what they are telling me that gives me insights into what they are thinking and sometimes it is what they don't say about what they are talking about that really helps me understand where they are coming from. Either way, I really try to listen to them and take in what they are saying, or thinking, as well as their perceptions of the things they are experiencing.

As parents, this is so important. When you are driving your kids places, you are really focused on driving, which is good, but take that time to listen to what they are saying in the conversation you

may be having together. It is interesting that when they are looking forward and not directly at you, they may be more open to share things. While I do think face-to-face conversations are important, removing that edge of looking each other in the eye often makes our kids more free to open up and share what is going on in their lives.

We just really need to listen to our kids first to understand. We need to give our kids some grace and space but hold them accountable for when they misstep, or, even better, ask them further clarifying questions to see if we gain deeper understanding into their thought process. These things help our kids grow and become young adults and our conversations with them help them learn and make good decisions.

Sincerely,

Ryan Colburn

Track and Field Spirit Wear Info!

ORDER GEAR NOW! Shop closes on 3/27

<https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/kPnAVJY6NE>

Access Code: kPnAVJY6NE

Born to Soar Award! WINNER- Mrs. Norton!!!

Congrats to Mrs. Norton on winning our Born to Soar award at LMS! Mrs. Norton has brought the book fair back to LMS this week! She is always hosting classes in her space and connecting with so many students. Thank you for all you do Mrs. Norton!



We Need Your Nominations!!! Quick, 3 minute survey. Born to Soar!

As we move into the fourth quarter of the school year, Mr. Richards and Mr. Colburn would like to begin a new award to recognize the amazing teachers and staff at Leawood Middle School. Our teachers and staff do so much to support, teach, and care for our students every day and this is a great way for them to be recognized. Please take a moment to fill out the attached survey form. Each week, Mr. Richards and Mr. Colburn will identify one nomination and recognize that staff member in front of kids. They will receive the traveling picture they will keep in their classroom for the week signifying they are the "Born to Soar."

You may nominate as many individuals as you wish! We will be sending the same link throughout the quarter in Eagle News.

Sincerely,
Ryan Colburn and Michael Richards

Click the link to nominate a staff member!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13UkQt6C5BA0FIkTuV50B7-4V4Vq-EI-5VB2IPLrzABM/edit>

State Testing! ONE CHANGE. SEE BELOW 100

State Testing Dates: ONE CHANGE! See bold text below.

Leawood Middle School will conduct state testing on the dates below. Please be sure your student does their best to attend school during these days. We know doctor appointments are hard to reschedule/schedule in general. However, we appreciate families doing their best to get students to school on these days. Lastly, a good breakfast goes a long way in regards to brain power.

Science: 3/26 and 3/27 (8th Grade Only)

ELA: 4/2 and 4/3 (6th, 7th, and 8th Grade)

Math: 4/10 and 4/11 (6th, 7th, and 8th Grade)

Cheerleading Tryouts 📣

Interested in trying out for the 24-25 BVN Cheer Team? Please fill out the following Google Form to gain information about the 24-25 Cheer Season and upcoming tryouts on Friday, April 26th! [BVN Cheer Tryout Interest Form](#) Questions – Reach out to Coach Shoemaker at pashoemaker@bluevalleyk12.org.

Scholastic Book Fair 📖



Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from **March 19-March 25** at LMS Library! We will be open during the day from 7:30-3:30 and before the Spring Play from 6-7 pm on March 20 and 21.

Say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/leawoodmiddleschool>.

If you would like to help with our book fair, please sign up here: [Sign Up Genius](#)

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair! If you have any questions, please feel free to email Barbie Norton at bnorton@bluevalleyk12.org.

Happy reading,

Mr. Ryan Colburn
Principal
Leawood Middle School

Recognizing Signs of Addiction

REGISTER
BY APRIL 1ST
FREE EVENT

Rumble Strips

Recognizing Signs of Addiction

Tuesday, April 2nd | 6-7:30pm

Hilltop Conference Center | 7710 W 143rd St

All BV parents, grandparents and adult caregivers are invited to the BV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Task Force's annual community event, which will focus on **addiction in youth and adolescents**.

Speakers:

- **Janet Schrick** will share her 'Rumble Strips' presentation on moments when her sister could have chosen to get help toward recovery, but who sadly lost her life to addiction.
- **Jennifer Clarke, LSCSW, LMHC**, Team Leader - Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services at Johnson County Mental Health, will present on 'Adolescent Addiction Trends' and how to access help if needed.

Panel with Q&A: Janet and Jennifer's presentations will be followed by a 30-minute Q & A session.

REGISTER HERE



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2024 Boys Basketball Camp 🏀🏀🏀



BLUE VALLEY NORTH BOYS BASKETBALL 2023 SUMMER CAMPS

Join the Blue Valley North High School Boys' Basketball staff and players for a week of fundamentals, offensive and defensive drills, contests, and scrimmage games. This camp will allow the players the opportunity to build their skills and help them become a complete basketball player.

****Grades are for the 2023-2024 school year and all sessions are located at Blue Valley North****

Date: Monday, June 5 to Thursday, June 8

Grades 10-12: 8:30-10:30am

Grades 8 and 9: 10:30am-12:30pm

Date: Monday, June 12 to Thursday, June 15

Grades 3-5: 8:30-10:30am

Grades 6 and 7: 10:30am-12:30pm

Date: Monday, July 17 to Thursday, July 20

Grades 3-5: 8:30-10:30am

Grades 6-8: 10:30am-12:30pm

Cost: \$100 for one session. \$175 for 2 sessions **This cost includes a camp t-shirt**

Deadline is Friday, May 26, however we will close the registration if the camp is full. Late registrations after May 26 will be accepted if the camp isn't full, but no shirt will be included with the registration.

* Payment can be made by cash, check or Venmo

* Check made out to Ryan Phifer or Venmo @Ryan-Phifer-6

- If paying by check mail to

Blue Valley North High School

Attn: Ryan Phifer

12200 Lamar Ave.

Overland Park, KS 66062

Please scan the QR code or use the link to fill out the registration form.

Contact Coach Phifer at rphifer@bluevalleyk12.org with questions.



<https://forms.gle/8Xz2Y5bDx8TMMamYA>

Mustang Girls Softball Team Opportunity

JOIN THE MUSTANGS SOFTBALL TEAM FOR PRACTICE!

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

GIRLS GRADES 3RD-8TH WELCOME

TIME: 4:00-6:00 PM

COST: \$40.00

T-SHIRT INCLUDED



**LOCATION: NEW TURF FIELD ON
NORTH SIDE OF SCHOOL**

**BLUE VALLEY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL 12200 LAMAR AVE, OVERLAND
PARK, KS**



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR USE
THIS LINK TO FILL OUT THE
REGISTRATION FORM:
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/3NHZDSAA](http://tinyurl.com/3nhzdsaa)

CONTACT COACH STEVIE AT
BVNORTHSOFTBALL@GMAIL.COM
WITH QUESTIONS.

FOR MORE INFO ON BVN SOFTBALL:
[LINKTR.EE/BVNSOFTBALL](http://linktr.ee/bvnsoftball)



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Math Competition

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH COMPETITION

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

CLOSES APRIL 5

3:30 pm, April 16, 2024

Location: Blue Valley Southwest

Hosted by BVSU Math National Honor Society

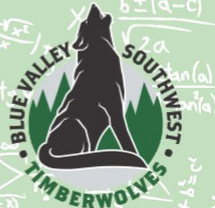
Cost: \$10/student

Open to all Blue Valley middle school students!



<https://tinyurl.com/3x97zjnc>

For questions, contact DDWeninger@bluevalleyk12.net



Patti Christian

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