

T-Bird Times

January 19, 2024



Calendar

January:

- 19 - Wonka Musical Performance, 7:00 pm
- 22 - Boys Basketball A Team @ PSMS, 3:25 pm
- 22 - Boys Basketball B Team @ Home, 3:25 pm
- 23 - AMC 8 Math Competition, 3:00-4:30 pm
- 24 - 8th Grade Band Clinic @ BVNW, 8:00 am
- 24 - Boys Basketball picture, 3:00 pm
- 25 - 5th Grade Band Instrument "Try It night"
- 29 - Boys Basketball Feeder Game A/B @ BVNW, 3:25 pm
- 31 - Boys Basketball Game A Team @ LMS, 3:25 pm
- 31 - Boys Basketball Game B Team @ Home, 3:25 pm

February:

- 1 - 5th Grade Parent Night
- 2 - 7/8th grade Theatre/Choir show day @ BVNW , 9:00-1:30
- 5 - Boys Basketball Game A Team @ Home, 3:25 pm
- 5 - Boys Basketball Game B Team @ LKMS, 3:25 pm
- 7 - Parent Teacher Conferences, **3:30-5:00 Zoom, 5:30 - 8:00 In Person Walk In**
- 8 - Parent Teacher Conferences, **7:30-5:30 Zoom**
- 9 - No School
- 12 - Boys Basketball Game A Team @ BVMS, 3:25 pm
- 12 - Boys Basketball Game B Team @ Home, 3:25 pm
- 14 - Boys Basketball Game A Team @ Home, 3:25 pm
- 14 - Boys Basketball Game B Team @ ABMS, 3:25 pm
- 15 - Orchestra Pictures @ HMS, 5:30
- 15 - Orchestra Concert 5th-8th, 7:00 pm
- 19 - No School, Presidents Day
- 21 - Basketball Game A Team @ PRMS, 3:25 pm
- 21 - Basketball Game B Team @ Home, 3:25 pm
- 22 - KMEA State Choir (Select 7th & 8th Graders) - Wichita
- 23 - KMEA State Choir (Select 7th & 8th Graders) - Wichita
- 26 - Boys Basketball Game A Team @ Home, 3:25 pm
- 26 - Boys Basketball Game B Team @ OTMS, 3:25 pm

Principals Note:

HMS Families,

We had another week impacted by the weather at HMS, but our students and staff persevered and made the most of it. Many great things are happening here daily.

Our basketball team continues to prepare for their first games on January 22 despite practices being canceled on snow days. Our coaches have been impressed with their work ethic so far this season.

The highlight of this week were the performances of the musical "Willy Wonka." Our students really blew us away. After many weeks of hard work and preparation, they delivered four different shows that were simply amazing! If you attended one of the shows you know exactly what I mean. There is still one more chance to catch the last show tonight at 7 PM!

Below this note you will find the following information:

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As always, thank you for your support of HMS. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Nate Winslow
Principal
Harmony Middle School

February Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are excited to continue our partnership through our February Parent/Teacher Conferences. Our conferences will be both on Zoom and in person. Below is a breakdown of our schedule:

- Wednesday, February 7
 - 3:15 - 5:00 on Zoom by appointment
 - 5:30 - 8:00 in person walk in conferences at HMS
 - No appointment needed for walk-ins. Teachers will be set up throughout the building and conference with parents on a first come first serve basis.
 - Walk-in conferences should be limited to 5 minutes.
- Thursday, February 8
 - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm on Zoom by appointment

All teachers will create a Signup Genius that will be shared one week in advance of conferences on January 31 at 3 pm. If you are unable to reserve a timeslot with a teacher on Zoom, please think about attending our in person walk-in conferences on Wednesday evening. During walk-in conferences, teachers will be set up throughout the building and conference with parents/guardians as they show up.

Enrollment: Current 6th and 7th Grade Students

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School year is right around the corner. HMS counselors will be visiting students during Flex class on January 26 to discuss enrollment and distribute enrollment forms. Enrollment forms are due on February 1 and can be turned in to the student services section of the front office.

More information on enrollment can be found below in the student services update.

Future Husky Enrollment Night

You're Invited to Future Husky Night!!

YOU'RE
INVITED!

FUTURE HUSKY NIGHT

Tuesday,
February 13th,
6:00-8:00 PM @ BVNW
Performing Arts Center
(PAC)



GET COURSE
ENROLLMENT INFO FOR
FALL 2024

MEET BVNW
ADMINISTRATION,
COUNSELORS &
TEACHERS

LEARN ABOUT BVNW
ELECTIVE COURSES @
OUR ELECTIVES FAIR!

- ✓Get your BVNW enrollment form.
- ✓Hear from teachers about 9th grade classes to help you make decisions for enrollment.
- ✓Learn about our district graduation requirements.

BVNW CLASS OF 2028

*This evening is designed for both
students & parents to attend!*

Graduation Requirement Podcast

The latest #BVUnmuted podcast focuses on updated graduation requirements for incoming high school students.



“There’s very few things you get 100% agreement on...and every time we talked to any group, they felt like financial literacy was something students needed... so that was an easy one for us.”



Scott Roberts
Executive Director
School Administration

Games on District Devices

In an effort to reduce distractions in the learning environment for all of our students, beginning on January 4, 2024, all students will have general gaming websites blocked on district devices (examples include: Fortnite, crazygames.com, recreational games, arcade-like games, etc.). Educational games will still be allowed.

Carline Reminders

Please remember to follow our carline rules at all times to ensure efficiency for all.

1. Use the east entrance to the front circle. The west entrance is for buses only.
2. Pull forward all the way before allowing your student to exit the car.
 1. This is extremely important. Do not stop until you have pulled all the way up as far as you can in front of the school.
 2. Please have your student exit the car quickly. One slow car can back up the entire carline.
3. Pull to the left after your student exits your car. (this is extremely important to ensure traffic continues to flow)
4. Turn right only when exiting the parking lot. Waiting to turn left completely halts our carline.

Also, please DO NOT park along 141st street during pickup or dropoff. This is a no parking zone as it is a safety issue for our students trying to use the crosswalk. Please enter the HMS parking lot to pick up your student after school.

Safe School Reporting

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all of our schools. Through the convergence of physical and intellectual security measures, we are

continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from a wide range of emergencies. Please check out [available ways to report safety concerns](#).

Student Code of Conduct

The Blue Valley Board of Education approved updates to Board Policy [3500](#) - Behavior and Discipline at the August 14, 2023 Board of Education meeting. As part of this approval, there is a [Student Code of Conduct](#) document. We ask all families and students within our school community to review the contents, policies and procedures within this [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Administrative actions taken as a result of a violation of the code of conduct are determined following proper investigation, review, and/or consideration of the age/grade of the student, context, and situation in which the behavior in question occurred. The scope of authority of the Blue Valley Student Code of Conduct applies at all times when students are on school buses or other vehicles used by the district to transport students, school district property, or engaged in official school activities. Additionally, **this code of conduct applies to any student whose conduct at any time or place has a direct and immediate effect causing substantial disruption impacting the order of school operations and/or the sense of student and staff safety that exists in the school or school-related environment.**

Students at HMS will be made aware of behavioral expectations and the Code of Conduct through grade level talks next week. Every student at HMS also has our handbook in the front of their student planner.

High School Game Atmosphere

Blue Valley families,

We are excited to have your families come to support our high school activities and athletics. It is great to see the entire community at these events. It is imperative that our parent community partner with us as we work to encourage positive elementary and middle school behavior at high school games or events.

We are asking that all elementary and middle school students enter the game with an adult and sit with that adult throughout the game. Please do not drop your child off at a district event without supervision as they will not be allowed to enter. It is challenging to monitor and keep all students safe without the help of our parent community. Thanks for your help with this protocol to make district events a great experience for all who attend. We hope to see your family cheering for our Blue Valley teams this school year.

Matt Ortman
Director of School Administration, Athletics and Activities
Blue Valley School District

Middle School Game Atmosphere

As a reminder for all fans and spectators, please be considerate of our workers running clock, supervising, and keeping score. All of the workers at the middle school games/meets are volunteers who are giving up their time after school to support HMS students and athletics. The goal is to continue to have volunteers to run the events, so please be kind :)

Athletics/Activities

Athletics

8th Grade Boys Basketball

Despite the snow days, we will still have a basketball season :)!

Check out the upcoming games:

January 22nd vs PSMS- A @ PSMS; B @ HOME 3:25pm(A1/B1)/4:25pm (B1/B2)

January 29th vs OMS @ BVNW- 3:25/4:25pm (A1/A2 Main Gym; B1/B2 Former Main Gym

Activities

Willy Wonka

The show is still on for next week! Tickets are on sale and going fast for Willy Wonka! Check out www.hmstheater.com to purchase tickets as we hope to see SO many of you there!



Clubs

Club info is [here](#) ! You can also check out the HMS All School Canvas tile→Clubs.

Band, Choir, Orchestra

If your student is taking a music course at any point this year, please complete the registration information in rSchool. **No physical is needed (unless participating in athletics)**, but completion of

the registration will allow us to access emergency information/use as a permission slip when traveling to festivals and field trips.

When signing up, the system will say athletic registration. Please click continue as band, choir, and orchestra are KSHSAA sponsored. There will be a section for you to select band, choir, or orchestra.

<https://bluevalleysd-ar.schooltoday.com/familyaccounts/autopopulate/160>

Tutorial links for rSchool- <https://bluevalleysd-ar.schooltoday.com/>

GoFan Passes/Ticket Information

Passes/tickets to high school games now available online

Blue Valley is pleased to announce that we will partner with GoFan for all athletic passes and individual high school event tickets for the 2023-24 school year. Fans can purchase passes or tickets online through their high school's GoFan page. This new pass and ticket process allows Blue Valley to operate a more efficient and professional ticket gate while elevating the fan experience.

[Purchase athletic pass/ticket today](#)

Harmony Middle School Handbook

Please use this link to view the [HMS Student Handbook](#). This handbook will be available for students through our All School Canvas page and can be found at the beginning of the student planner.

PTO

URGENT NEED FOR HMS CONCESSION STAND VOLUNTEERS FOR MONDAY'S (1/22) FIRST HOME GAMES:

We are in urgent need of volunteers for this Monday's first home game (1/22/24). We need two volunteers to work in the concession stand for each home boys' basketball game. One of the volunteers can be a student, however an adult must also be signed up to work with the student. Instructions will be sent to volunteers. We like to have the stand open 15 minutes prior so please arrive to set up at 2:55 pm. Both games are typically completed in 2-2.5 hours so we ask that you stay until at least 5:30 pm please. If you have any questions - please contact Katie Scheibel at katie_scheibel@hotmail.com. Thank you so much for your help and time!



Boys Basketball Concessions

We need two volunteers to work in the concession stand for each home boys' basketball game. One of the volunteers can be a student, however an adult must also be signed up to work with the student. Instructions will be sent to volunteers.

signupgenius.com

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR BLUE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION EVENT: BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

Battle of the Bands is BVEF's annual over-21 event, raising money for the district's music and performing arts programs and district-wide initiatives. The evening includes live music, silent auction, wine and bourbon pull, and a light buffet. Four parent bands provide the live music and battle it out for the title. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details and ways you can donate an auction item and help BVEF. Thank you for your support!



Blue Valley Educational Foundation is seeking auction items for the

2024 Battle of the Bands RC's Backdoor | Martin City Saturday, February 24, 2024

Battle of the Bands is BVEF's annual over-21 event, raising money for the district's music and performing arts programs and district-wide initiatives. The evening includes live music, a silent auction, wine and bourbon pull, and a light buffet. Four parent bands provide the live music and battle it out for the title:

Best Blue Valley Band

The winning band, picked by crowd and philanthropic participation, receives a classroom grant to award to a BV school of their choice.

Bidding for silent auction items will be available to 350 event participants and online for 33K Blue Valley families, staff, and district friends. The Foundation is seeking single items, merchandise, and services, valued at \$250 or more. Donations are tax deductible. BVEF is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization - Tax ID 48-1159744.

Auction Donation Deadline is February 2, 2024.

Last year's favorite silent auction items included tickets to sports and performing arts events, staycation packages, spa/beauty packages, golf outings, gift card bundles, outdoor movie experiences, artwork, restaurant passes and date night experiences.

For more information or questions, contact Cindy McAlister at 913-239-4053 or cmcalister@bluevalleyk12.org

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HMS PTO COMMUNICATIONS & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR OPENING:

The HMS PTO is looking for a parent to take on the Communications & Volunteer Coordinator position for the 2024- 2025 school year. This is a very rewarding volunteer opportunity and you don't have to attend any PTO board meetings! The position involves managing the HMS PTO Sign Up Genius Account (creating and sending out sign ups), HMS PTO Concession Stand volunteers, and the PTO information for the weekly T-Bird Times. If you are interested - please reach out to Katie Scheibel at katie_scheibel@hotmail.com.

Student Services Update

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is starting soon. HMS School Counselors; Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Madsen will be visiting all 6th and 7th classrooms on Friday, January 26th to hand out new enrollment forms and explain the process.

These forms will be due on February 1st to our Registrar; Vicki Springer.

To view the 2024-25 Middle School Programming Guide please click the link;

<https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/cms/lib/ks02212623/Centricity/Domain/4506/MS%20PPG%202024-25.pdf>

Our 8th graders will be getting a visit from their future high school counselor on Monday, February 12th. During this visit they will be able to ask questions regarding high school, classes and enrollment.

Personalized enrollment materials will be handed out at Future Husky Night at BVNW on February 13th.

Enrollment cards for 8th graders are due to our registrar, Vicki Springer by Tuesday, February 20th. On Thursday, Feb 22nd, the BVNW counselors will be here to meet one on one with the students in their alpha during science classes.

This month's BVUnmuted podcast focuses on updated graduation requirements for incoming high school students.

Podcast Link - bit.ly/BVGradReq

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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