

# T-Bird Times

January 5, 2024



## Calendar

### January:

- 11 - 8th Grade Orchestra Night @ BVNW, 5:30 pm
- 15 - No School, MLK Day
- 17 - Wonka Musical Performance, 7:00 pm
- 18 - Boys Basketball A Team @ Home, 3:25 pm
- 18 - Boys Basketball B Team @ OTMS, 3:25 pm
- 18 - Wonka Musical Performance, 7:00 pm
- 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, 5:30 pm  
31 - Boys Basketball Game A Team @ LMS, 3:25  
31 - Boys Basketball Game B Team @ Home, 3:25

## **Principals Note:**

HMS Families,

Happy New Year! We kicked off 2024 and the 2nd semester of school with a great two days back at HMS. It was great to see students back in the building interacting with one another. They were so eager to catch up after break and reconnect. We are looking forward to all the great things that 2024 brings our students.

Boys basketball tryouts started yesterday and our musical participants are working hard at their last few rehearsals before their big performances the week of January 15. We cannot wait to see all these T-Bird students in action very soon!

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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

## **End of Quarter Grade Reporting**

The end of the first semester is nearly here. Our students have had a great first semester of learning and we continue to see the positive impacts of our learning management system, Canvas,

in our classrooms. As we gear up for the end of the semester, please take note of the important information below regarding grades and courses in Canvas.

### End of Semester Information

At the end of the day on Dec. 20, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas Parent app. A concluded course is only visible through the [Canvas Website](#). To view concluded courses, open Canvas in a web browser, log in, and click on the Courses tab. Click View All Courses and scroll down to find the past enrollments. [Access Past Enrollment guide \(Video tutorial\)](#)

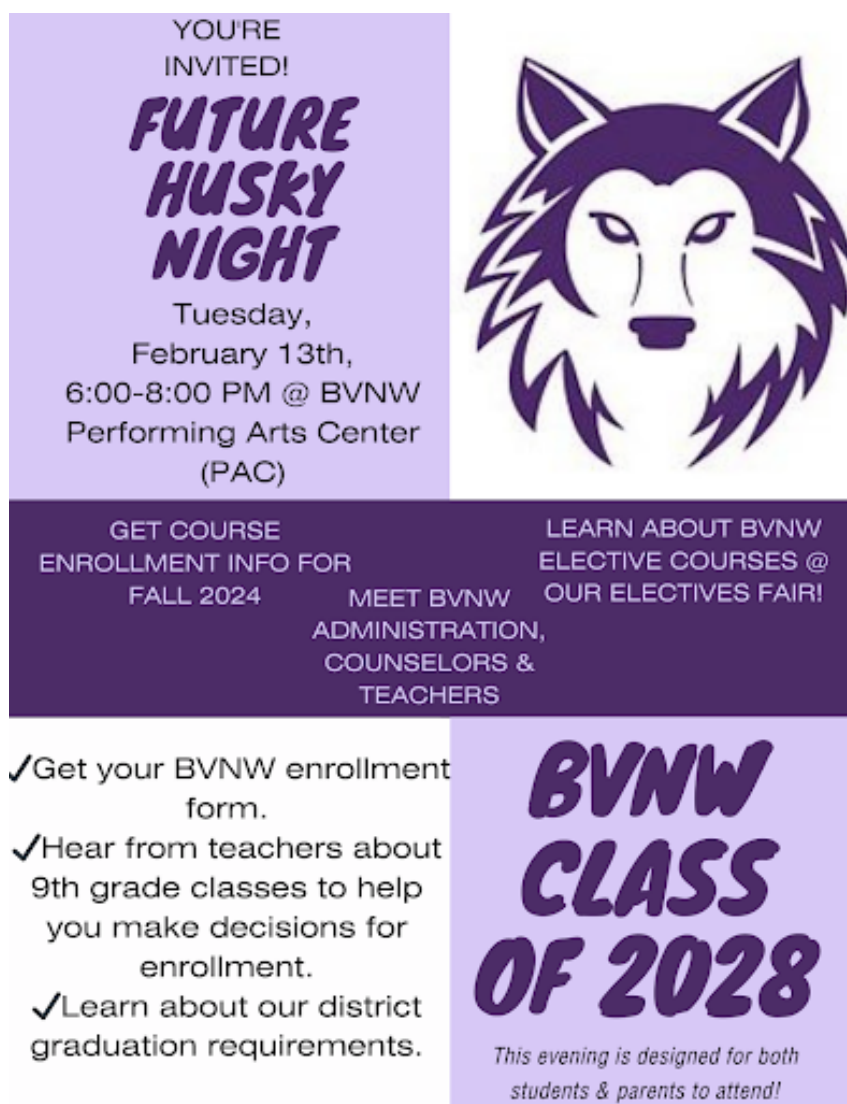
Final exam scores and other individual assignment grades can be viewed in Canvas. Semester grades reports will be published in ParentVUE on January 12th.

### Need some help?

Blue Valley has a variety of resources available for parent support on the district's Canvas web page, [www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas).

### Future Husky Enrollment Night

You're Invited to Future Husky Night!!



The flyer is a purple and white graphic. At the top left, it says 'YOU'RE INVITED!' followed by 'FUTURE HUSKY NIGHT' in large, bold, white letters. Below that, it lists the date and time: 'Tuesday, February 13th, 6:00-8:00 PM @ BVNW Performing Arts Center (PAC)'. To the right is a white silhouette of a husky's head. Below the main text, there are two columns of smaller white text: 'GET COURSE ENROLLMENT INFO FOR FALL 2024' and 'MEET BVNW ADMINISTRATION, COUNSELORS & TEACHERS' on the left; 'LEARN ABOUT BVNW ELECTIVE COURSES @ OUR ELECTIVES FAIR!' on the right. At the bottom left, there are three bullet points with checkmarks: 'Get your BVNW enrollment form.', 'Hear from teachers about 9th grade classes to help you make decisions for enrollment.', and 'Learn about our district graduation requirements.'. At the bottom right, it says 'BVNW CLASS OF 2028' in large, bold, white letters, with the tagline 'This evening is designed for both students & parents to attend!' below it.

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### 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](https://www.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.

## Nurse's Corner

### Hygiene Reminders

Middle school students are going through a variety of hormonal changes- oily skin and scalp, sweat, growth of body hair, and body odor. Here are some simple things that you can do to help your student go through these changes:

- Encourage them to wash hands, hair and body
- Wear clean clothing
- Wear deodorant (this is a big one in which we can all benefit :))

## 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**

**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**

Tryouts have begun and practices will be starting next week! Stay tuned for upcoming games!

### **Activities**

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Ticket information is coming soon for our January performances of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! Continue to check out [www.hmstheater.com](http://www.hmstheater.com) 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

### HMS CONCESSION STAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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](mailto: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](https://signupgenius.com)

### 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](mailto:katie_scheibel@hotmail.com).



## Harmony Middle School

### Website:

<https://district.bluevalleyk12.org/schools/middle/hms/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

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