

T-Bird Times

October 12, 2023



Calendar

October:

- 12 - Choir concert 7th/8th @ BVNW 6:00 pm
- 13 - No School - Professional Development day
- 16 - Orchestra rehearsal @ BVNW 6:00 pm
- 17 - Football Tailgate @ HMS - 3:00 pm
- 17 - Football Playoff game @ HMS vs PSMS - 3:40 pm
- 18 - Orchestra Spooktacular @ BVNW 7:00 pm
- 19 - 7th/8th grade Fall Band concert @ HMS 7:00 pm
- 23 - Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:00-5:00 pm
- 23 - Girls Basketball Parent Meeting 5:00 pm

Principals Note:

HMS Families,

We successfully made it through the 1st quarter of the 2023-24 school year. We have so much to be proud of within our school community. Our staff appreciates the immense support and collaboration to ensure our students have the best possible experience at HMS!

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

End of Quarter Information

End of Quarter Information - Viewing Canvas Courses and First Quarter Grades

At the end of each quarter, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app and website. Courses for this year's first quarter will conclude on October 12th at 11:59pm. Report cards will be generated and families will be able to view first-quarter grades on ParentVUE at the end of the day on Friday, October 20th.

How do I view my child's report card?

- Log in on [ParentVue](#).
- Select your student's name
- In the left navigation bar, choose Report Card

Each new quarter, classroom teachers will publish their next quarter Canvas course. As courses are published, students and families will again be able to see current courses on the Canvas app and Canvas website. For Canvas parent resources, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas.

6th Grade Elective Quarter Change

Sixth graders, some of your elective classes will change on Monday as we start second quarter. Please check your new schedule on Student Vue before Monday morning.

Socktober

Please consider donating to our cause! We are collecting new socks this month that will go to the KC homeless population.



Carline Reminders

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

- Use the east entrance to the front circle. The west entrance is for buses only.
- Pull forward all the way before allowing your student to exit the car.
 - 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.
 - Please have your student exit the car quickly. One slow car can back up the entire carline.
- Pull to the left after your student exits your car. (this is extremely important to ensure traffic continues to flow)
- 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

Wrestling

Last call for 6th-8th Grade Wrestling!!

6th-8th grade boys and girls interested in wrestling, **please do both of the following:**

* **Register through rSchool and provide your physical by TODAY (scroll down for rSchool links)**

* Please fill out information from the QR code and read about the upcoming schedule/competitions

[HERE](#). **All wrestling practices will be held at BVNW.**

8th Grade Girls Basketball

8th grade girls interested in girls basketball, **please register through rSchool and provide your physical by Wednesday, OCT. 18th.**

Tryouts will begin on Monday, Oct. 23rd (must be cleared in rSchool in order to participate)

Parent meeting will be held on Oct. 23rd after practice, time TBD.

After your physician completes the packet/signatures, please complete registration/upload [pages 3 and 4 the pdf](#) to the [rSchool website](#) (don't forget to include parent signatures as well on these pages).

Tutorial Links- <https://bluevalleysd-ar.schooltoday.com/>

Standout Shoutouts from this week

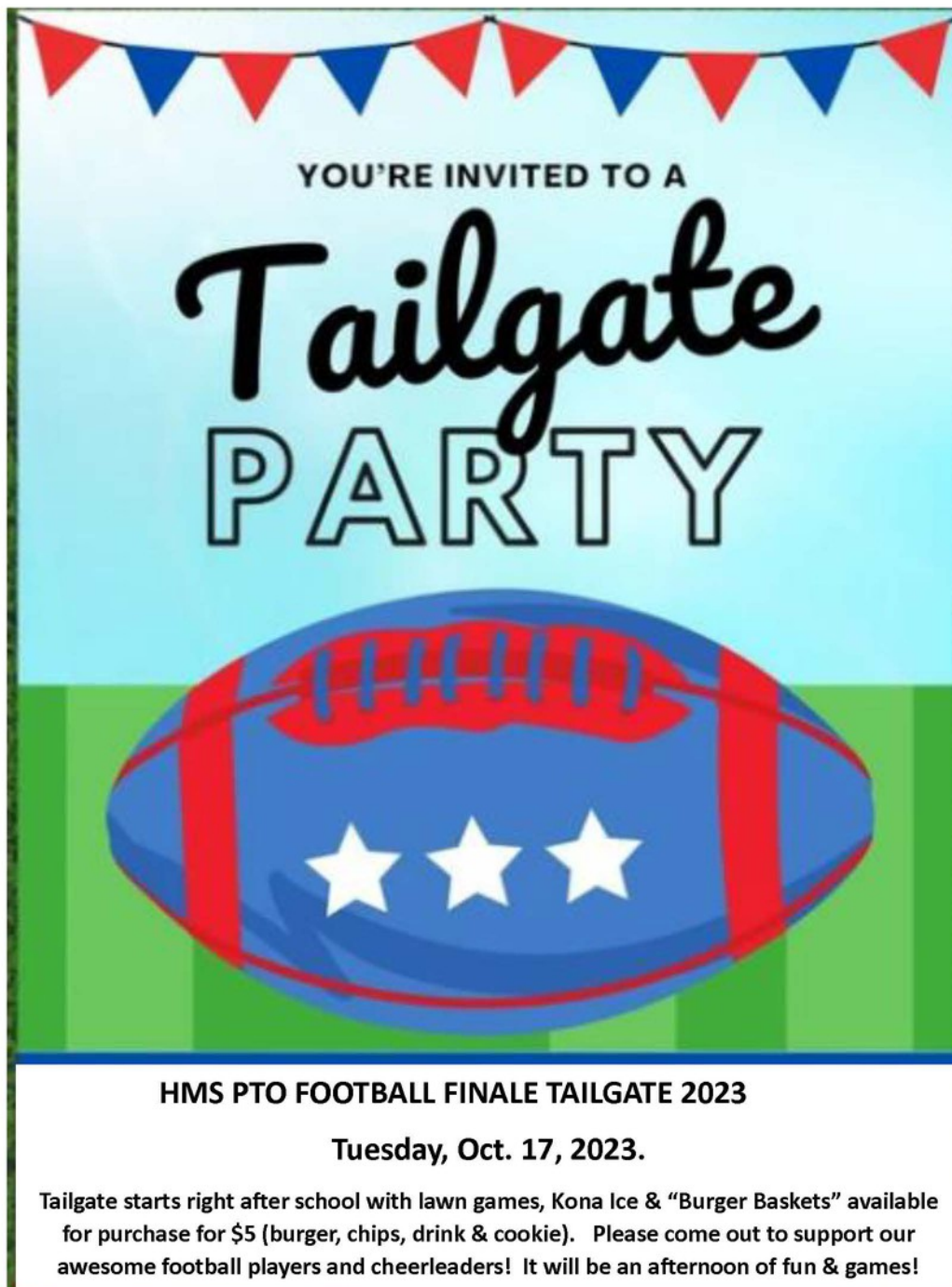
***FB-** Our A team came away with a win, as did our awesome B team, against the PRMS Bulldogs

NEXT WEEK preview-

FB- 10/17- A vs. PSMS and tailgate @ HOME 3:40pm

***HELP- Parent Volunteers Needed!** Get a front row spot on the sidelines and help us with running chains for our home football games! Sign up below for any of our upcoming home games:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA8A923A5FFC52-hmschain#/>



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.

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

Howlin' Huskies Light Up The Field

BVNW MARCHING BAND'S 2023

GLOW SHOW

WATCH IN AWE AS THE HOWLIN' HUSKIES LIGHT UP THE FIELD!

Saturday, October 21st
6-8pm
Rain or Shine!

BV District Activity Complex
13310 Switzer
Overland Park, KS 66213

Additional Fun:
Track-or-Treat:
Wear your costume & trick-or-treat on the stadium track.
Raffle Prizes, Face Painting, Magician,
Costume Parade, & Performances by
BVNW Drumline & The Pack.

In the event of inclement weather, festivities will be
moved inside BVNW High School.

Suggested Donation of \$5/person, max \$20/family

Get your tickets @ the gate or
scan the QR code to get them
NOW!
Show your transaction at the gate.

@bvnwbands

Plus
visit
yogurtini
ON GLOW SHOW SATURDAY
11AM-10PM
MENTION BVNW BAND &
THE BAND WILL RECEIVE 30%
OF THE SALES!

Your donation directly benefits
the BVNW Band program.
Thank you for your support!

BVNBAND.COM **@BVNWGlowShow**



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

PTO Thanks:

Huge thanks to Candace King and her family for volunteering to work again at the HMS Concession Stand for this past Tuesday's home football game. The PTO and school greatly appreciate her help and time. Thanks Candace!!!

PTO Fall Football Tailgate:

The HMS PTO is planning a fun tailgate at the last home football game on Tuesday, Oct. 17th. There will be burgers, chips and drinks available to purchase (only \$5), the HMS PTO concession stand (inside by gym) will be open, and there will be fun games to add to the festive atmosphere of the last home football game. Please sign up to donate items and/or work the event (see Sign-up Genius link below). Please drop off items to the HMS front office by Monday, Oct. 16th at 3 PM. Thank you so much for your help and time! Questions? Please contact Stephanie Walters at stephanie@waltersinsuranceusa.com.



[Fall Football Tailga...](#)

www.signupgenius.com

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T-bird Activity Night (TAN):

"It's Tiki Time - Harmony Luau" is the theme for this year's T-Bird Activity Night (TAN). It will be held on Friday, Nov. 10th from 7 - 9 PM. Ticket price is \$15 and includes pizza, water bottle and special treat. Parents can purchase tickets for their students on ParentVue (fee code is PMISC3 and item is "PTO Pre-Pay Thunderbird Activity Night 23-24 HMS). There will be a DJ, music, dancing, inflatables, photo booth, open gym with basketball and volleyball, "Casino Island" with blackjack and roulette, ping pong,

raffles (with big prizes) and 8th Grade VIP Tiki Room. Any questions - please contact Whitney Johnson at whitney.grabinski@gmail.com.



Thunderbird Activ...

www.signupgenius.com

Please consider volunteering your time to help set up, chaperone or donate gift cards or items for the Thunderbird Activity Night on Friday, November 10, 2023. If donating gift cards, please drop them in the office with the office staff by Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

A vibrant, tropical-themed poster for a luau event. At the top, it says 'THUNDERBIRD ACTIVITY NIGHT' in green. The central focus is a large, colorful tiki mask with a wide, toothy grin, surrounded by tropical plants, flowers, and musical instruments like a guitar and a ukulele. Below the mask, a wooden sign reads 'IT'S TIKI TIME HARMONY LUAU'. The event details are listed at the bottom: 'HARMONY MIDDLE SCHOOL, FRIDAY, NOV. 10, 2023, 7:00 - 9:00 PM'. A ticket price and list of activities are provided, along with contact information for Whitney Johnson.

THUNDERBIRD ACTIVITY NIGHT

**IT'S TIKI TIME
HARMONY
LUAU**

**HARMONY MIDDLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY, NOV. 10, 2023
7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**TICKET PRICE: \$15 - INCLUDES PIZZA, WATER BOTTLE AND SPECIAL TREAT
PURCHASE YOUR WRISTBANDS NOW THROUGH PARENTVUE
(OPEN UNTIL NOV. 7TH) OR DURING LUNCH NOV. 8TH - 10TH
THERE WILL BE A DJ, MUSIC, DANCING, INFLATABLES, PHOTO BOOTH,
OPEN GYM WITH BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL, "CASINO ISLAND" WITH BLACKJACK AND ROULETTE,
PING PONG, RAFFLES (WITH BIG PRIZES) AND 8TH GRADE VIP TIKI ROOM
ANY QUESTIONS - PLEASE EMAIL
WHITNEY JOHNSON AT WHITNEY.GRABINSKI@GMAIL.COM**

TAN "Casino Island" Parent Volunteers:

We need awesome parent volunteers with a great understanding of Blackjack and Roulette. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. We are encouraging our volunteers to dress up in Hawaiian attire please. Thank you so much for your help and time!!!!

[Harmony Middle School PTO: TAN "CASINO ISLAND" Black Jack & Roulette Table Volunteers \(signupgenius.com\).](http://www.signupgenius.com)



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TAN Halloween Candy Drive:

Please consider dropping off your left over and/or unwanted Halloween Candy to HMS front office. The PTO will use the candy for prizes and treats at the TAN event on Friday, Nov. 10th. The collection will start Thursday, Nov. 2nd and will run through Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Any leftover candy from TAN will be donated to HMS teachers to use in their classrooms. Thank you so much for your support and generosity!



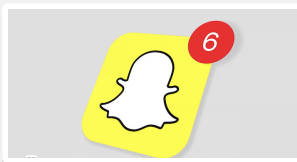
HMS PTO HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE

Please drop off your leftover and/or unwanted Halloween Candy to the HMS Front Office between Nov. 2 and Nov. 8th.

Candy will be used for prizes and treats at the T-Bird Activity Night on Friday, Nov. 10th. Any leftover candy from TAN will be donated to the HMS Teachers to use in their classrooms. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

Student Services

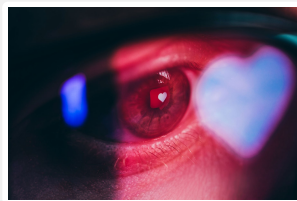
Lunch with Mrs. Wilson (our assistant principal) is always a good time!!!



[Screenagers Blog |...](#)

www.screenagersmovie.com

In the New York Times this last week, there was an article about social media and teens. The article's brilliant graphic captured our young people's digital and emotional reality. The image is all the notifications on their phones, laptops, tablets, etc.



[The complicated ti...](#)

19thnews.org

Experts say the relationship between social media, self comparison, body image and self harm means that there's no singular culprit in the youth mental health crisis.



'Constant buzzing':...

www.nbcnews.com

A Common Sense Media report finds about half of 11- to 17-year-olds get at least 237 notifications a day. Some get nearly 5,000 in 24 hours. What does that do to their brains?



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