

T-Bird Times

November 20th, 2020



Calendar

November

23 - Girls Basketball game @HMS - 3:15 Coach Meier's team will play first followed by Coach Newell's team

25 - NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING BREAK

26 - NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING BREAK

27 - NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING BREAK

30 - Girls Basketball game @ HMS - 3:15 Coach Meier's team will play first followed by Coach Newell's team

December

3 - Girls Basketball game @OMS - 3:15 Coach Newell's team will play first followed by Coach Meier's team

Principals Note:

HMS Families,

I hope this email finds you all doing well. As I am sure you are aware, it was announced that our next four week chunk of school will be in the distance learning format (November 30 - December 22). VirtualED students will remain unaffected by this change and their experience will remain the same. I have included the Red/Blue calendar for December. Please note that November 30 will be a Blue day. To keep in-person students' experiences as consistent as possible, we will be utilizing the same modified block schedule during distance learning that we used during Hybrid. I have attached that schedule for your reference as well. As always, students need to attend their scheduled Zooms every day. Teachers will continue to use Canvas course tiles to house all course information, activities, assignments, Zoom links, Zoom times, etc. Please make sure students are checking Canvas daily. I hope everyone has a great weekend and we look forward to having a great Monday and Tuesday of school next week before Thanksgiving Break.

Below this note you will find the following information:

- Red/Blue Calendar for December
- Modified Block Schedule
- HMS Spelling Bee
- Hybrid Information Document
- Inclement Weather Update- if needed
- Securly Reminder- please use to monitor your student online
- Counseling Corner

Please let me know if you need anything.

Sincerely,

Nate Winslow
Principal
Harmony Middle School

Red/Blue December Calendar

Please scroll to the bottom of newsletter for PDF copies of calendar.

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30-Nov	1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec
Blue Day	Red Day	Blue Day	Red Day	Blue Day
7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec
Red Day	Blue Day	Red Day	Blue Day	Red Day
14-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec
Blue Day	Red Day	Blue Day	Red Day	Blue Day
21-Dec	22-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec
Red Day	Blue Day	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
28-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan
Winter Break				

Modified Block Schedule

Please scroll to the bottom of newsletter for PDF copies of schedule.

HMS In-Person OR Distance Learning Modified Block Daily Schedule 2020-2021

6th Grade Schedule				7th Grade Schedule				8th Grade Schedule			
Red Day		Blue Day		Red Day		Blue Day		Red Day		Blue Day	
1st Hour Flex	7:41-8:34	Zero Hour Intervention	7:41-8:34	1st Hour	7:41-8:34	1st Hour	7:41-8:34	1st Hour	7:41-9:21	3rd Hour	7:41-9:21
2nd Hour	8:38-10:07	3rd Hour	8:38-10:07	2nd Hour	8:38-9:21	2nd Hour	8:38-9:21	2nd Hour Flex	9:25-10:07	Zero Hour Intervention	9:25-10:07
4th Hour	10:11-10:54	4th Hour	10:11-10:54	3rd Hour	9:25-10:07	3rd Hour	9:25-10:07	4th Hour	10:11-10:54	6th Hour	10:11-10:54
5th Hour	10:58-11:40	5th Hour	10:58-11:40	4th Hour	10:11-11:40	5th Hour	10:11-11:40	5th Hour Lunch	10:58-11:34	5th Hour Lunch	10:58-11:34
6th Hour	11:44-12:27	6th Hour	11:44-12:27	6th Hour Lunch	11:44-12:21	6th Hour Lunch	11:44-12:21	4th Hour	11:44-12:27	6th Hour	11:44-12:27
7th Hour Lunch	12:31-1:12	7th Hour Lunch	12:31-1:12	7th Hour Flex	12:31-1:14	Zero Hour Intervention	12:31-1:14	7th Hour	12:31-1:14	7th Hour	12:31-1:14
8th Hour	1:18-2:50	9th Hour	1:18-2:50	8th Hour	1:18-2:50	9th Hour	1:18-2:50	8th Hour	1:18-2:00	8th Hour	1:18-2:00
								9th Hour	2:04-2:50	9th Hour	2:04-2:50

HMS Spelling Bee

This is just a reminder that the registration for the spelling bee runs through November 29, 2020. Once all of the registrations are in, the test window will be open from December 7, 2020- December 21, 2020. In order for a student to participate in the spelling bee, parents are required to register on-line. If you have multiple students at HMS, you can register all of them in one account. Below is the link that you will use to register:

<https://online-test.spellingbee.com>

If you have questions, please let Mr. Bollinger know at bbollinger@bluevalleyk12.org

Hybrid Information Document

Please view this document as it contains important information about Hybrid for in-person learners. It contains the Hybrid learning calendar, student schedule, and information about in-person learning procedures. The November Hybrid Calendar is embedded in the link at the very bottom of this communication.

[Hybrid Information Document](#)

Inclement Weather Update

In Kansas, it is likely over the next several months we'll see forecasts that call for inclement weather. Blue Valley encourages students and families to be prepared by:

- Bringing home district-provided devices daily
- Reviewing 2020-21 inclement weather learning options
 - **NEW! REMOTE LEARNING DAY:** A remote learning day will be used when adverse weather conditions exist that make travel to and from school unsafe. The learning day will include check-ins with teachers and asynchronous work for all students, including VirtualED. Specific details about schedules for the day will be communicated by the school administration and teachers.
 - **DELAYED START:** Delayed starts will be used when temporary adverse weather conditions exist, including high winds, cold temperatures or unfavorable road conditions. A two-hour delayed start would allow in-person staff and students extra time to arrive at school. This option maximizes in-person instructional time with students. VirtualED students and students learning remotely in the hybrid model would also start two hours late. Specific details about schedules for the day will be communicated by school administration and teachers.
 - **TRADITIONAL "SNOW DAY":** In extreme weather conditions, the district may still call an inclement weather day with no school for all students.

During this ever-changing pandemic, Blue Valley is prioritizing student learning on inclement weather days, whether that learning is in-person or remote. By prioritizing learning, the district avoids having to further extend the school year into June.

Families will continue to receive an email and text message when the school day is modified due to inclement weather. When possible, the announcement will be made the day before so families can plan. General information about inclement weather is available on the [district's website](#).

Securlyhome Parent Portal App

While district devices are filtered 24/7, we understand that what each family feels their child should be able to access on district devices outside of the school day is different from household to household. Through the SecurlyHome Parent Portal app, families can supervise their child's technology use on district devices outside of the school day by:

1. Monitoring their child's activity on district devices outside of the BV Network/IP Address
2. Establishing personalized rules/limitations for device use outside of the BV Network/IP Address
3. Filtering content their child is able to access outside of the BV Network/IP Address
4. Receiving push notifications if their child searches content related to bullying, self-harm or suicide while using a district device off of the BV Network/IP Address. (Parents who download the app will automatically be opted-in to receive real-time notifications if their child searches flagged self-harm content.)
5. Pausing the internet on your child's district device, temporarily disabling online access.
6. Setting offline schedules for your child's internet usage, for instance during dinner and at bedtime.

Once the student enters the school day, the district regains control and devices will follow Blue Valley's established filters until the students leave the BV Network/IP Address again. Download the SecurlyHome Parent Portal app in the [App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#).

For more information and tutorial videos, please go to <https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/34492>

securly:// **HOW TO SET UP AN ACCOUNT**

Step 1
Check your email for a message from Securly. Click link to download the SecurlyHome app.

Step 2
Open the app and click the "Login" button.

Step 3
Select "Get instant access." A link will be sent to your email on file with the district.

Step 4
Open the email and click "Sign into SecurlyHOME."

Step 5
Explore the app and configure rules and settings.

Counselor's Corner

Our students are spending more time online than ever and the "distance" between socializing/gaming and school isn't very far with virtual education. Being on top of their choices and time online is more critical than ever as a parent as too often FOMO is hard to combat with today's teens. These two resources provide helpful suggestions on monitoring schoolwork and our child's social life online.

https://www.screenagersmovie.com/tech-talk-tuesdays/video-gaming-among-us-advice?mc_cid=ea6e1c4249&mc_eid=c9429439f3

https://smartsocial.com/fear-of-missing-out/?utm_source=Smart+Social+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=b4e2c8f4f5-FOMO&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_40b34a3ccb-b4e2c8f4f5-195622305&mc_cid=b4e2c8f4f5&mc_eid=73bfb52644

Please reach out if we can help in any way. Lori Cook (A-K; lmcook@bluevalleyk12.org) and Trish Madsen (L-Z; tmadsen@bluevalleyk12.org)

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