

T-Bird Times

March 29, 2024



Calendar

April:

- 2 - Track Pictures in Gym - 7:00 am
- 2 - KAP ELA Testing (6-8th grade) - 7:51-10:00 am
- 4 - KAP Math Testing (6-8th grade) - 7:51-10:00 am
- 8 - FastBridge Testing 7th grade only (taken in ELA class)
- 9 - Track Meet @ HMS vs LMS - 3:25 pm
- 11 - Track Meet @ ABMS - 3:25 pm
- 12 - 8th grade Community Service Day - 8am-12pm
- 17 - Track Meet @ HMS vs PSMS - 3:25 pm
- 18 - FastBridge Testing 8th grade only (taken in ELA class)

18 - 8th Grade Band Festival @ BVSW - 9:30am-12:30pm
19 - No School- Professional Development Day
22 - 7th Grade District Choir Festival @ BVN - 9:30am-12:00pm
22 - 7th Grade Band Rehearsal - 3:00 pm
23 - 7th Grade Band Festival @ BVNW - 9:30am -12:00pm
23 - Track Meet @ PRMS - 3:25
24 - 8th Grade District Choir Festival @ Mid America Nazarene - 9:30am-2:45pm
25 - Track Meet @ HMS vs BVMS - 3:25
30-May 2 - iReady Math Testing (6th-8th) (taken in Math class)

PRINCIPALS NOTE

HMS Families,

We had a lot of fun this week at HMS. Despite the cold weather, we enjoyed a full week and 165 students had a successful start to track practice. As the weather warms up, we hope students and families take advantage of the nice weather and enjoy some time outside in the sunshine.

Below this note you will find the following information:

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- HMS Volunteer Service Hours Reminder
- Future Voter Sticker Contest
- Spring Testing
- Community Drug & Alcohol Prevention and Education
- Summer Explorations
- Help Wanted: Paraprofessionals
- Games on District Devices
- Carline Reminders
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- GoFan Passes/Ticket Information
- Harmony Middle School Handbook
- PTO News
- Student Services Update

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

Sincerely,

Nate Winslow
Principal
Harmony Middle School

Honor Code



HARMONY MIDDLE SCHOOL

H

HONEST

Be honest - 100% of the time

Accept the outcome of your choices

Report behaviors that are not "honorable"

Complete your own work

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OPTIMISTIC

Maintain a positive attitude

Encourage yourself and others

Persevere - practice a "growth mindset"

Show pride in our school

N

NEIGHBORLY

Be friendly and safe

Speak kindly and be a good listener

Treat all property with respect

Help and include others - be a good teammate

O

ON TASK

Be on time to class

Actively listen and participate

Be prepared with materials

Give your best effort - 100% of the time

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RESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBLE

Follow rules and routines

Clean up after yourself and others

Treat others the way you want to be treated

Use appropriate language at all times

HMS VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS REMINDER

Just a reminder that all student volunteer service hours must be submitted by April 15, 2024. Please email the [tracking form](#) to eswilson@bluevalleyk12.org or bring a hard copy to the front office. Service hours, as well as the names of students who have completed the top number of credible community service hours will be sent to the district office for recommendation to receive the Blue Valley Volunteer Service Award.

FUTURE VOTER STICKER CONTEST

The Johnson County Election Office is running a contest for K-8 students to design a sticker to be distributed to youth at advance voting and Election Day polling sites. The submission deadline is May 3. Contest rules and required forms are included in this [Sticker Contest Packet](#) as well as at this [link](#).

SPRING TESTING

We are kicking off our state and district testing next week and will have testing sessions throughout April until the beginning of May. See the testing schedule below to ensure that your TBird is present and ready to show what they know!

KAP ELA (6-8th)- Tuesday, April 2nd; testing block 7:51-10:00am

KAP Math (6-8th)- Thursday, April 4th; testing block 7:51-10:00am

iReady (aMath if Alg) (6-8th)- April 30th-May 2nd; taken during math period

Fastbridge- taken during ELA period

6th grade- May 6th

7th grade- April 8th

8th grade- April 18th

COMMUNITY DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION



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, LMAC**, 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](#)

Sponsored by:



Drug & Alcohol
Prevention
Task Force



In partnership with:

JOHNSON COUNTY
KANSAS
Mental Health

SUMMER EXPLORATIONS

Blue Valley Summer Explorations enrollment opens March 18

Is your child looking to break out of summer boredom? Does your child want to learn more about football? Is your child looking to create harmony this summer? Sign your child up for Blue Valley's Summer Explorations program, designed to engage students in learning through hands-on experiences and lots of fun. Enrollment for the one-week sessions will begin at 8 a.m. March 18 and closes 4 p.m. April 3. All summer programs take place in person unless otherwise noted. For more information about the Summer Explorations program, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms.

HELP WANTED: PARAPROFESSIONALS

Come help us out at HMS!!

**WANTED:
HARMONY MIDDLE
SCHOOL
PARAPROFESSIONALS**

*Come help us out at HMS and assist students
throughout the school day with academic
support!*

**PARA 1 AND PARA 11 OPENINGS
7.75 HOURS PER DAY
FULL BENEFITS AVAILABLE**

For more information, see copy/paste the links below:

Special Education Para I:
[https://www.applitrack.com/bluevalleyk12/onlineapp/default.aspx?
Category=Para+Educator&subcategory=Special+Education+Para+I&AppliTrackJ
obId=10555&AppliTrackLayoutMode=detail&AppliTrackViewPosting=1](https://www.applitrack.com/bluevalleyk12/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Para+Educator&subcategory=Special+Education+Para+I&AppliTrackJobId=10555&AppliTrackLayoutMode=detail&AppliTrackViewPosting=1)

Special Education Para II:
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**CONTACT NATE WINSLOW-
JNWINSLOW@BLUEVALLEYK12.ORG
OR
EMILY WILSON-
ESWILSON@BLUEVALLEYK12.ORG
FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

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.

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 :).

ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

Athletics

7th and 8th Grade Track-

Track season has begun!

We have 165 track participants training for our first meet on April 9th @ HMS; 3:25pm start for all events

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

TRACK CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need two volunteers to work in the concession stand for each track meet held at HMS. 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. Meet starts at 3:30 and we like to have the stand open 15 minutes prior so please arrive to set up at 3:00 PM. Please click on the sign-up genius link below to volunteer:



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🔗 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), the HMS PTO Gmail account, 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

New Resource available online for parents from [Understood.org](https://www.understood.org)

Are you wondering why your child is struggling? Figuring out what's going on can feel overwhelming. That's why we're here to help. Introducing a simple step-by-step tool to help you spot signs of learning and thinking differences.

This tool is not a replacement for a diagnostic evaluation; instead, it's designed to empower you to gather the information you need and seek support from practitioners.

<https://www.understood.org/en/take-note>

Powering Families

A Learning Series from Children's Mercy

Each month Children's Mercy will offer a free online educational event. These events will offer parents and caregivers a chance to connect with Children's Mercy Kansas City experts and partners on a variety of topics. Each event will include information provided by the expert followed by questions from attendees submitted via chat and addressed by the experts.

Webinar topics will include: healthy eating, financial resources, anxiety and depression, kids' safety and more. Be sure and check back as new events will be added each month.

More information can be found at; <https://tinyurl.com/2ep4sj7n>



Harmony Middle School

Website:

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

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