

T-Bird Times

March 24, 2023



Calendar of Events

March

- 28 - BVNW Jazz Festival @ HMS - 7:00pm
- 28 - KAP testing (ELA - 6th,, 7th & 8th)
- 29 - CAPS Fieldtrip (8th grade only) 8:30-10:30am
- 30 - KAP testing (ELA - 6th, 7th & 8th)

April

- 4 - KAP testing (Math - 6th, 7th & 8th)
- 6 - KAP testing (Math - 6th, 7th & 8th)
- 11 - KAP testing (Science - 8th grade only)
- 11 - Track Meet @ Leawood Middle School - 3:25pm
- 13 - KAP testing (Science - 8th grade only)
- 13 - Track Meet @ HMS vs Aubry Bend Middle school - 3:25pm
- 18 - MAP testing (ELA - 6th, 7th & 8th)

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- 20 - District 8th Grade Band Festival @ BVSW - 8:00am-12:30pm
- 20 - District 7th Grade Choir Festival @ BVN - 12:00pm - 2:00pm
- 20 - Track Meet @ Prairie Star Middle School - 3:25pm
- 21 - Jr. Thespian Induction Ceremony - 3:00-3:45pm
- 24 - NO SCHOOL- Professional Learning Day
- 25 - Track Meet @ HMS vs Pleasant Ridge Middle School - 3:25pm
- 26 - District 7th Grade Band Festival @ BVNW - 8:30am-12:30pm
- 26 - District 8th Grade Choir Festival @ Mid America Nazarene University- 9:00am - 2:00 pm
- 27 - Track Meet @ Blue Valley Middle School - 3:25pm
- 28 - 8th Grade Service Trip - 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Principals Note:

HMS Families,

We enjoyed welcoming back all of our students and staff this week after Spring Break. The 4th quarter of the school year has officially started in a very successful way. This week we saw many students enjoy success, fun, and fulfillment outside of the classroom. Our 8th grade theater and choir students performed in the first ever District Middle School Theater Festival at BV West. They were amazing and received a standing ovation! Our orchestra students also performed this week at their annual BVNW Area Orchestra Concert. We are so proud of their wonderful performance and the growth they continue to make as musicians. Next week marks the beginning of the track season and we are excited to see close to 140 students participate in track and field.

Please take a look at the Spring testing dates below as our students will be completing Kansas State Assessments for ELA next week on Tuesday and Thursday. We understand that our students complete several different standardized tests during the 4th quarter, but please encourage your student(s) to take their time and to do their best on each assessment they complete. This way we have valid data to inform our future instruction and help our students succeed. Getting a good night's sleep and eating breakfast before school are great ways to make sure students have a chance to do their best.

The last day of the school year was announced this week. The last day of school will be a 10:50 am early dismissal day on Friday, May 26, 2023.

Below this note you will find the following information:

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As always, thank you for your support of HMS.

Sincerely,

Nate Winslow
Principal
Harmony Middle School

Kansas City Royals Spirit Week



KANSAS CITY ROYALS SPIRIT WEEK

Celebrate the start of baseball season with the Royals by bringing out the blue! Kansas City is home of the Royals and we're bringing the city together to rally for our favorite team on Opening Day.

We ask you to show off your spirit all week long. Tag your pictures with **#BringOutTheBlue** and **#Contest** on Twitter for your chance to win a pizza party presented by Papa Johns.

MONDAY 3/27	DRESS LIKE ROYALTY From current favorites like Salvy and Bobby to past heroes like Alex Gordon, we want to see you wear your favorite t-shirt or jersey.
TUESDAY 3/28	HAT DAY You can't have baseball without the cap! Wear your favorite Royals hat and rep our squad with pride.
WEDNESDAY 3/29	SUIT UP DAY Join the lineup by showing off the team you play for. Wear your little league or club basketball jersey, soccer shirt, etc and show how important it is to be part of a team.
THURSDAY 3/30	BRING OUT THE BLUE It's time to find the ultimate fan! Wear hats, shorts, scarfs, socks, jerseys, shirts, jackets, etc. Be creative. Be original. Be BLUE. (But don't ask your parents for hair dye or face paint, what you wear is enough!)

End of Quarter Information

Canvas Courses

At the end of each quarter, most courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app. A concluded course is only visible through the Canvas website by selecting All Courses on the Courses tab and scrolling down to the Past Enrollments section. **Courses for this quarter will conclude on March 9th, 11:59 pm.** Report cards will be generated and viewed on ParentVUE at the end of the school day on March 24th. At the start of the new quarter, teachers will publish new Canvas

courses. 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.

*CANVAS TIP: Be sure you have downloaded the latest version of the Canvas Parent App (download in [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#)).

Course Fees

Middle school course fee payment for the second semester is open and [online now](#). Your ParentVUE login and password are required to pay course fees.

- Course fees are assigned based on your student's enrollment. Some seventh and eighth grade exploratory/elective classes include course fees.
- Course fees are assigned for the second semester only.

Questions regarding fee payment should be directed to Christina Fowles, HMS Bookkeeper.

Spring Testing Dates

We are excited to see all of our HMS student growth through our upcoming district and state testing. Please make it a priority for your TBird to be at school on the following dates so that we can assess how much they've learned this year!

Kansas State Testing (KAP)

ELA- Tues. 3/28 and Thurs. 3/30

MATH- Tues. 4/4 and Thurs. 4/6

SCI- Tues. 4/11 and Thurs. 4/13- 8th grade only

MAP Testing

ELA- 4/18-4/20 (through ELA class)

Math- 5/2-5/4 (through math class)

iReady Spring Diagnostic (through math classes)

6th grade- 5/10-5/12

7/8th grade- 5/9-5/11

8th Grade Field Trip and Event Consent

8th grade 3rd hour teachers sent a google form home on Wednesday, 3/22 to get permission for all upcoming 8th grade field trips and events. Please make sure to complete this form asap, as the first field trip is on Wednesday, March 29th. If you have any questions or did not receive the form, please contact your student's 3rd hour teacher.

Drug and Alcohol Prevention Parent Meeting

2023
WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO LEARN ABOUT THE DANGERS RELATED TO DRUGS/ALCOHOL/VAPING?
THE TIME IS NOW
LEARN HOW TO CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD AND HAVE CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS RELATED TO PREVENTION

FENTANYL
ONE PILL CAN KILL
APRIL 4, 2023
6 PM - 7:30PM
HILLTOP CONFERENCE CENTER
ROOM A
7710 W. 143RD STREET
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66223

PLEASE REGISTER USING THIS QR CODE

CONNECT TO PREVENT
Calling all BV Parents and Guardians:
Become more aware of the culture of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products or vape that your teen may be exposed to every day in our community. Speakers will share information on current drug, alcohol and tobacco products and use in youth.
What are we seeing and how can parents prevent their teens from initiating or continuing their use? Find ways to connect, learn and prevent. Panel Q & A following speakers.

KEVIN KUJELDT
LCPC, LCAC
Director of Addiction and Residential Services
Johnson County Mental Health
"Adolescent Drug Trends"

JAMIE KATZ
MPH, CPP
Prevention Coordinator
Johnson County Mental Health
"Vaping-More Than Just A Trend"

MICHELENE KRUEGER
M.A.
Community Health Educator
Johnson County Department of Health and Environment
"Vape-Emerging Products"

Sponsored by the BV Drug & Alcohol Education and Prevention Committee and BV Well

HMS Volunteer Program

All volunteer service hours must be submitted by April 14, 2023. Please email the completed [tracking form](#) to Emily Wilson 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 reviewed for recommendation to receive the Blue Valley Volunteer Service Award.

Honor Code

We always encourage our students at HMS to embody and represent our honor code. Feel free to discuss what it means to be "honorable" at HMS with your student. As we settle into the school year, it is important that students are hearing this message at school and at home.



Safe Schools Reporting

Please share this message in your upcoming family newsletter:

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](#).

Carline Reminders

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

****This also applies to before and after school activities****

- 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.

After School Clubs and Activities

Check out our [list of clubs!](#) Most are open to any grade level. No need to sign up in advance.

Athletics

7th/8th Boys/Girls Track

All med information and physical uploads must be submitted TODAY for participation.

<https://bluevalleysd-ar.schooltoday.com/familyaccounts/autopopulate/97>

If you have already completed this process for a fall or winter sport, you can go in and add Track in rSchool, if you did not elect it upon initial registration.

Practices begin on Monday, March 27th. In order to participate, please make sure that you have completed all medical information and uploaded a current physical to the link above.

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 PTO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Wednesday, April 5th
1:00PM
HMS Library Conference Room*

We will be voting on the 2023-2024 HMS PTO Slate

Please plan to join us!

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 and please contact Katie Scheibel if you have any questions (katie_scheibel@hotmail.com).



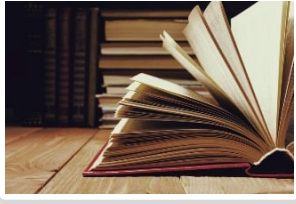
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www.signupgenius.com

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PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STUCO:

We need two parent volunteers to help with each meeting. Meetings are from 3 - 4 pm and take place at HMS. Please arrive at 2:50 PM and sign in at the front office. Please click on the link below to sign up.



[STUCO Parent Vol...](#)

www.signupgenius.com

HMS needs 2 parent volunteers for each meeting. Meetings are from 3 - 4 PM and take place at HMS. Please arrive at 2:50 PM and sign in at the front office. Thank you so much for volunteering!

Student Services Update

Have you talked to your children about their future? One of the roles for HMS counselors are to help middle school students identify their strengths, interests, and possible future goals. We do this through a district-wide curriculum called Naviance. Counselors will be providing these lessons with all three grade levels over the next month. In May, 7th and 8th graders will take part in a Career Fair where they will get a chance to listen to professionals about what they do and how they reached their career goal.

Please ask your child about their Naviance lesson and reach to your child's counselor with questions.
A-K; Lori Cook, L-Z; Trish Madsen

6th grade

Lesson : Career Cluster Finder and Goal Setting

7th Grade

Lesson: Career Key with Holland Code and Goal Setting

8th Grade

Lesson : RoadTrip Nation video exploration and college exploration

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**Behavior Modification:
Shaping Youth
Behavior**
March 14



**Vaping & Marijuana:
What Parents Must
Know**
April 11



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 district.bluevalleyk12.org/scho...