

T-Bird Times

April 7, 2023



Calendar of Events

April

- 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)
- 19 - MAP testing (ELA - 6th, 7th & 8th)
- 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
- 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

Principals Note:

HMS Families,

It was a successful week at HMS. Students completed the Math portion of Kansas State Assessments this week and 8th grade students will complete the Science portion next week. Track practice is going strong and we are excited to see our T-Birds continue to work hard and have fun while outside with a ton of friends and classmates.

Please encourage your student(s) to do their best on upcoming testing as we continue with our spring standardized testing. More information about upcoming testing dates can be found below.

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As always, thank you for your support of HMS.

Sincerely,

Nate Winslow
Principal
Harmony Middle School

Yearbooks

Please login to ParentVUE to see if you have purchased a yearbook. We are getting close to the deadline for yearbook orders and want to ensure every student that wants a yearbook gets one. Yearbooks can be purchased through ParentVUE for \$30 under the fees tab. Please reach out if you have any questions.

BV Career Ready Programs

Earlier this week, staff from the Blue Valley Career Ready Programs visited HMS to speak to our 8th grade students about some exciting opportunities available to them during their high school career. The Career Ready Programs currently available for Blue Valley students on the campus of Johnson County Community College are:

- Automation Engineer
- Automotive Technology
- Culinary and Hospitality
- Cybersecurity
- Electrical Technology
- Electronics Technology
- Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning
- Plumbing Technology
- Welding and Metal Fabrication

Additionally, students who want to get a jumpstart on their college education can also choose to earn their associate's degree, along with their high school diploma, as full-time JCCC students during their junior and senior years in high school- at little to no cost to them or their families.

Blue Valley also offers a Fire Science program in collaboration with the Overland Park Fire Department.

While these opportunities are a few years away for your student, we know that it is never too early to start planning for your child's future.

Career Ready Programs will be offering opportunities for students to visit JCCC and the OPFD Fire Training Center to see the programs in action, speak with faculty and students and learn even more about these exciting opportunities!

JCCC trip: April 18th (12:30-2:00 @ JCCC)

OPFD trip: April 19th (12:30-2:00 @ OPFD FTC)

To sign your student up for either/both trips, please complete this [FORM](#) by Monday, April 10th. Transportation will be provided.

To learn more about these opportunities, please visit the [Career Ready Programs website](#) or email Adam Wessel, Director of Career Ready Programs, at ajwessel@bluevalleyk12.org and/or Sarah Beren, Career Ready Programs Liaison to JCCC, at sberen@bluevalleyk12.org.

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)

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

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

Practices are in full swing and meets are set.

Next week preview- Tues 4/11- Meet @ LMS field events at 3:25pm; running events at 3:40pm

Thurs 4/13- Meet @ HMS field events at 3:25pm; running events at 3:40pm

Check out our new activities website, where you can view all track meets. Click the link, then Harmony Middle and go to 'month view'.

[Link to website](#)

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.

Summer Programs

Is your child enrolled in one of Blue Valley's Summer Programs courses? Fees will be posted in [ParentVUE](#) for all Summer Programs and available for payment starting April 10. All Summer Programs fees are due by May 1. Visit bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms for more information.

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS
2023 Summer Programs
Summer Programs payment due May 1

www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms

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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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

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Student Services Update

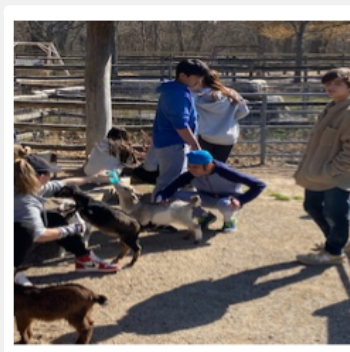
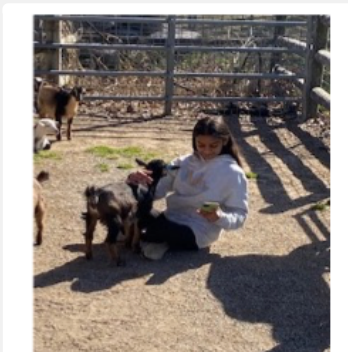
STEP UP SISTERHOOD PROGRAM

This week, a group of 7th grade girls completed the Step Up Sisterhood program with a pizza party and taking their female role models through activities they learned in the program. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Madsen led the program.

Over the last 2 months, this group has met to empower girls around topics like friendship, handling conflict, beauty, rumors and cliques.



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April 11



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