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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Veterans Day Assembly

Our annual Veterans' Day Assembly is on November 7 at 10:00 am. Please consider inviting friends, neighbors, or family who are veterans to attend so that we can honor them with performances and messages from the school and community. Please RSVP by November 3 (see QR code on the invitation)



Mainstage Play - The Outsiders

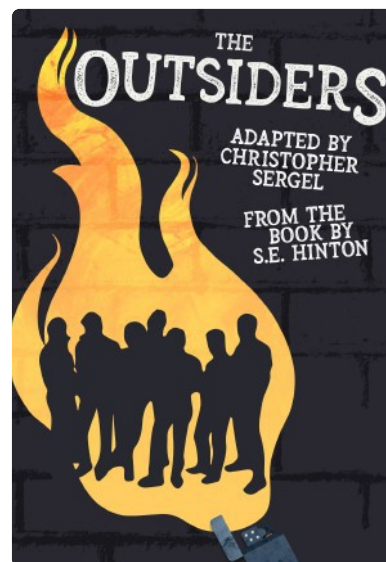
The Outsiders, based on the book by S.E. HINTON. A production you will not want to miss!

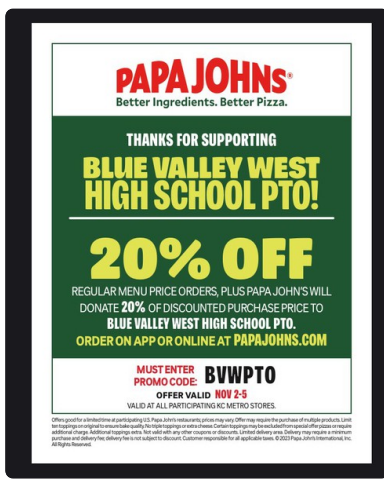
[Friday, November 10](#) and [Saturday, November, 11](#)

Show Time: 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$10.00

All seats are general admission.





PTO Papa Johns Promo

THIS WEEKEND! 20% off purchase plus 20% to the BVW PTO!
November 2-5

Volunteers needed for Vision & Hearing Screening

Nurse Chelsi Newton needs our help during the Hearing and Vision Test on Friday, November 10, 2023. Students in 10th grade (Sophomores) are going to be tested in the morning as each class period is routed through the testing. Our job will be to support Nurse Chelsi with crowd control in both the Vision Lab and the Hearing Test area. Assignments are flexible to either testing area, you can just commit to a time slot. Thank you for signing up and supporting our students' wellbeing.

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948ACA72CA5FAC07-44926508-vision#/>

Femineer Program Information and Application

The Femineer Program is designed for young women who are interested in problem solving and engineering. It has expanded to include other under-represented individuals in these fields. The mission is to inspire and empower students to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in their education and future careers. Twenty-four freshmen/ sophomores will be selected by an application/recommendation process. Juniors may join the cohort that started last year. Click [here](#) for the Application and more details.

JoCo Educator Recruitment Fair

Click [here](#) to view the parking map.

We want to meet you!



Johnson County EDUCATOR RECRUITMENT FAIR

Unlock the door to endless possibilities at the highly anticipated Johnson County Educator Recruitment Fair! Meet multiple school districts, learn about various positions, discuss pathways to licensure, gather information about degree programs, and participate in on-the-spot interviews.

NOVEMBER 17 
9:00 - 3:00 PM

HILLTOP CONFERENCE CENTER 
7700 W. 143rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66223

 kcwessel@bluevalleyk12.org

No Registration Required!



SENIOR NEWS CLASS OF 2024

Graduation Cap and Gown Orders

[Order Now!](#)

Order by December 1.

- Class of 2024 Apparel and Accessories will be available for pick up in the office, 1-2 weeks after order is placed.
- Grad Announcements will come in just after Spring Break (exact date/location TBD)
- Cap, Gown & Tassel will be handed out in May, prior to Graduation Rehearsal
- Class Rings will be available for pick up in the main office 10-12 weeks after order is placed.

BLUE VALLEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

ORDER YOUR GRADUATION ESSENTIALS!

Herff Jones is the official provider of your Cap & Gown, Custom Graduation Announcements, Class of 2024 Apparel and Class Rings! Don't miss the chance to celebrate your accomplishments and commemorate your upcoming graduation. Congratulations Class of 2024!

SHOP NOW >>

Order by December 1 to receive the best prices of the year!

Megan Theiling # 866.238.5336 # highschools@herffjones.com # herffjones.com

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Kansas Apply Free Days

Kansas's first Apply Free Days will be held on November 7-9th, 2023, for Kansas residents! [Click here for details](#)

APPLY FREE DAYS

Dream. **EXPLORE.**

APPLY

APPLY KANSAS
College Application Month

#ApplyKS

During these three days in November, application fees for all state, community, technical, and independent colleges in Kansas will be waived for residents of the state.

To learn more please visit
www.kansasregents.org/applyfree

NOVEMBER 7-9, 2023

Apply Today

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Several Local Scholarship Opportunities are now available in Xello

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4 YEAR FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP

RUDD FOUNDATION

2024-25 FAFSA FORM COMING IN DECEMBER

Students are still encouraged to sign up for their FAFSA ID# so they are ready when the form opens in December

Local Scholarship Opportunities

Click [here](#) to review the Scholarship Presentation or to see a list of local scholarships.

Rudd Scholarship Opportunity

The Rudd Scholarship is Now Open!

Don't miss your chance at a full-ride scholarship up to \$100,000 to attend Emporia State, Fort Hays State, K-State and Wichita State University.

To review the requirements and start your application visit:
<https://ruddfoundation.org/how-to-apply>.

FAFSA - stay tuned!

The FAFSA form will be available in December this year

ATHLETICS NEWS

[BVW Athletic website](#) / [Eastern Kansas League](#)

[Activity Season Passes](#)

Activities and Athletics Message

We are excited to have your families come to support our high school activities and athletics this school year. 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 a positive atmosphere for our high school games or events.

- Sportsmanship/officials: We want to give our student athletes the opportunity to play as many games as possible and we need officials to make those games happen. With a local and national shortage of officials, we want to make sure officials continue to choose to work Blue Valley events. The number one way we can create a welcoming environment is for spectators, coaches and student athletes to be courteous and respect the official's decisions.
- Tailgating: Tailgating before games has become a tradition for many students and families. We love to see our community gathering together to enjoy food and tailgate games in our parking lots. As a reminder, alcohol and tobacco are not allowed on district property including parking lots. Outside food and drink is not permitted inside the gates except for unopened water bottles. Please visit the concession stands and support our school groups!

Thank you for your help in making our district events a great experience for all who attend. We hope to see your family cheering for our Blue Valley teams this school year.

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2023

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Want to learn more about College Open Houses and other ways you can visit?

Head over to the BVW Counseling Canvas Page

Click on the College and Career Planning File

Open the Link for College Open House Events and plan your next visit!

Disclaimer: We only post what colleges provide to us. If you don't see a college you are interested in visiting, please visit their website.

College Open Houses



WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

November 9th 2023 7 pm

Blue Valley High PAC

Open to Blue Valley School District High School age students and their parents/guardians

Learn what it takes to earn NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA Eligibility

NCAA Eligibility Night

Do you have a high school athlete who would like to continue to play their sport in college?

BOGO ACT Testing

[Register NOW!](#) Buy one Get one ACT registration.



BOGO

ACT TESTING

For a limited time, ACT is offering students the opportunity to get a free ACT registration. **The student must register and pay for the December 9 test date.** The student then will receive a discount code to be used for a free registration. The code must be used by January 31, 2024 to register for February 10, April 13, June 8 or July 13.

Offer only available for the December 2023 Test. Discount will be sent to you no later than Dec. 18, 2023 and must be used by Jan. 31, 2024

Offer good for Oct 31 - Nov 17 Registrations only

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/register-for-the-act.html>

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND OBSERVANCES



Some November Celebrations & Observances:

- **Native American Heritage Month** - celebrates the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories, and ongoing contributions of Indigenous peoples.
- **Military Family Appreciation Month** - honors the military family by recognizing their sacrifices and commitments.
- **Day of the Dead** - November 1 - celebrated by some with Mexican heritage, a joyful time to remember and honor deceased loved ones.
- **All Saints Day** - November 1 - celebrated by some of the Christian faith, this solemn, holy day honors the saints of the church.
- **Diwali** - November 12-16 - the festival of lights celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and the human ability to overcome observed by some Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Buddhists, and others. Some will decorate their homes with lights and rangoli art, exchange gifts, dress in colorful clothing, feast with family, and/or go to temple.



Blue Valley West

Lauren is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters