



# Jaguar Journal

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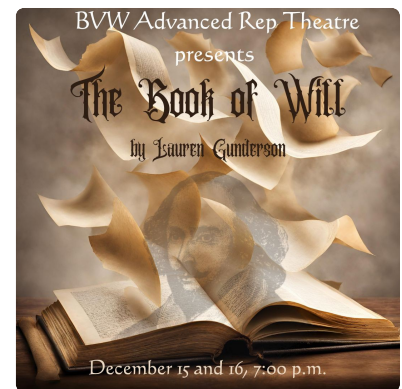
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## ALL SCHOOL NEWS

### Advanced Repertory Theatre Show

Without William Shakespeare, we wouldn't have literary masterpieces like Romeo and Juliet. But without Henry Condell and John Hemings, we would have lost half of Shakespeare's plays forever! After the death of their friend and mentor, the two actors are determined to compile the First Folio and preserve the words that shaped their lives. They'll just have to borrow, beg, and band together to get it done. Amidst the noise and color of Elizabethan London, *The Book of Will* finds an unforgettable true story of love, loss, and laughter, and sheds new light on a man you may think you know.



Performances are two nights only, Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16 at 7:00 pm. All seats are \$10 and are [available online](#) or with cash at the door.

### PTO - Staff Appreciation

BVW PTO is partnering with our Culinary students to host a Luncheon for our wonderful staff, on December 18. Students will be cooking soup for the teachers and PTO will be providing salad and drinks.

To make our teachers feel special, PTO is also preparing a special gift for each staff member. We welcome you to join us in appreciating our wonderful teachers and staff by signing up for a donation towards a gift card, food item or sending in cash donation. Please [check the sign-up for details](#).

We realize this is a busy time for you. If you run out of time to shop, you can make a monetary contribution and PTO will take care of the rest. [Click here for monetary donations](#).

Please send in your \$ contributions or drop off your donation items at the front office by Thursday, Dec 14th.

### Practice ACT Scores

If you or your student took the Practice ACT on the October 4th Testing Day, those scores are now available. Instructions on how to retrieve your score can be found [here](#).

### Civility Policy

We are thankful for the ongoing partnership and support we experience in our school community. Working together we ensure the best possible student experience allowing them to realize personal success. There are times, however, when issues arise which require our continued collaboration to resolve. Families may utilize the matrix linked on [the district website](#) to best address questions and concerns that may arise throughout the course of a school year. Finally, all staff and visitors should conduct their business free from intimidation, harassment, or bullying. The district's Board of Education states expectations regarding civility within [Policy 6341](#). Again, thank you for your partnership in helping to maintain a safe school community environment for all.

## Career Ready Programs Information Nights

The Career Ready Programs department is offering several exciting opportunities for Blue Valley students to earn college credit at little to NO cost to families through Johnson County Community College (JCCC). Students can earn an associate degree OR career-ready certification in high-demand, high paying fields.

The information shared at these sessions will be most relevant for current sophomore and junior students and parents/guardians. You do not need to RSVP to any of these events. We encourage parents/guardians/students to all attend and learn more about these programs.

**January 16, 2024 - Emergency Management and Fire Science:** Meet with our partners at the Overland Park Fire Department (OPFD) at the OPFD Training Center at 12401 Hemlock at 6:00 P.M.

**January 17, 2024 - Dual Degree option:** How to earn your associate degree AND your Blue Valley diploma at the same time! Join us on the campus of Johnson County Community College and the Nerman Museum of Modern Art, Room 217, at 6:00 P.M. [Link to JCCC Campus Map](#)

**January 24, 2024 - Career Ready Certification program in:**

- Automation Engineering Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Culinary & Hospitality
- Cybersecurity
- Electrician Technology
- Electronic Technology
- Emergency Management & Fire Science
- Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning
- Plumbing
- Welding/Metal Fabrication

We will meet in the JCCC Hugh Libby CTEC building lobby at 6:00 P.M. We will hear from Blue Valley staff, JCCC Deans, Department Chairs, and Blue Valley students currently enrolled in these programs. [Link to JCCC Campus Map](#)

**January 25, 2024 Career Ready Cybersecurity and Culinary & Hospitality certification programs:** Meet in the JCCC Wylie Culinary Center building lobby at 6:00 P.M. We will hear from Blue Valley staff, JCCC Deans, Department Chairs, and Blue Valley students currently enrolled in these programs. [Link to JCCC Campus Map](#)

Questions? Please visit the [Blue Valley Career Ready Programs website](#) or please feel free to reach out to Sarah Beren, Liaison to JCCC for Blue Valley Career Ready Programs, at 913-239-4141 or

## New Jag Night



All incoming BVW  
9th graders & families

**BLUE VALLEY WEST**

**CLASS OF 2028**

**NEW JAG NIGHT**

Please join us to learn about enrollment options and opportunities to get involved as a BVW student.

**JANUARY 17, 2024**

*Enrollment Information Sessions available from 6:00 - 8:45*  
*Activities/Athletics available in Commons from 6:00 - 7:30*

## SENIOR NEWS Class of 2024

### Graduation Cap and Gown Orders

[ORDER HERE!](#)

- 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



**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!

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- Class Rings will be available for pick up in the main office 10-12 weeks after order is placed

## Seal of Biliteracy for Seniors

Seniors received information about the opportunity to earn the Seal of Biliteracy via email communication November 27. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please review the [Seal of Biliteracy website](#) for detailed information. If you would like to participate, the [Seal of Biliteracy Student Intent Form](#) must be submitted by the end of day Friday, Dec 15, 2023.

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## 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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## COUNSELING

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## Community Celebrations and Observances

Some December Celebrations & Observances:



- Universal Human Rights Month - people all across the globe are encouraged to come together and stand up for equality, justice, and the dignity of all humans.
- International Day of People with Disabilities - December 3 - a day to celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with disabilities, promote an understanding of disability issues, and mobilize support for the rights, dignity, and wellbeing of people with disabilities.
- Hanukkah - evening of December 7 - evening of December 15 - an eight-day Jewish festival of lights. Some Jewish families will celebrate by lighting a Menorah and eating foods cooked in oil.
- Christmas - December 25- a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Some Christian families will celebrate by attending church services and exchanging gifts.
- Kwanzaa - December 26 - January 1 - a seven-day African-American holiday celebrating culture, family, and community. For some, celebrations may include song, dance, storytelling, and a large traditional meal.



## Blue Valley West

Lauren is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters