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# **ALLSCHOOLNEWS**

#### **BVW Student Council Fundraiser**

Dine with Panera tonight and 20% of sales will be donated to Student Council. Show this flyer or use code FUN4U.



**Class of 2027 Spiritwear** Last Day to Order! Scan the QR code



#### **BVEF: Women's Giving Circle Event**

On behalf of the Foundation board and staff, it is a pleasure to invite you to join us for the April 4th Women's Giving Circle! Thanks to our event sponsor, JE Dunn, it is going to be a spectacular evening at the Nerman Museum Atrium, located on the Johnson County Community College campus. We have received outstanding grant proposals this cycle, and we are excited for you to hear the presentations. It won't be easy to pick a winning proposal to fund! <u>Women's Giving Circle</u> Registration is now open. We look forward to seeing you there!



#### Prom 2024

Juniors and Seniors! You're invited to this year's Prehistoric Prom on April 13 from 8:30-10:30pm at the Museum at Prairiefire. Join us for a night to remember. <u>Click here to purchase tickets</u>.

If you are bringing an outside guest, <u>click here</u> to download the Guest Form.



#### Parent Volunteers Needed for Prom Coat-Check

The PTO is looking for parent volunteers to work the coat check during Prom. Sign up here

#### Upcoming Event: Rumble Strips- Recognizing Signs of Addiction

All BV parents, grandparents, and adult caregivers are invited to the BV Drug and Alcohol Prevention Task Force's Annual Community Event which will focus on addiction in youth and adolescents. This event will be at Hilltop on April 2, 6-7:30 pm. There is no cost but registration is required. <u>Click here to view the flyer and to register.</u>

#### **Run for Student Council**

Are you interested in leadership, school service, and fundraising? Do you like to solve problems with creative solutions? Run for Student Council! Students interested in Student Council should plan to attend one of two informational meetings on April 14 (see attachment).

#### **Streaming on District Devices**

In an effort to reduce distractions in the learning environment for all of our students, **beginning on** March 19, 2024, all high school students will have streaming services blocked on district devices (examples include: Netflix, Hulu, HBO Max, Prime Video etc.). YouTube, Spotify and Apple Music will still be allowed.

#### **Enrollment for Summer Programs closes April 3**

Time is running out to sign your student up for Blue Valley's Summer Programs. Enrollment closes at 4 p.m. April 3. These programs include virtual courses for credit, such as Business Essentials or

Physical Education. Additional information about summer programs, including a high school virtual course catalog, can be found at <u>www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms</u>.

# SENIOR NEWS Class of 2024

#### **Class Day/Graduation Interpretation Services**

If you or a guest plan to attend class day or graduation, and need an ASL interpreter, please email Lauren Botticella at <u>ljbotticella@bluevalleyk12.org</u> by May 1, 2024. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning.

#### **Senior Slideshow Submissions**

Dear Parents of the Class of 2024,

We are so excited to say that graduation is soon! As graduation nears, there are some traditions that your Blue Valley West Student Council is seeking to uphold, one of these being the Class Day Slideshow!

The Class Day Slideshow typically features pictures of the graduating class and one slide for each student containing their name, a current photo, a baby photo, and their future plans! In order to accurately collect this information, we are sending out a form to the seniors and their parents to fill out.

The only way to fill out the form is through a Blue Valley email so we are asking that parents sit down with their students and fill this out together! **We are asking that all forms be submitted by April 5th, 2024** so that we have ample time to compile the pictures! We look forward to seeing all of the submissions! <u>Here is a link to the form!</u>

-Blue Valley West Student Council

#### **Senior Class Day Performer and Speaker Auditions**

Auditions are April 9 and 11. Speaker Audition Sign-up. Performer Audition Sign-up.

#### **Pay Senior Activity Fee**

Click <u>here</u> to pay senior fees. The PTO uses these fees for the Senior Picnic and the Senior lunch/Class Day Rehearsal.

#### **PTO Scholarship**

Applications are due on March 29 and recipients will be announced on Class Day. <u>Click here</u> to review the requirements and <u>click here</u> to download the application.

#### Father's Club Scholarship

Applications are due by April 22. Click here to access the Application Portal.



#### **Must Order Now! Graduation Cap and Gown**

#### 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 are available in the main office, for pickup.
- 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.

#### **Senior Event Guide**

Spring Semester is a busy time for seniors! Check out the <u>Senior Event Guide</u> for all the upcoming dates and deadlines.

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# **Community Celebrations and Observances**



Some April Celebrations & Observances:

- *World Autism Awareness Month* aims to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism.
- *National Arab American Heritage Month* recognizes the achievements and contributions of Arab Americans to society, culture, and American history.
- *Eid al Fitr April 10th -* marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting. Some families will celebrate the "Festival of Breaking the Fast" by joining in communal prayer and meals,

visiting family, gift-giving, and charity.

- *Day of Silence April 14 -* a national, student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+ students and allies take a vow of silence to protest the silencing and discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools.
- *Passover evening of April 22-30 -* a Jewish holiday commemorating the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. Some families will observe the holiday with a special meal, called a Seder, eating foods of symbolic significance and reciting traditional prayers.



