Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - January 22, 2021

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Message from Dr. Pressly

Dear BVNW Community,

Happy 2nd semester. I could hardly sleep Monday night knowing that kids would be back in the building this week. It has been so nice to have everyone who is taking in-person classes back in the building even if it's only for two days at a time. I have also heard from our virtual friends that the new schedule this semester is much better now that they don't have two classes some hours and no classes other hours.

I want to thank all the senior parents who helped with the decoration and the small group who came up to school to help decorate the building to welcome the seniors back for their last semester. The building looks amazing and I am sure that the kids appreciated all the fun flight-

themed decorations! While they were decorating we had another group of senior parents who have been delivering our new senior yard signs. If you haven't gotten your yard sign, please email and let me know. Again, I want to thank all the parents who have been working hard to celebrate our seniors.

With the first semester behind us, final grades and report cards will be ready to view in ParentVue and StudentVue next Friday, January 29th. I know that many of you have been asking about when you will be able to see those grades. I also know that some of you will need a copy to send to your insurance company for those that have drivers.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Pressly

BVNW SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JAN 4 ODD	5 EVEN	6 ODD	7 EVEN	8 ODD
11 EVEN	12 TRADITIONAL	13 ODD FINALS	14 EVEN FINALS	15 NO SCHOOL PL/GRADING
18 NO SCHOOL	19 ODD A DAY	20 EVEN A DAY	21 ODD B DAY	22 EVEN B DAY
25 ODD A DAY	26 EVEN A DAY	27 ODD B DAY	28 EVEN B DAY	29 ODD A DAY

BVNW SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FEB 1 EVEN - A DAY	2 ODD - B DAY	3 EVEN - B DAY	4 ODD - A DAY	5 EVEN - A DAY
8 ODD - B DAY	9 EVEN - B DAY	10 ODD - A DAY	11 EVEN - A DAY	12 ODD - B DAY
15 NO SCHOOL	16 EVEN - B DAY	17 ODD - A DAY	18 EVEN - A DAY	19 ODD - B DAY
22 EVEN - B DAY	23 ODD A DAY *ACT day AM - asynchronous PM - synchronous	24 EVEN - A DAY	25 NO SCHOOL CONFERENCES	26 NO SCHOOL CONFERENCES

HYBRID SCHEDULE FORMAT

The alphabet spread will be as follows:

A Group - Attendance Days: A – L

B Group - Attendance Days: M – Z

ODD Day

Hour 1	7:45 - 9:10 (85)
Hour 3	9:15 - 10:40 (85)
Academic Support Time	10:40 - 11:10 (30)

- Students stay in 3rd hour class - attendance taken as part of 3rd hour
- Teachers will use their zoom links to offer office hours
- Office hours will be available to in-person and virtual students
- This will be used for Husky Headlines on weeks it is scheduled
- Students in PM CAPS classes are able to leave during this time unless required by a teacher to attend for academic support

Hour 5	& Lunch	11:15 - 1:20 (125)
Hour 7		1:25 - 2:50 (85)

EVEN Day

PLC Time 7:30 - 8:30 (60)

Hour 2 8:30 - 9:55 (85)

Academic Check Time/Advisory 9:55 - 10:15 (20)

- Students will stay in 2nd hour
- Advisory activities will be done during this time
- If there is not an advisory activity, students can work on class/homework while teachers conference with individual students about how they will use the academic support time after 4th hour

Hour 4 & Lunch 10:20 - 12:20 (120)

Academic Support Time 12:25 - 1:20 (55)

- Students will stay in 4th hour
- This academic support time will be for students who are in the building. For those at-home (hybrid) or virtual students, this will just be time to work on home/classwork.
- We will use E-hallpass to set up a limited number of spots for each teacher to have students come to their room
- Student will create the E-hallpass if they need to go work with a teacher
- We will set up a testing center for students to make-up tests, we will only be able to have 10 kids in the testing center at one time.
- Students in PM CAPS classes are able to leave during this time unless required by a teacher to attend for academic support

Hour 6 1:25 - 2:50 (85)

Upcoming Key Calendar events

- Jan. 25 - Odd A day
- Jan. 26 - Even A day
- Jan. 26 - Principal's Roundtable - *virtual meeting for 10th grade parents*

- Jan. 27 - Odd B day
- Jan. 28 - Even B day
- Jan. 29 - Odd A day

- Feb. 9 - Principal's Roundtable - *virtual meeting for 11th grade parents*
- Feb. 23 - Principal's Roundtable - *virtual meeting for 12th grade parents*

Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar
View All School Events

BVNW Sports Events
View Sports Calendar

Contact school nurse to report student's COVID information

It's important for parents/guardians to let our school nurse Becky Imlay know if your student is experiencing COVID symptoms, has tested positive for COVID or is being required to quarantine due to exposure to a positive individual.

HOW TO CONTACT: You can email the nurse at rjimlay@bluevalleyk12.org or call the main number (913-239-3400) and select the option to speak to the nurse.

CAPS program to hold virtual open house on Feb. 3

The **CAPS** program will holding a **Virtual Open House** on **Wednesday, February 3 at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM**. There will be 3 identical sessions during each open house to allow the opportunity to visit multiple classes. For more information on CAPS and instructions on how to register for the Open House can be found at the bvcaps.org website under the enrollment tab.

Important information about free student meals and meal accounts

USDA EXTENDS FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS THROUGH 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR
All Blue Valley students are eligible to receive one free* breakfast and one free* lunch meal daily. This includes students that are in-person in the school cafeterias and at the meal pick-up locations for remote learners. No free and reduced meal application is necessary to receive these free meals. The district has been approved for this no cost breakfast and lunch option through the 2020-21 school year.

Free Student Meal information
https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/34300

Online Payment System
https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/34304

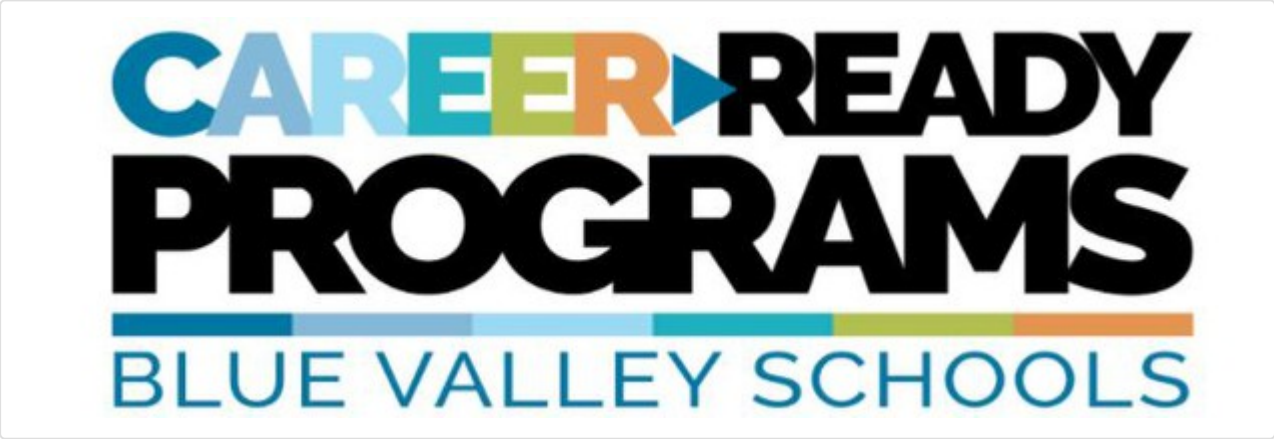
MEAL ACCOUNT ACCESS
REGISTER STUDENT MEAL ACCOUNT(S)
All families participating in the district's meal service program must set up an account with the district's point of sale software, TITAN School Solutions, to pay meal fees if they you choose to use the online payment system to purchase other items beyond 1 breakfast and 1 lunch daily. To register, go to family.titank12.com and click **Sign Up Today!** to get started, or download the TITAN Family Connect app (available in the Apple Store and Google Play) to register on your mobile device.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Register
Register at family.titank12.com (Use Safari or Chrome)
Or download Titan Family Connect from the Apple Store or Google Play.
Click on **Sign up today!**

2. Confirm Email
Confirm your email address by clicking on the email verification link sent to your email address.

3. Sign in
Now you can sign in at family.titank12.com or Titan Family Connect App using your email and password.



Career-Ready HVAC, Welding and Metal Fabrication Programs

Through Blue Valley's continued partnership with Johnson County Community College (JCCC), high school students have the opportunity to participate in several career-ready programs including HVAC and Welding/Metal Fabrication.

The Welding and Metal Fabrication Program:
A background in welding is preparation and certification to live and work anywhere! Spend half the day taking your Blue Valley classes and the other half on the JCCC campus, learning from JCCC instructors who are also industry experts in welding for manufacturing and structures. You will learn the science of metals and gas, work with your hands, and operate equipment while earning both college and high school credits.

Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Program (HVAC):
The HVAC program is a great fit for students who want to have hands-on experience in the HVAC lab, learning the fundamentals of electrical systems, plumbing and cooling systems. Students will spend half the day in Blue Valley and the other half on the JCCC campus, earning credit toward an HVAC Technology Certificate. Learn from highly qualified HVAC professionals and earn a career-ready certificate while receiving both college and high school credits.

If you are interested in these or other Career-Ready opportunities, let your counselor know. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Beren at sberen@bluevalleyk12.org or 239-4141 or visit the district website.

Career-Ready Fire Sciences & Culinary/Hospitality Programs

Are you interested in learning real world skills that you can use to get a good job - potentially right after graduation? If you like working with your hands, getting college credit, and doing it for FREE, talk to your counselor about the Career-Ready Programs.

Fire Sciences:

Taught by Blue Valley teachers, Johnson County Community College professors, and Overland Park Fire Department (OPFD) firefighters, this two year program will teach you about becoming a first responder, recognizing different medical emergencies, performing First Aid and CPR, understanding public safety, and, of course, learning about the science of fighting fire. The first year focuses on the broader skills of a first responder; the second year requires an internship with the OPFD. This strand of courses requires a commitment to mental and physical wellbeing.

Culinary/Hospitality:

Students in the Hospitality & Culinary program spend half of their day at their high school and half of their day on campus at Johnson County Community College (JCCC) working toward a certificate or associate degree in five available areas. Coursework includes both classroom instruction preparing for multiple facets of the industry and hands-on laboratory work using industry-standard equipment and supplies in JCCC professional kitchens.
Certificate and Degree options available for students to pursue through this partnership include:

- Chef Apprenticeship AAS
- Dietary Manager Certificate
- Food & Beverage Management AAS
- Hotel & Lodging AAS
- Pastry & Baking Certificate

If you are interested in Fire Sciences, Culinary/Hospitality or other Career-Ready opportunities, let your counselor know. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Beren at sberen@bluevalleyk12.org or 239-4141 or visit the district website.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qzr1GNo4rCs
Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6e7Dd6iZIU

Principal's Round Table Meetings - Next meeting is Jan. 26 for 10th grade parents

Dr. Pressly has set aside time to meet with parent groups by grade level. Each meeting will focus specifically on that grade level, achievements, upcoming events and what to expect as a parents/guardian. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend these meetings if possible. Each grade level will have four meetings this year. All meetings will be from **8:00 - 9:00 AM** via **Zoom** this year.

9th grade: 3/9/2021
10th grade: 1/26/2021 and 3/23/2021
11th grade: 2/9/2021, and 4/6/2021
12th grade: 2/23/2021 and 4/20/2021

Zoom Meeting Information
Meeting ID: 983 2773 7836
Passcode: huskies

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Dr. Pressly's recommended reading for parents

With some extra free time over the last few months, Dr. Pressly has been able to catch up on her reading pile. Each year she recommends some new titles to parents/guardians that give them ideas and suggestions regarding raising a teenager in today's society. The following four books are worth a read if you are looking for some ideas.

Counseling News - January 22

The #ZeroReasonsWhy campaign is hosting a first quarter 2021 virtual community convening. This meeting will highlight campaign work and work in our community inside the three strategic pillars. It will also highlight stories of teens and community members to help remove the stigma of mental health amongst multiple peer groups. This is a time to rally together the whole community once more in the ongoing work to remove the stigma of mental health, commit to education, and build community support.

Time: Jan 27, 2021 04:00 PM in Central Time (US and Canada)

What will I experience?

- Teen, Parent, Educator and Health Professional voices will be highlighted
- You will hear from leaders across the county speaking to the campaign's three pillars
- In addition, the January Convening will feature:
  --A teen panel discussing plans for the 2021 campaign
  --The state of mental health in Johnson County
  --Insight into the campaign's expansion
  --And much more

How do I join?
In an effort to promote physical distancing, the next #ZRW Community Convening will be conducted virtually. Click the following Zoom link below to RSVP. Then check out the #ZeroReasonsWhy **website** for information on the campaign.
Register here

PSAT/NMSQT Scores 2020
10th and 11th grade PSAT 10.14.2020 Scores
Students who tested on 10.14.2020 received a College Board email December 8-10 regarding their PSAT score. This email was sent to the email address the student listed during testing

registration information they completed on test day. Students may need to create an account to access their score.

COLLEGE PLANNING INFO

Virtual College Fairs are here for spring 2021!

Juniors
In an effort to help you navigate your junior year, counselors have created a checklist for you to review. If you have additional questions after working through the listed items, contact your counselor.
BVNW Junior Checklist

Seniors
We have linked the BVNW Senior Checklist here. There are steps for all seniors to complete, including college-bound seniors and students applying to schools through Common Application. Most of the questions we have been receiving are answered by working through the checklist. We hope this is helpful for you!

**To be able to type on the checklist, click file and make a copy while viewing it.

Common Application Mid-Year reports- SENIORS

Seniors using the Common Application- your counselor will automatically send the "mid-year" report once first semester grades have been applied to your transcript, end of January/early February. This is a district timeline and colleges are aware. You DO NOT need contact your counselor with this request. Alpha Me-Se common application mid-year reports will be sent on Mrs. Keller's behalf.

Naviance for virtual visits:

Since college admission representatives cannot personally visit high schools this fall, they are offering **virtual college visits.** If you would like to sign-up to attend a virtual college visit with the admission rep and other Blue Valley Northwest students, you may sign-up in Naviance. These are live group meetings with the admissions rep lasting about 30 minutes. Here is a link if to direct you on registering to attend a college visit.
https://bvusd.instructure.com/courses/70851/pages/college-planning-for-juniors

ACT/SAT
Blue Valley District partnership with Princeton Review Test prep 20-21: Here
Next ACT official test date: **April 17, 2021**, Register by: **March 12, 2021**. www.act.org
AP Scores access: here
SAT vs. ACT Which should you take? Or Video

Parent Booster Club News - January 22

A message from your PBC President

Hello Husky Family!

CONGRATULATIONS:
The Parent Booster Club supports all sports, clubs, activities and academic achievements of our awesome students at BVNW!

Today we want to congratulate BVNW Senior Wrestler BRENDAN BARTHOLOME on his 100th Win! Coach Serbousek, Zack Orrick and the entire Wrestling program do a great job cultivating a winning Husky Program! We could not be more proud!

**If you have great news to share about a BVNW Student's accomplishments, please email Jeanna Repass (in case we miss it) so that the PBC can celebrate our Students.

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS:
If you have ideas about how to celebrate, encourage or just have fun with our awesome students, the PBC wants to hear your ideas. Please email PBC Secretary Heidi Boever: hboever@gmail.com

JOIN THE BOARD:
If you are interested in serving on the Parent Booster Club Board as an Executive or a Committee Chairperson, please email President Jeanna Repass at: bvnwboosterclub@gmail.com .] We will have a number of roles that will be open after the 2021-2022 school year and out current volunteers would like to train the next set of volunteers. Please consider taking a co-chair role for the 2021-2022 school year.

SPIRIT WEAR:
Letterman's jackets will be offered again in a couple of weeks if your student earns a letter in any Winter Sports or Activity or Academic endeavor, we will have an opportunity for you to place an order. Please check the weekly email for the web link soon.

As always, I am humbled to serve, grateful for you all and honored to be the President of the Parent Booster Club here at Blue Valley Northwest!

Our challenges present opportunities and I know we are all up to meet the moment because we are #OneNW!

GO DAWGS!
Jeanna Repass
Proud PBC President

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