Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - February 10, 2023

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Dear BVNW Community,

What a fantastic spirit week! The students and staff have been energetic, fun, and creative throughout the week, and I could not be more proud! I want to sincerely thank our student government

students, Ms. Derks, and Mrs. Heiman, for planning and executing our events. We ended the week with an excellent assembly this morning!

We are looking forward to the basketball games tonight and recognizing our sweetheart royalty and seniors. We will end the week with our sweetheart dance from 8:00-10:00 on Saturday night in our new main gym.

Next week is parent-teacher-student conferences; therefore, we will not have school on Friday, February 17th. Monday, February 20th is President's Day, so we will also not have school that day. Additionally, our boy's swim and dive team will compete at the state swim meet next weekend, and our wrestling teams will compete at regionals. We wish them the best of luck and know they will represent BVNW well.

Over the last three weeks, our counselors have been having individual meetings with students regarding enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. During your student's ELA class, they had an opportunity to meet 1:1 with their counselor to review their enrollment selections and to look at their progress toward graduation requirements. We appreciate everyone getting their enrollment materials last month. This allows us to begin building the master schedule for the next school year.

For students planning to participate in spring athletics, please ensure that you have a completed application packet in the athletic department before tryouts begin. If your student participated in a fall or winter sport, there is nothing else they need to do; their packet is already on file. Please stop by the athletic department office should you have any questions!

Have a great Superbowl weekend! Go Chiefs!

David

Dr. David Sharp
Principal, Blue Valley Northwest High School

February Block/Traditional Schedule

February

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

2022 - 2023 Bell Schedule

2022-2023

Odd Day - Monday / Wednesday

Hour 1	7:40-9:08
Hour 3	9:13-10:41
Academic Support	10:41-11:11
Hour 5 & Lunch	11:16-1:12
--1st Lunch	11:16-11:41--
--2nd Lunch	12:00-12:25--
--3rd Lunch	12:47-1:12--
Hour 7	1:17-2:45

Even Day - Tuesday / Thursday

PLC / Late Arrival	7:30-8:40
Hour 2	8:40-10:08
Hour 4 & Lunch	10:13-12:09
--1st Lunch	10:13-10:38--
--2nd Lunch	10:57-11:22--
--3rd Lunch	11:44-12:09--
Advisory	12:14-12:44
Academic Support	12:44-1:12
Hour 6	1:17-2:45

Traditional Day - Friday

Hour 1	7:40-8:32
Hour 2	8:37-9:29
Hour 3	9:34-10:26
Hour 4	10:31-11:23
Hour 5	11:28-12:51
--1st Lunch	11:28-11:53--
--2nd Lunch	11:57-12:22--
--3rd Lunch	12:26-12:51--
Hour 6	12:56-1:48
Hour 7	1:53-2:45

BVNW Bell Schedule

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BVNW Schedule - All - 2022-23.pdf

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Upcoming Key Calendar events

- Feb. 11 - Sweetheart Dance *(8-10pm @ BVNW)*
- Feb. 13-16 - Parent/Teacher conferences via Zoom only *(sign up in advance Feb. 1-12)*
- Feb. 15 - Parent/Teacher conferences in-person **or** via Zoom *(sign up in advance Feb 1-12)*

- Feb. 16 - High School 9th-12th **IS** in session *(only EC-8th have no school)*
- Feb. 17 - NO SCHOOL (EC-12th)
- Feb. 20 - NO SCHOOL (EC-12th - President's Day)

- Feb. 25 - Battle of the Bands event
- Feb. 28 - Juniors take ACT at BVNW *(1/2 day of school for Juniors) (no school for 9th, 10th, 12th graders)*
- April 10-14 -- Cheer tryouts

Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar
View All School Events

BVNW Sports Events
View Sports Calendar

SWEETHEART DANCE is Saturday, February 10

The SWEETHEART DANCE is Saturday, February 10 from 8-10pm. Student Government will be hosting the "Be my Valentine" dance in the new gym. There will be dancing, a photo booth and refreshments. Cost of tickets are $20 for BVNW students ahead of time, $25 for non-BVNW students and $25 at the door. *If you are bringing a guest that does not attend BVNW there is a form that must be filled out ahead of time. See Mrs. Fromm in Student Services.*

February Parent/Teacher Conference -- FINAL reminder to

sign up

Dear Husky Parents & Guardians,

This is the final reminder that the sign-up for February parent-teacher conferences is live & will close **this Sunday night**.

Conferences will take place on Monday, February 13th - February 16th.

The in-person option is only available on Wednesday, February 15th. Other than Wednesday, Northwest teachers will choose 1 other evening that week to hold their conferences via Zoom. If you schedule an in-person conference, you will get the BVNW room in your confirmation email after you sign up!

Here's how to schedule your conferences:

1. Click here: https://bvusd.instructure.com/courses/104757
2. Click on the February Conferences button.
3. Select the department of the course.
4. Within the department, click the sign up for your student's teacher*.
5. When signing up, you will indicate whether you would prefer an in-person conference at BVNW (Wednesday only) or on Zoom.
6. You will receive an email confirmation with the location/Zoom information and time.
7. Conference sign up links will close at 11:59 PM this Sunday, February 12th

*It might be helpful for parents to pull up ParentVUE as you schedule conferences so that you have access to all of your student's teachers and classes: https://ks-blu-psv.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login_Parent.aspx?regenerateSessionId=True.
If you feel that you need more than 10 minutes to conference with a specific teacher or teacher, please send them an email to schedule for a different time.
Thank you!
-BVNW Administration

Purchase your Singing Valentines!

Purchase your **Singing Valentine** today at www.bvnwchoir.com! We will perform live valentines for BVNW students and staff, and call friends and family nationwide! Venmo Accepted.

Spirit Night fundraiser for boy's basketball on Tues., Feb. 21

13 BEATS -- Be prepared to save a life

FREE Bystander CPR & AED Training event is Feb. 25

Cheer tryout information

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INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF *Blue Valley Northwest Cheerleading*?

JOIN A TEAM THAT IS SUCCESSFUL
ON THE MAT **AND** IN THE CLASSROOM

3.75
SQUAD GPA
13 CHEERLEADERS WITH 4.0

STATE RESULTS
SINCE INAUGURAL COMPETITION

2022 - 3RD PLACE
2021 - STATE CHAMPS
2020 - 2ND PLACE
2019 - STATE CHAMPS
2018- 7TH PLACE
2017 - 3RD PLACE

TRYOUTS
APRIL 10TH - 14TH

CANDIDATES WILL AUDITION FOR FRESHMEN, JV, & VARSITY SQUADS
TRYOUTS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL TEAMS
FLIP FOR INFORMATION & DATES >>>

QUESTIONS? E-Mail Coach Llew at MLlewellyn@bluevalleyk12.org

BLUE VALLEY NORTHWEST
Cheerleading Tryouts
2023 - 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

TRYOUT MEETING	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH	7 PM	BVNW PAC
TRYOUT MEETING	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH	7 PM	BVNW PAC
TRYOUT CLINICS	MONDAY, APRIL 10TH TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH	6 - 9 PM	BVNW MAIN GYM
AUDITIONS	FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH	6 PM	BVNW MAIN GYM
TEAM MEETING	MONDAY, APRIL 17TH	6 PM	BVNW PAC

Candidates should attend a Tryout Meeting with their parent or gaurdian. Audition format, team expectations, and a summary of the season will be discussed at this meeting. Any and all questions regarding team selection will also be answered at this time. Candidates will receive several forms that are required to be eligible to make the squad. All paperwork must be complete by the first Tryout Clinic on Monday, April 10th. *Though there will be two Tryout Meetings, cadidates only need to attend one session*.

OTHER DATES TO CONSIDER

Practices begin in April after teams have been selected. Teams will workout and condition from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All cheerleaders will be expected to attend, any conflicts should be discussed with a coach at the Team Meeting *after tryouts*.

Summer practice will begin immediately after school ends. Cheerleaders are expected to attend 100% of practices in the month of June leading up to UCA Camp, which will be held from Saturday, June 24th through Monday, June 26th. Choreography camp dates will be announced as soon as they are finalized. State choreography will likely be the weekend of June 9th, while Traditional choreography will be either the weekend of July 28th or August 4th.

Cheerleaders are allowed to miss three practices in the month of July and August, dates will be collected before the start of Summer practices. Excused absences cannot be used for choreography camp(s), dates will be communicated as soon as they have been determined.

REGISTER FOR TRYOUTS TODAY!

Scan the QR code to fill out the form.
Be sure to select the grade you will be in *NEXT YEAR* when registering.

QUESTIONS? E-Mail Coach Llew at MLlewellyn@bluevalleyk12.org

Battle of the Bands tickets are ON SALE NOW!

You Are Invited! Battle of the Bands tickets are ON SALE NOW!
Don't miss the best over-21 night of the year with live music, auction items, a bourbon/wine pull, light appetizers and MORE.

This annual event supports music initiatives in our schools and **will sell out FAST** so grab your friends and family and get your tix today!

Click here to get your tickets today!

High School ACT Junior Testing Day 2023 - February 28

High School ACT Junior Testing Day 2023
The ACT District Testing program provides students the opportunity to earn college-reportable ACT scores by taking the test in their own classrooms during the regularly-scheduled school day. In support of this opportunity, the Kansas State Department of Education is once again paying for a full ACT for all juniors. In Blue Valley, the ACT will be administered on Tuesday, February 28th, 2023.

Please note that freshmen, sophomores and seniors will not attend school on February 28th. Accelerated middle school students and CAPS students will also not have class on February 28th.

On Tuesday, February 28th, juniors will take the ACT at BVNW. The day will run from 7:40-noon. This score can be a reportable score to colleges and universities. Please watch for additional information in this newsletter and via email directly to junior students and parents.

February ACT Prep Class

While not affiliated with BVNW or the school district, we did want to make you aware of a February ACT Prep Class being held for a couple of evenings in mid-February. For more information, click here: http://actprep.info/bluevalleynw

2023-24 Schedule Repair Process

As you know, student course selection/enrollment for next school year is occurring right now at BVNW and we wanted to share an important change with you for next year. We are sharing this with you now so that students prioritize the enrollment process they are currently going through, they prioritize their counselor meetings, and they carefully select their courses and alternates for next school year.

Beginning in August 2023 for the 23-24 academic year, Blue Valley Northwest students will be able to make schedule "repairs" during the first 3 days of the Fall Semester if they meet the following conditions:

1. The student completed a full schedule of course requests along with four alternates AND
2. The student was placed into a class that was not listed among their selections as alternates.

If the student circumstance meets the above criteria, the student should reach out to their counselor during the schedule repair window at the beginning of the semester.

Why change?

- We understand this is a shift from previous "schedule change" practices. However, the stability of the first week of school is important to student success throughout the semester.
- The first phase of this transition began in December, when the schedule change window was limited to 3 days before the semester began. This shift was overwhelmingly successful and allowed teachers and students to concentrate on learning on the first school day of the semester on January 4th. Counselors were also able to work with students on new enrollments and other student needs at that time.
- Additionally, each schools' Master Schedule is built upon the numbers generated during our spring enrollment period. When significant changes are made in August, classes can become imbalanced, which may result in larger class sizes for your student.

Our continued commitment...

Each high school faculty has heavily invested in the enrollment process, ensuring that our students are making informed decisions about their 23-24 schedule. Counselors will meet with all students to check that the classes they selected satisfy the student's graduation credits and fall in line with their post-secondary college and career goals.

Help raise money for Prom 2023! Please donate funds online!

Hello BVNW Community! This year the class of 2024 student government has the honor of putting on prom for the juniors and seniors. However, prom wouldn't be possible without donations from our lovely Northwest community. The link attached below is the link to donate funds online to help raise money for prom. The link is also in our Instagram bio @bvnwclassof2024. Thank you so much for your help, we greatly appreciate it! https://bluevalley.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/688?es=h26h3f93pg2tsrq9s4a6a7tgbo&single=0

Choir fundraiser - Happy Birthday Telegrams!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TELEGRAMS! A quartet of choir members will sing a customized Happy Birthday to each recipient. The $10 fee will support the choir trip to Carnegie Hall in March 2023. The link to order is: https://forms.gle/d7c2g24kDQPpQ7Ns8

Counseling News - February 10

JCCC College Now Concurrent Credit Information – 2nd semester classes
JCCC's College Now is a dual or concurrent credit option for students in approved classes at BVNW. What is dual credit? When a high school student takes an approved BVNW HS class from an approved high school teacher, they have the option to earn both high school and college credit. Students must enroll separately through JCCC to earn the college credit.

BVNW College Now (JCCC) In-Person Classes (2nd semester)
AP English Literature (12th grade)
Honors Spanish 5
AP Calculus BC
JCCC College Now Website
JCCC College Now Enrollment Guide
BVNW College Now Spring '23 Course Schedule (CRN's)
JCCC COLLEGE NOW ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS **FEBRUARY 10**.

College Board AP Exam Registration – opens February 10

Students who are taking a **2nd-semester-only** AP course and plan to take the AP exam(s) must register and pay for exams by **March 1, 2023**. There are 2 parts to registering for an AP exam:
1. Confirming exam registration in AP Classroom (through student's College Board account)
2. Paying for the exam through Total Registration.
AP exam cost is $108. Detailed instructions on how to register and pay can be found on BVNW Counseling Canvas Course.

**Students who missed the 1st semester registration deadline (for 1st semester and/or yearlong AP classes) and would like to take an AP exam, may register during this window. College Board charges a $40 late registration fee. Once payment has been made through Total Registration, Mrs. Hadley, counselor, will update student's registration/exam order on College Board site.

Summer Virtual Education information

BVNW Academic Resources

Please see our comprehensive list of resources for academic help (many are free!).

Seniors

- We have a created "Senior Checklist" to help you get started! Linked and found in Counseling Canvas, – Seniors- College/Career.

Juniors
November Advisory - In this presentation, we discussed the 5 common questions 11th graders typically ask, college/career planning and our BVNW Junior Checklist.

Sophomores
January 2023 advisory- "10th grade common questions"

Freshmen
October Advisory lesson on top 5 questions Freshmen ask at BVNW.
Presentation link

Parent Booster Club News - February 10

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Concessions Fall 2023 & Winter/Spring 2024
Calling all interested parent volunteers to help run concessions for next school year. The PBC continues to struggle to find volunteers to stock and manage concessions inventory. We are

in desperate need of parent volunteers to accept the inventory challenge for fall, winter and spring concessions. Without volunteers, the PBC will be unable to help BVNW administration with concessions. This may result in limited to no concession sales for sports and activities. If you are interested in helping for next school year, please contact Meg Godderz at bvnwboosterclub@gmail.com or Nayelli Palazuelos-Bowers at nayellipalazuelos@yahoo.com. The PBC Board will announce a final decision regarding concessions for next year by April 10, 2023. We welcome all volunteers to step forward.

PBC is currently filling positions for the 2023/24 school year. We are looking to fill a variety of roles including: VP Concessions, VP Membership and Activities, VP Fundraising, Assistant Treasurer, Chair positions for Football Concessions Manager/Inventory, Winter Concessions Manager/Inventory, and Spiritwear.

Sweetheart Chaperones Needed- TOMORROW NIGHT

Have you ever wanted to get a sneak peek into what your kids are doing? Or what other kids are doing? Here is your chance…. we are looking for Chaperones for the Sweetheart Dance on February 11. There are two shifts. Please click on the sign-up genius below to volunteer.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849A5AB22AAFF2-sweetheart1

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CONGRATULATIONS to the PBC 2023 Grant recipients

PBC gifted over $8,700 and we were able to meet all requests

- Cross Country / Track- New tent $2195
- Volleyball- Setter training net & International sized balls $840
- Band- New amplifier $766
- Color Guard- New performance flags $1274
- Library- Circuit Maker 3 and tools $700
- Soccer- Soccer balls $936
- Boys Golf- Practice fees $1800

Thank you to everyone who helps support the students, teachers and staff at BVNW. We are #OneNW!

GO DAWGS!
Meg Godderz

The PBC is the parent organization at BVNW that supports all student sports and activities as well as the teachers/staff at the high school (similar to a middle school PTO). As a not-for-profit booster organization, the mission of the BVNW Parent Booster Club is to raise funds through events and donations and to create opportunities for volunteerism and community building in order to reinforce a positive, winning and productive experience for the Staff, Students, Families and Community of Blue Valley Northwest High School.

Follow the PBC (Parent Booster Club) on Facebook & Instagram to see all the great ways we are supporting our BVNW Huskies!

Instagram: bvnw_parentboosterclub
FB: BVNW Parent Booster Club

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