Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - August 26 2022

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings Husky Families!

I hope you have had a fantastic first full week of school! The atmosphere at BVNW has been great and our scholars have been settling into a new school year. I want to sincerely express my gratitude and appreciation to our staff, students, parents, and the entire BVNW community as we are off to a great start. Additionally, the energy throughout the building during Back to School Night was felt. We enjoyed welcoming everyone into the

building again and having the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and see their classrooms.

As we get into the routine of the new year, I encourage all families and scholars to review the Student Handbook together to ensure we are all on the same page, in terms of policies, procedures, and expectations. The administrative team and student class officers met with all students this past week and discussed what it means to be a Husky relative to being: Prompt, Prepared, Productive, Polite, and Proud. Our class meetings went fantastic and I am very proud of our entire school.

Finally, this is the year we take a moment to reflect upon our 30 years as a school community. As I have shared with our amazing faculty and staff, it is the year to "savor the moments". As we enjoy, relish, and appreciate fully our upcoming year and the 29 years behind us. Please feel free to reach out for anything you may need now or throughout the year. We are here to serve and ensure we are building relationships with all of our school community.

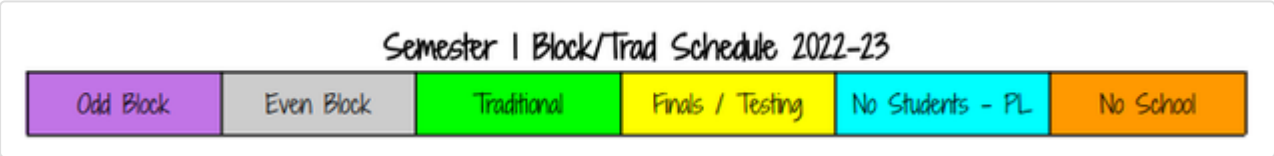
Here is to a year ahead filled with many moments!

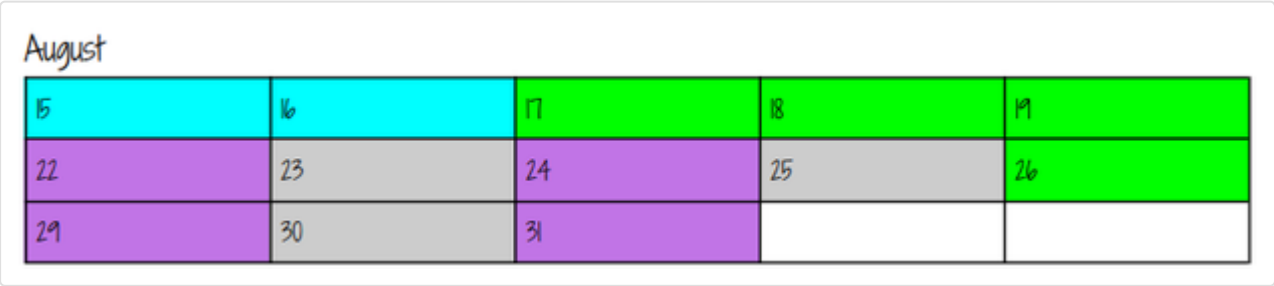
Your Partner in Education,

David

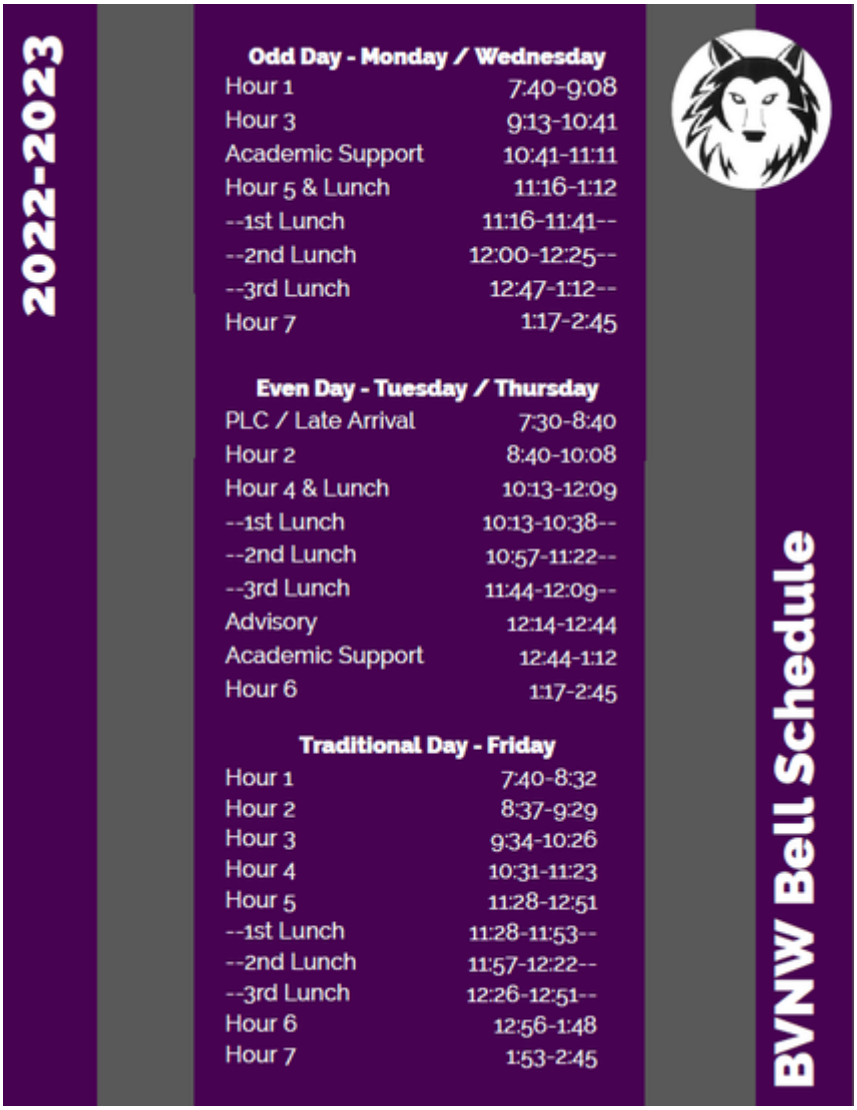
Dr. David Sharp
Principal, Blue Valley Northwest High School

August Block/Traditional Schedule





2022-2023 Bell Schedule



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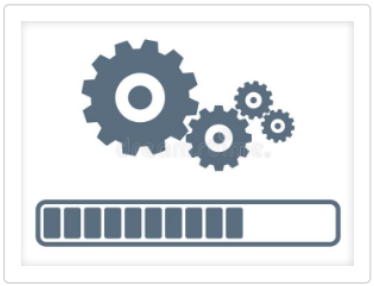


Macbook Operating System Update – 10th-12th graders -- complete before September 7

Students in grades 10 through 12 will need to update their BV Macbooks to the Monterey operating system. Students should complete this 2-hour update outside of school by following the district IT's instructions. Students will have until **Wednesday, September 7** to complete the update. Any student computer not updated by September 7 will be updated

their computer in class. Additional details and support documents can be found on the BVNW Student Canvas page.

Message from Officer Jim Wright, BVNW SRO

Drop Off: The staff parking shall not be used as a drop-off or pick-up point. The staff lot is designated for staff only. Please use both circle drives for drop-off and pick-up.

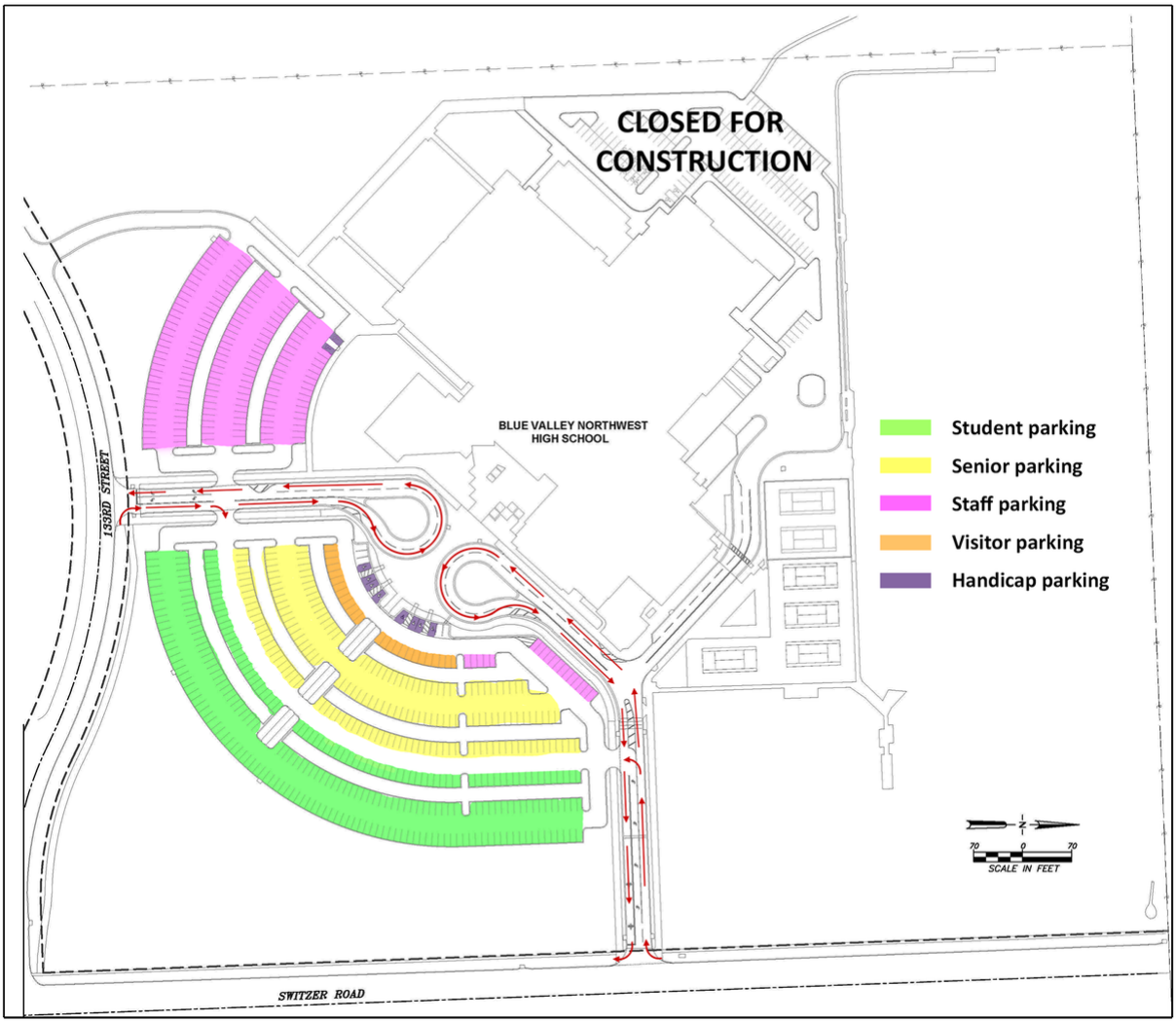
Permits: Stop by the SRO office to pick up a parking permit. $35 needs to be paid to the bookkeeper prior to picking one up. Officers will be enforcing parking lots to ensure all vehicles have permits.

Officer Jim Wright
Blue Valley School Police
Northwest High School
Desk- (913) 239-3405
jdwright@bluevalleyk12.org

Parking and Drop off Map - please review

Be sure that students are parking in their designated areas.

RED arrows indicate designated drop off lanes.



Message From the District Activities/Athletic Director

Blue Valley Families,

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.

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.

Matt Ortman
Director of School Administration, Athletics and Activities
Blue Valley School District

BVNW Cafeteria Update: (RE: Free & Reduced Lunch program)

As stated below, the USDA ended the nationwide free meals program. The Blue Valley student charge threshold is **$7.00**. When a student account reaches seven dollars, charges for ala carte items will no longer be allowed. Students will be able to get a type A lunch which consists of a fruit, veggie, grain, protein, and dairy**. Note:** Student lunch accounts will continue to be charged for each day they receive a meal until the account is paid up to date. You can add money to your student's account here: Titan School Solutions

Important information about free and reduced lunch

The USDA **ended** the nationwide free meals that were available for all students at the **conclusion of the 2021-22 school year**. This means that meals will be charged at full price unless your family has been approved for the Free & Reduced Meal Program after July 1 of the current school year.

APPLY FOR THE FREE & REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM
Blue Valley Food and Nutrition Services is again participating in the Child Nutrition Program which offers Free and Reduced meal benefits to qualifying families. This is an annual program, and a new application is required each school year to qualify for benefits.

- Verify your family meets the Free & Reduced Meal income guidelines.
- Apply online using the Chrome browser. If your default browser is not Chrome, please copy and paste this URL https://family.titank12.com/application/new?identifier=TGY6RJ into a Chrome browser to begin the application process.
    1. Remember to complete the Consent for Disclosure section if you wish to obtain additional discounts for school fees or bus transportation fees based on your application status.
    2. If a member of your household receives Food Assistance (FA), or Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF) from the State of Kansas, or you have a Foster student you may not need to apply. Contact Bobbi Valverde at bvalverde@bluevalleyk12.org if you need to verify your status.
    3. Need a paper application? Paper applications are available on the district website, at all Blue Valley schools or by contacting Bobbi Valverde at bvalverde@bluevalleyk12.org or (913) 239-4106.

- **Submit the completed application before August 17 for full meal benefits upon qualifying. All families that apply will receive a letter notifying the determination. Please allow at least 10 days before inquiring about your submission.**

Thank you for your support as we work together to meet the nutritional needs of all Blue Valley students. More information about the Free & Reduced meal program is available online. ***If you have questions please contact*** bvalverde@bluevalleyk12.org***.***

Important information for current and potential new National Honor Society members!

Current NHS members…
are **required** to watch a monthly informational video and take a quiz over the information. This video will replace our monthly meetings unless informed otherwise. *Accompanying the video will be a "live"/editable Google Doc on which members can leave questions or comments they have after watching the video.* The Board Members and sponsor will work to respond to these in a timely manner. The monthly "meeting" video will be available on Canvas for a week starting on a Monday and closing on the Sunday night that follows (by 11:59 p.m. Sunday). Students will have unlimited retakes on the quiz until it closes. NOTE: MEMBERS MUST TAKE THE QUIZ WITH A PERFECT (100%) SCORE AS WELL AS WATCH THE INFORMATIONAL MONTHLY VIDEO BY THE SUNDAY NIGHT DEADLINE (11:59 p.m.) IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED "PRESENT" FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING. **THIS MONTH'S MEETING VIDEO AND COMPREHENSION QUIZ WILL BE AVAILABLE ON CANVAS FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH.**

Potential new NHS members …
will be receiving an email that invites them to a new course in Canvas in the coming weeks. Juniors and non-member Seniors with a 3.5 GPA (weighted or unweighted) or higher are considered potential members. This course invitation means they are invited to apply to NHS because the meet the established scholarship criteria. Candidates should accept the invitation and watch for announcements from this course, as Canvas Announcements will be the primary source of information. Announcements will be made on Canvas about a required informational meeting, the application process, the induction ceremony, deadlines, etc. Induction of new members will be in October on a weekday evening. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to follow the course to stay informed.

Order school pictures online

For Grades 9 - 11 (no seniors)

Download / view the flyer to order school pictures.. In previous years we have sent out a mailing with money envelopes. This year it is totally online - with no mailing of the flyer. Online orders only! *The picture day flyer says the 25th.*

pdf BVNW_Picture_Day_FLYER.pdf Download 1.5 MB

Daily Announcements by request

Parents may receive an emailed copy of the daily announcements by request. If you would like to be added to this recipient list, email DLWaldo@bluevalleyk12.org.

ACT Prep Class information

Here's information about an ACT test prep class to help students prepare for the September 10th ACT: http://actprep.info/bluevalleynw. *Please note: this class is in no way affiliated with BVNW and is being held at De Soto High School.

Upcoming Key Calendar events

AUGUST

- Sept. 1 - Course fees assigned / opened for payment
- Sept. 7 - MacBook operating system update deadline for 10-12 grade
- Sept. 23 - School picture retakes / Senior last chance photos
- Sept. 26 - Oct. 1 - Homecoming week
- Oct. 12 - Testing Day

More details will be shared soon about these events.

Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar
View All School Events

BVNW Sports Events
View Sports Calendar

Counseling News

Who is your student's counselor?

Last Name	Counselor	Email Contact
A-Da	Mrs. Lauren Crouch	lecrouch@bluevalleyk12.org
Db - Hp	Mrs. Beth Ricke	earicke@bluevalleyk12.org
Hq-Mi	Mrs. Nancy Hadley	nhadley@bluevalleyk12.org
Mj-Se	Mrs. Stephanie Keller	sskeller@bluevalleyk12.org
Sf - Z	Mrs. Kim Goldsmith	kgoldsmith@bluevalleyk12.org

JCCC's College Now Program 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 at JCCC to earn the college credit. Please refer to a recent email that was sent regarding College Now or the BVNW Counseling Canvas course.

BVNW **College Now (JCCC)** Classes

Honors Pre-calc/Trig	*AP English Literature (12th)*
AP Calculus AB	*Honors Spanish 4*
AP Calculus BC	*AP Spanish Language*
AP Statistics	

JCCC College Now Website

College Board AP Exam Registration

- Students who are taking a **fall or yearlong** AP course and plan to take the AP exam must register and pay for exams by October 26, 2022.
- AP exam fees will be paid for as they have in the past through Total Registration website.
- Students will be allowed to register late (after November 15) but will be charged a $40 late registration fee per exam by College Board.
- Students will be allowed to cancel their exam registration with a $40 cancellation fee November 16, 2022 – March 9, 2023.
- Registration for **spring** semester AP courses will be in January/February with a registration deadline in early March, 2023.
- More information to come soon.

Seniors

- Want to be thoroughly informed on the college application/search process? Subscribe to The College Solution blog and newsletter for helpful information!
- **Transcripts** – Click here for instructions on how to request transcripts.
- ·Counselors will hold college application sessions mid-September during AST. We have a "Senior Checklist" to help you get started! Linked and found in Counseling Canvas – Seniors- College/Career

ACT/SAT Test dates

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
6/11/2022	5/6/2022	6/4/2022	5/5/2022
7/16/2022	6/17/2022	8/27/2022	7/29/2022
9/10/2022	8/5/2022	10/1/2022	9/2/2022
10/22/2022	9/16/2022	11/5/2022	10/7/2022
12/10/2022	11/4/2022	12/3/2022	11/3/2022
2/11/2023	1/6/2023	3/11/2023	2/10/2023
04/15/2023	3/10/2023	05/06/2023	4/7/2023
6/10/2023	5/5/2023	06/03/2023	05/04/2023
7/15/2023	6/16/2023		

If testing on official national test date(s), students must self-register.
ACT registration SAT registration

Which test should you take SAT vs. ACT? Here

How to access your AP Scores

****Testing day at NW – Wednesday, October 12, 2022.** See "testing options" in this newsletter for details. More information to come at later date via parent email.

Testing Options for Blue Valley Northwest Students

Grade Level	Test Taken	Date	Where	Action by Parent or Student
9	Practice ACT 9	October	BVNW	None – Student will be automatically registered.
10	Practice PSAT (11th grade level test) OR Practice ACT	October	BVNW	Practice PSAT: Parent will pay fee through ParentVue in August. Student is then considered registered. Practice ACT: No action needed. Student will be automatically registered by default if not registering for Practice PSAT.
10	PSAT 10 (10th grade level test) – Optional	February	BV Hilltop Campus	Email sent to 10th grade parent/guardian in October and must respond to email and pay applicable fee by communicated deadline.
11	Official PSAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifier) OR Practice ACT	October	BVNW	PSAT: Parent will pay fee through ParentVue in August. Student is then considered registered. Practice ACT: No action needed. Student will be automatically registered by default if not registering for the PSAT.
11	Official ACT*	February	BVNW	BVNW will email details in December.

Official Tests Outside of Blue Valley	Website to Register	Year Typically Taken
ACT*	www.act.org	Junior Year – Offered 6 times a year
SAT*	www.collegeboard.org	Junior or Senior Year- Offered 7 times a year

*College admission depends on what the school requires. Review specific college admission policy to find out which test and scores are required to apply.

Parent Booster Club News - August 26

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,

becoming a Booster/Member of the Parent Booster Club or do you want to make a financial contribution to support the students at BVNW?

The easiest way is to access your ParentVUE account under Fees check Parent Booster Club membership and/or take stock in BVNW. OR - You can mail a $50 check check with your name, address, email and phone number and Return it to: BVNW Parent Booster Club, 13260 Switzer, Overland Park, KS 66213. (Memberships and donations are 100% tax deductible).

Interested in Volunteering? Please fill out the google form and we will reach out to you when a need arises.

Click on this link: https://tinyurl.com/jrjf7njx

Or use this QR code:

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ORDER SPIRITWEAR

Order letter jackets and Husky spirit wear at the online Parent Booster Club Spirit Store NOW through September 2
When you order from the official PBC store, you are supporting the clubs, athletics, and activities at Blue Valley Northwest! Choose from these designs and many more…

visit bvnwfallathletics.itemorder.com/shop/sale/

Questions about PBC spirit wear? Contact Trish Gau or Bridget Hess at p_gau@yahoo.com or bridget.m.hess@gmail.com
(This is the first of two offerings for Letter jackets).

The flyer can be downloaded below.

pdf PBC_spiritwear flyer_August 2022.pdf Download 310.0 KB

GOOD LUCK TO THE BOYS SOCCER team as they play our rivals Blue Valley North TONIGHT Friday, August 26th (JV at 4:30 and Varsity at 6:30) in the annual WHITE OUT game. Although the game is at the SWDAC, BVNW is the "Away/Visitor" for this game. Let's go Dawgs!

GET INVOLVED NOW!
CONCESSIONS HELP NEEDED!

Volleyball JV Triangular on 9/8/22
Needing 2 volunteers 4:30pm - 6:15pm
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849A5AB22AAFF2-jvvolleyball

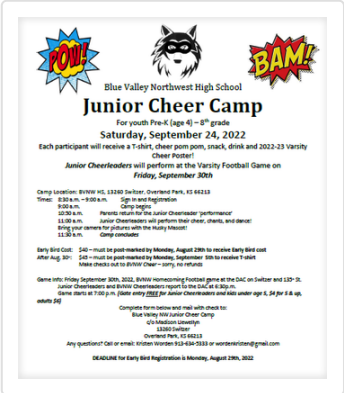
PBC Meetings:
September 19, 2022 7pm – BVNW Library
October 17, 2022 7pm - BVNW Library
December 5, 2022 7pm - BVNW Library (exec meeting)
January 30, 2023- 7pm BVNW Library (voting on grant distribution)
March 6, 2023- 7pm BVNW Library (exec)
April 10, 2023- 7pm BVNW Library (voting on 2023-24 slate)

May 8, 2023- 7pm BVNW Library (if needed)
**All meetings are open to all BVNW Parents and families.

Thank you to everyone who helps support the students, teachers and staff at BVNW. It takes a village and I could not do this with out you. We are #OneNW!

GO DAWGS!
Meg Godderz
PBC Volunteer President

BVNW JUNIOR CHEER CAMP



Saturday, September 24, 2022 for youth Pre-K (age 4) – 8th grade

Each participant will receive a T-shirt, cheer pom pom, snack, drink and 2022-23 Varsity Cheer Poster!

Junior Cheerleaders will perform at the Varsity Football Game on ***Friday, September 30th***

Register online:
2022 BVNW Jr. Cheerleader Camp Registration - Google Forms

Download the registration form below.

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