

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - September 9, 2022

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings Husky Families,

Thanks to our students, staff, and families for another great week! We are looking ahead to many exciting fall activities



headed our way soon. For now, I want to wish you a wonderful weekend!

David

Dr. David Sharp
Principal, Blue Valley Northwest High School

September Block/Traditional Schedule

Semester I Block/Trad Schedule 2022-23

Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Finals / Testing	No Students - PL	No School
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September

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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

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



BVNW Schedule - All - 2022-23.pdf

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Husky home opener events tonight!

**HUSKY HOME
OPENER**
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Help cheer the Huskies on to victory against the Saints – come early to enjoy DJ Swig and get complimentary pulled pork sandwiches and chips.
All Husky fans welcome!

Where: Northwest corner of the DAC parking lot

- **5 pm – TAILGATE BEGINS**
- **5:40 pm – DAWG WALK** – bring your noise makers to cheer on our players, coaches, cheerleaders, dance team and band members as they head into the stadium
- **7 pm – GAME TIME!**

PULL THE SLED

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

Student I.D.'s for 2022-2023 are electronic! IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS



Parents and Students, read important information for STUDENT ID's!

The student ID and activity pass **MUST** be downloaded to their phone!

INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS YOUR ID:

1. Access this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/BVNWID22>
2. Follow the prompts to enter your name, student ID number, and create a password.
3. Save the URL for your ID in your phone.

Beginning next Monday, September 12th, students MUST have their new ID to enter the building during school hours. We will no longer accept your StudentVUE or Canvas accounts.

(Students need to do this WHETHER OR NOT an activity pass has been purchased.)

When entering school AFTER the first class of the day, students must **have their I.D. ready** to show at the door for admittance to comply with District Security guidelines. *If the student does not have a phone, they may obtain a printed pass from Student Services.*

****NOTE****

*If you purchased a student activity pass, this will be indicated on the student ID. Students will need this to get in to all home games (with the exception of post-season events, at which you **MUST** purchase a ticket). If you do not have your activity pass, you will have to pay for the game at the gate.*

1
one

USE THIS URL TO ACCESS WEBSITE:
<https://tinyurl.com/BVNWID22>

2
two

ENTER NAME & ID NUMBER
& CREATE PASSWORD

3
three

SAVE THE URL OR SCREENSHOT
YOUR ID

****Students with an Activity Pass will have
an image on their ID that indicates this**



Photo retakes are Friday, Sept. 23d!

Mark your calendar for **Friday, September 23rd!**

What: Photo Retakes, Make-ups or Senior last chance photos

When: Friday September 23rd

Time: 11:00-1:00

Location: Aux Gym

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Blue Valley Northwest will be offering Wednesday, September 28th from 3:30-7:00 as an opportunity for parents to conference with teachers either in person or virtually via Zoom. Teachers will be offering another evening the week of September 26th-September 30th where they will be available only in a virtual format.

Parents can sign-up for conferences beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 13th – an email will be sent out with sign-up info at that time.

Dangerous vaping epidemic: 5 things parents need to know

September 13, 2019 [From Children's Mercy Hospital Parent-ish](#)

Contributing Authors: [Alvin V. Singh, MD](#) – Pediatric Pulmonology

What once was thought to be a harmless habit has now turned into a national crisis. Hundreds of people have been recently diagnosed with acute lung injury after vaping. Six people across the U.S. have died. Because of this crisis, health officials are now urging people to stop vaping immediately.

What is vaping?

Vaping stimulates smoking through the act of inhaling and exhaling vapors produced by an e-cigarette or another handheld battery-powered vape pen. Some consider it to be a safer alternative to smoking cigarettes, but it's a dangerous misconception. Cartridges used in vaping devices, eJuice or vape juice pods, are filled with liquid that usually contains chemicals, nicotine and often flavors. Vaping also is referred to as Juuling, since Juul is currently the biggest money-maker in the industry.

What you need to know

The latest statistics show that 1 out of 5 young adults is vaping. Even if your child is not vaping, someone in your life might be. All the news recently about vaping can be overwhelming, so here is a quick list of the top things you need to know.

1. **Vaping is not inhaling water vapor.** Most kids, and some adults, argue vaping is safe because you are “just inhaling water vapor.” But in reality, vaping is heating and inhaling a mixture of chemicals. If you look up the ingredients in eJuice, you will find it includes a chemical also found in antifreeze. So, while vaping is not linked to the same health consequences as traditional smoking, it is far from safe.

What we're seeing with vaping is that people are getting an exaggerated response to the irritant in their lungs and are having an episode like a severe asthma attack. In some cases, kids are landing in the ICU with acute lung injury, which is when your lungs stop working because they are overwhelmed, trying to fight off an irritant in the airways. This may require some people to need a breathing tube and a breathing machine.

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increased number of vaping-related deaths surfacing across the country.

2. **Vaping companies have targeted teens.** With their design (resembling a USB drive), brightly colored packaging and myriad of flavors, the industry is directly targeting teens. The flavored eJuice pods, in Juul in particular, have benzoic acid, which allows for a “smoother hit,” ensuring users aren't subjected to the throat burn associated with tobacco. The number of flavors is unbelievable, everything from candy corn to appletini to a custom build-your-own options. The options mean almost everyone can find a flavor that interests him or her. It has been noted, though, that certain flavors, specifically cinnamon and vanilla, have been associated more often with severe lung reactions.

Adding to the appeal is that vaping is more cost-effective than traditional smoking. With vaping, there is an initial investment of the battery-powered vape pen, but then the flavored e-juice pods are four for \$15.99 (which is the equivalent of four packs of cigarettes). In Kansas and Missouri, on average, you will pay \$6 for a pack of cigarettes. Someone with a pack-a-day smoking habit would see a significant savings over time by switching to vaping.

- 3. Vaping is addictive.** Many people associate vaping with being a good way to quit smoking. We all know the negative health aspects of cigarette smoking, so vaping has been promoted as the safer alternative. But is it really safer or is it that we just know less about it? And if you switch from cigarettes to vaping, did you really quit, or did you just change your device for nicotine delivery? It would be like an alcoholic quitting drinking by switching from hard liquor to beer. One pod of eJuice has as much nicotine as 20 cigarettes, so you are still exposing yourself to the same levels of nicotine which is very addictive.

Nicotine in teenage brains has been shown to be associated with poor memory recall and a shorter attention span. Because the teenage brain is still developing, these side effects are even more concerning for this age group. We also know through many studies that once teens start vaping, they are three times more likely to start smoking.

- 4. Vaping may have second-hand exposure ramifications.** Again, many people think vaping is safer and doesn't affect those around the person vaping, but that is not true. While different from the known effects of second-hand smoke from cigarettes, vaping is still filling the air with a chemical mist. The same lung reaction we are seeing in people who vape also could potentially be triggered for those who are breathing in the chemicals around the vapor.
- 5. We don't know the long-term effects of vaping.** We know we are seeing more acute lung injuries from vaping, but we still don't know what the lasting effects from these injuries will be. There may be significant scarring of the lungs which may affect people for the rest of their lives, especially if the initial reaction was severe. While we understand the long-term negative effects of cigarettes, we are just beginning to learn about the effects of vaping.

If someone in your life is vaping and wants to stop, you must treat this addiction like any other and get help. Numerous resources are available, including hotlines, therapy and online groups. For teens there is a great online resource, [Students Against Nicotine](#). This group has been featured on Good Morning America and other national platforms after their video, [Juulers against Juul](#), went viral.

For More Vaping Information for Parents: [Click Here](#)

Consequences for Students Caught Vaping on School Grounds:

Students are suspended out of school for 5 days.

End of day 3:15 reminder for families

Subject: End of Day Reminder for Families

To: BVNW Families

From: Dr. David Sharp

Greetings BVNW Families,

We appreciate the partnership we have established with all families as we have kicked off a great school year together. We would like to ask for your help with the end of the school day at BVNW. As you know, the dismissal bell rings at 2:45 PM each day. We have staff members who supervise dismissal activities until approximately 3:15 PM. Any students who remain on campus after 3:15 PM are unsupervised unless they are part of a school-sponsored activity. We kindly ask that you help your student develop a plan to exit the building and get home safely after school hours.

Message from your BVNW SRO Officers: Parking enforcement



Next week, parking regulations will be enforced. Officers will issue \$25 citations to those not parked in the appropriate designated areas and those without parking permits displayed. *This includes students parking in visitor and staff areas.* If your student has not yet picked up their parking permit, please have them do so.



REMINDERS

Permits: \$35 must be paid to the bookkeeper prior to picking up a parking permit. All vehicles must have permits.

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.

National Honor Society - Invitation to apply: Check for course invitation

All juniors and non-member seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher AND who have been a student of BVNW for at least a semester are invited to apply for membership in the National Honor Society (NHS). Potential members should look for an email and/or Canvas Announcement with an invitation to join the NHS Candidates Canvas Course- sent on Friday, September 2nd.



This course invitation means they are invited to apply to the NHS because they 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** for candidates and their parents/guardians about details such as links to important forms, times and dates of an informational meeting, the application process, selection process, induction ceremony, deadlines, etc. Induction will be in late October. PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THE COURSE TO STAY INFORMED. If a student believes they were incorrectly left out of the invitation to apply, they should contact Teresa Mustan - tmustan@bluevalleyk12.org.

World Language 9th Grade Credit Transfer

Dear 9th Grade Parent,

The purpose of this email is to inform you of the option that our high school students have to transfer 2 middle school world language credits to the high school transcript. According to board policy 4340, only students who completed the entire world language sequence (6th-8th grades) in a Blue Valley middle school are eligible.

If you would like to transfer 2 middle school world language credits to your child's high school transcript, please fill out this [credit transfer form](#). This form will be open until October 3, 2022, and credit will not be applied to the HS transcript until after this time frame. Please allow at least two weeks for processing after the close of the form.

There are some important considerations for you to consider in making this decision:

- Students will be able to transcript only the full 2 credits offered. They may not transfer only a single credit.
- The middle school world language grades are factored into the student's [high school GPA](#).
- Once the family decides to transcript these grades, they cannot be changed or removed.
- The HS transcript will indicate that the credit was earned in middle school.
- There is no foreign language requirement for high school graduation, although many colleges require at least 2 years. Please confirm with colleges directly on their entrance requirements and if they would accept transferred middle school language credits.

In order to confirm which grades will transfer, please access the quarterly grade reports in ParentVue by clicking on "Documents." World language courses are transcribed by semester. Quarter 2 and quarter 4 represent the end-of-semester grades; therefore, the grade reports relevant to the world language credits are:

- 7th grade, quarter 2 = Language level 1b, semester 1 = ½ credit
- 7th grade, quarter 4 = Language level 1b, semester 2 = ½ credit
- 8th grade, quarter 2 = Language level 2, semester 1 = ½ credit
- 8th grade, quarter 4 = Language level 2, semester 2 = ½ credit

Please note that any pluses and minuses do not transfer.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your building registrar or counselor. You may also reach out to Rachel Benson, World Language Coordinator (rbenson@bluevalleyk12.org).

Thank you!

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.

Dance team fundraisers going on now!



BVNW
Dance Team

HOCO FUNDRAISER

Scan the QR code to order
your custom Corsage and Boutoneire



Check out
@rosehill.blooms
on instagram



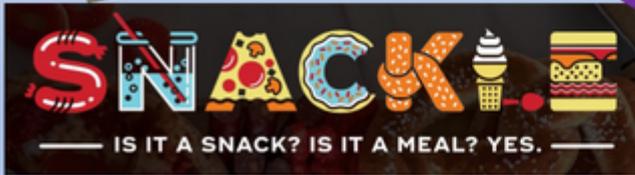
Pick up on Saturday Oct. 1st from 10am-Noon at BVNW



Buy a **QuikTrip Card** from a Pack Dance Team Member!!!



\$20
valued over \$94



Pack Dance Team Members will be selling these at BVNW Varsity Games. Limited quantities. Claim yours now!

Upcoming Key Calendar events



September

- Sept. 23 - School picture retakes / Senior last chance photos
- Sept. 26th-30th - Fall parent teacher conferences week

- 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 September 9

Juniors and Seniors

Admission Reps from colleges and universities across the country will be visiting our school this fall. If you would like to attend a small group meeting with the admission rep, you should register to attend through your Naviance account. If you need assistance with Naviance, see Mrs. Reynolds in the Counseling Office.

Here are a few of the colleges visiting our school in early September. Log into Naviance to see the entire list of college visits scheduled for this fall. The list is updated daily.

Miami University
Butler University
University of Alabama
Avila University
K-State University
Baylor University
University of Central Missouri

JCCC College Now Information

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

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

[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

Applying to college? Senior Session Information with BVNW Counselors:

- **Tuesday, September 13th:** Students planning to apply to college should attend this meeting during Advisory in the PAC. Look for the sign-up code in your ELA class.
- **Wednesday, September 14th:** Students applying through the Common Application should attend **both 9.13 (general info) & the 9.14** Common App-specific meeting during Academic Support Time in the PAC.
- We have created 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- October 12, 2022

- 9th Grade – will take a Pre-ACT. NO action required by parents
- 10th Grade – choice of Practice PSAT or Practice ACT – ACTION required by parents for PSAT, defaults to ACT*.
- 11th Grade – choice of PSAT (National Merit Qualifier) or Practice ACT – ACTION required by parents for PSAT, defaults to ACT*.

*See Stephanie Keller's email to 10th and 11th grade parents sent August 5, 2022. Strict deadline for PSAT 10th or 11th grade enrollment is September 12th at 12:00 p.m.

Parent resources from past BV presenters:

- Celebrate calm – Stop the power struggles. www.celebratecalm.com Great Podcasts!
- [BOLD Parenting with Jason Bohn](#) – Free video access and webinar

Parent Booster Club News - September 9

Buy from Amazon and support the PBC

Did you know that you can support BVNW students and shop at the same time? Blue Valley Northwest Parent Booster Club is now a charitable organization on Amazon Smile! This means is that .05% of your purchases on Smile.Amazon.com will be donated to the PBC and will go directly to supporting the clubs, organizations, activities and athletics here at Blue Valley Northwest. So how does it work? Instead of logging into Amazon.com, you will need to log on using your existing Amazon id and password to the following link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-1136732>

This will automatically log you on with Blue Valley Northwest Parent Booster Club as your charitable organization of choice!

Staff Appreciation and Conference Meals

Conferences are just around the corner, and on September 28th staff will be at school all day and into the evening in order to meet with parents. The Staff Appreciation Committee wants to shower them with support by providing dinner for them that evening. If you'd like to contribute an item to the meal, find available options [here](#).

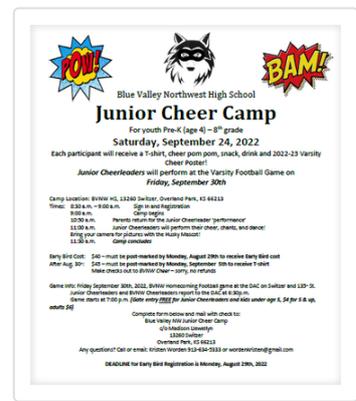
The Parent Booster Club (PBC) is always looking for volunteers? Please fill out the google form. You will be added to our email list and we will reach out to you when a need arises. Click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/jrjf7njx>

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.



2022_BVNW Cheer Clinic.pdf

[Download](#)

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Still want to join the PBC? It is not too late...

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 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).

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

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

https://www.instagram.com/bvnw_huskies/

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