

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - November 13, 2020

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Message from Dr. Pressly

Dear BVNW Community,

Happy Friday the 13th. I don't know about you but it's hard to believe that winter sports will start next week. It's been a busy week in the land of the Huskies. Thanks again for helping pass the last bond issue. This last two weeks, the construction of our new turf field has started as well as meetings to discuss what our new competitive gym will look like. I was excited to see the drawing for the new gym. Both our PE classes as well as our athletics and activities can really use the additional space that gym will provide.



Don't forget that you need to complete 2nd semester registration by midnight on Monday, November 16th. Even if you don't want to change learning modes, you will need to complete the registration process. Please look for additional information in the newsletter about this process.

This week the Senior Celebration Committee had met again to continue discussions about how we can celebrate our seniors in a different way this year. Many of the traditional senior celebrations are not possible under our current restrictions. I am excited for the ideas that this committee has come up with during our meetings. Seniors parents, watch for some additional information coming your way in the next week or so. A huge shout out and thank you to the parents who are organizing all of this!

In addition, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee had it's second committee meeting last night. This committee is staff, parents and students. The committee is going to work with various members of the study body to help right an inclusion statement that will be representative of BVNW. From there, we will work on sharing that statement with various stakeholders.

I want to give a huge shout out to our students. They are doing such a great job of wearing their masks and following the other mitigation strategies that we have put in place here at BVNW. I know that wearing a mask all day is not easy but our kids are rocking it! Thanks for your support as we continue to work to keep our students safe. I would encourage our students to make sure that our students are continuing to keep themselves safe outside of school. With the infection rate increasing in Kansas and Johnson County, we want to make sure that our Huskies are making smart decisions and keeping themselves safe.

Have a great weekend!

Fondly,

Dr. Amy Pressly
Proud Principal

BVNW SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 ODD B-DAY	3** At Home Asynchronous Traditional LE Everyone at home	4 ODD A-DAY	5 EVEN A-DAY	6 NO SCHOOL End of Quarter
9 TRADITIONAL B-DAY	10 ODD B-DAY	11 EVEN B-DAY	12 ODD A-DAY	13 EVEN A-DAY
16 ODD B-DAY	17 EVEN B-DAY	18 ODD A-DAY	19 EVEN A-DAY	20 ODD B-DAY
23 EVEN B-DAY	24 ODD A-DAY	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	27 NO SCHOOL

**BVNW is a polling site so all students and teachers will be remote that day

[NOVEMBER CALENDAR - CLICK HERE](#)

(This calendar is for both in-person and virtual students.)



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Monday 11/16	Tuesday 11/17	Wednesday 11/18	Thursday 11/19	Friday 11/20
(In-Person)	IP-ODD B	IP-EVEN B	IP-ODD A	IP- EVEN A	IP- ODD B
(Virtual)	V-ODD	V-EVEN	V-ODD	V-EVEN	V-ODD

The alphabet spread is as follows:

- A Attendance Days: A – L
- B Attendance Days: M – Z

BELL SCHEDULE for In-Person and Distance Learning

Odd Day		Even Day	
Hour 1	7:45 - 9:30	<i>PLC Time staff only)</i>	7:30 - 8:30
Hour 3	9:35 - 11:00	Hour 2	8:30 - 10:15
Hour 5 & lunch	11:05 - 1:10	Hour 4 & lunch	10:20 12:20
Hour 7	1:15 - 2:50	Advisory	12:25 - 1:10
		Hour 6	1:15 - 2:50

Upcoming Key Calendar events



- Nov. 17 - Principal's Roundtable - *virtual meeting for 12th grade parents*
- Nov. 16 - 2nd-semester learning mode selection deadline
- Nov. 16 - Winter sports tryouts (*athletic packets due before trying out*)



- Nov. 19 - Picture retakes at Hilltop - by appointment
- Nov. 20 - Femeiner applications DUE
- Nov. 24 - Drop deadline (for "W")
- Nov. 24 - Principal's Roundtable - *virtual meeting for 9th grade parents*



- Nov. 25-26-27 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- Dec. 1 - Principal's Roundtable - *virtual meeting for 10th grade parents*
- Dec. 7 - PBC *virtual* board meeting

Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar

[View All School Events](#)



Reminder: Make your selection for 2nd-semester learning mode by November 16

Second-semester learning mode selection is open through Nov. 16. Before making a selection, families are encouraged to learn more about the two learning modes, the process to make a selection and the adjustments to the VirtualED option.

- **There continue to be two choices of learning mode**—in-person and all-virtual. How students attend school in the in-person mode depends on the activity of the COVID-19 virus and may include the full in-person, hybrid or distance learning formats. More information about [in-person](#) and [all-virtual learning](#) is available online.
- **ALL kindergarten through 12th grade students will need to select a learning mode for the second semester**, regardless of the desire to change modes.
- Families will have one window to make their second-semester selection. **This window ends Monday, Nov. 16.** [Make your selection](#) online today!
- **There will be some adjustments made to the all-virtual option, VirtualED.** These changes are based on feedback from various stakeholder groups from the first semester. Review a description of VirtualED and changes for the second semester on the [VirtualED web page](#).
- **Check out the [latest episode of BV unmuted](#)**, where Superintendent Dr. Tonya Merrigan joins Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation Kelly Ott to inform families about the learning mode choices available, changes being made for the second semester, and why the Nov. 16 deadline for selection is important.
- **For more detailed information, go to the [Second Semester Learning Mode Selection web page](#).**

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.

Juniors: Testing opportunity information for the February ACT exam and WorkKeys exam

Parents/Guardians,

I want to share two testing opportunities with you that pertain to your junior student. If desired, students can participate in both testing opportunities at no cost.

All juniors are automatically enrolled to participate in the state-funded ACT on February 23, 2021. This test will occur during the school day and will be paper/pencil. This is an **opt-out** testing event, meaning that unless you tell us otherwise, we will plan on testing your student on this day. VirtualED students will test at their home high schools, and Blue Valley Academy students will test at BVA.

The second testing opportunity is the ACT WorkKeys exam on February 24, 2021. This test also occurs during the school day and will also be paper/pencil. Generally speaking, the ACT WorkKeys is more relevant for students who may be looking for something other than a four-year college experience.

WorkKeys will happen at Hilltop Conference Center, and is an **opt-in** testing event, meaning that students must sign-up to participate in this test. To learn more about ACT WorkKeys, please click [here](#). To sign up for ACT WorkKeys, please complete the Google Form, found [here](#) by **Friday, November 20th**. For those who enroll in WorkKeys, information will be sent out in the first week of February.

If you would like to opt-out of the ACT and/or opt-in for the WorkKeys exam, please contact Debbie Reynolds at dreynolds@bluevalleyk12.org or at 913-239-3415.

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Thanks,

Dr. Alexander
Associate Principal

Tryouts are November 16 - Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Boys Swim & Dive, Girls Bowling

Tryouts begin November 16 - Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Boys Swim & Dive, Girls Bowling: If you are participating in a winter sport, you must have your **Athletic Participation Packet 2020-21** turned in to Mrs. Hoffmeister in the office **before trying out**.

You **MUST** have a **physical form** on file as well as a **COVID Questionnaire** completed. The **COVID Questionnaire** will be turned in to the coach on the first day of tryouts and must be dated *November 2nd or after*. All forms must be filled out completely and signed by both student and parent. You can download these forms at <https://bvnwathletics.com/athletic-forms/> or you can pick up a packet in the Student Services office.



Pictures retakes will be Nov. 19 at Hilltop - by appointment

Picture retakes (or if you missed your first opportunity) for Senior Portraits and grades 9-11 will take place on **November 19th** at **Hilltop Learning Center**. Pictures will be from 3:00pm-7:00pm and **By Appointment**, so please visit https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/q5v5y9g/?&e_id=9071 to secure a spot!

Femineer applications due by November 20

**Cal Poly Pomona College of Engineering Femineer Program Application – Blue Valley Chapter
Due 11/20/20**

Cal Poly Pomona College of Engineering is excited to start a new cohort of Femineers this 2020-2021 academic year. The Femineer Program empowers K-12 female students to develop the skills and confidence needed to pursue majors and careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields. If you are interested in joining the program and have the qualifications, please fill out this application, **scan it and return it to the Femineer Program advisor Karen Stohlmann at khenderson@bluevalleyk12.org**.



Femineer_application_Yr1_2021.pdf

[Download](#)
130.2 KB



Updates to student immunization records are required

If you have not forwarded an updated copy of your student's immunization record to the school nurse, please email any new immunizations to rjimlay@bluevalleyk12.org, or fax to 913-239-3555, attention nurse. All 11th and 12th graders are required to have meningitis (MCV4) immunizations.

Principal's Round Table Meetings

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:** 11/24/2020, 1/12/2021 and 3/9/2021
- 10th grade:** 12/1/2020, 1/26/2021 and 3/23/2021
- 11th grade:** 12/8/2020, 2/9/2021, and 4/6/2021
- 12th grade:** 11/17/2020, 12/15/2020, 2/23/2021 and 4/20/2021

Zoom Meeting Information

Meeting ID: 983 2773 7836
Passcode: huskies

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 - November 13

Drop Deadline

The **drop deadline** for Fall Semester courses will be **November 24, 2020**. Students can drop a course until this date and will receive a "W" on their transcript. After this date, the student will remain in the course and receive the grade earned.

College-Bound Seniors with January 1 application deadline:

All college document requests for counselors, including letters of recommendations and Common Application requests, for the January 1st college application deadline will need to be submitted to counselors by **December 4, 2020**, in order to be processed prior to winter break. Please be aware, staff will not be working over winter break, so any materials requested during winter break, will not be processed until our return in January.

Transcript requests (non-Common Application) through Naviance can be submitted until **3:00 p.m.** on **December 22, 2020**, for the January 1 deadline.

Juniors and Seniors:

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](#)

ACT test date: Dec 12, 2020. **Deadline:** November 20, 2020. Register: www.act.org

AP Scores access: [here](#)

[SAT vs. ACT](#) Which should you take? Or [Video](#)

Parent Booster Club News - November 13

Get a BVNW Letterman's Jacket for your Student by Christmas!
Order by **November 16th** to receive it in time! More on *how to order* [is below](#) or [click here now](#).

A message from your PBC President

Hello Husky Family!



HUSKY LETTERMAN'S JACKETS & SPIRIT WEAR:

The Parent Booster Club is partnering with Jocksnitch (our Spirit Wear vendor) to provide Husky Letterman's jackets for sale to the NW community. There are male and female styles available.

<https://bvnwletterjackets2020.itemorder.com/>

Orders must be placed by **Monday (THIS MONDAY) November 16, 2020** in order to receive your jacket by Christmas.

Even if your student did not compete or participate in fall sports & activities, but may participate later in the year – you can order your letterman's jackets now.

There are still several regular spirit wear orders that have not been claimed. You must email Jeanna Repass: jeannaordunarepass@gmail.com to arrange a time to pick up your spirit wear.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING:

The Parent Booster Club held its General Board Meeting on Monday November 9th. Thank you to all of the volunteers who lead our committees. We cannot support our school without you!

The Board approved the 2020-2021 budget & calendar, discussed ways to support our teachers & staff and most importantly – opened a dialogue about how we, as the Parents Organization for BVNW, can SUPPORT OUR KIDS during this unprecedented school year.

All money raised during this school year will be ear-marked for use this school year. If you have ideas about how we can support our students and staff, please feel free to email BVNW President, Jeanna Repass at bvnwboosterclub@gmail.com.

FIRST Q:

Congratulations to ALL Huskies on completing the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year!!! The resilience, perseverance, creativity and dedication that our kids, teachers and staff have shown are the reasons that I love being a Husky so much!

A giant "WELL DONE" to all of our fall sports and activities that were able to compete and perform during the season. The Parent Booster Club is dedicated to the support and growth of extra-curricular sports, activities and clubs at BVNW. We believe strongly that the benefits of being involved in these groups is important to the overall health, well-being and development of our kids.

Thank you to all of the coaches, sponsors, directors and staff who work with our kids and who make these important activities happen!

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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