

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - January 5, 2024

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings Huskies!

Happy New Year! I am excited and optimistic about the possibilities as we begin a new semester. Now is a time for fresh starts, renewed determination, and the pursuit of academic excellence. Our high school community is dynamic and vibrant. Each of our scholars brings unique talents and perspectives that will make this semester a genuinely enriching experience.



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

To our returning students, welcome back! Your continued commitment to learning and growth is commendable, and I look forward to your continued achievements. For those joining us for the first time, a warm welcome to our school community. We are thrilled to have you as part of BVNW and are committed to providing you with a supportive and nurturing environment.

As your principal, I encourage you to set ambitious goals for yourselves, both academically and personally. Take advantage of the opportunities for learning and self-discovery that this semester will undoubtedly bring. Our dedicated faculty and staff are here to guide and support you along the way, ensuring that you have the resources and encouragement needed to succeed.

Let us approach this new semester with collaboration, respect, and a shared commitment to excellence. I am confident we can create a positive and engaging learning environment that fosters academic achievement and personal and social growth. As we work together collaboratively, this semester will be a time of great accomplishment and fulfillment for each member of the BVNW community.

I wish you all a successful and rewarding semester ahead!

Your Partner in Education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

Weekly Schedule - JANUARY

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

| Odd Block | Even Block | Traditional | Testing | No Students - PL | No School |
|----------------|------------|-------------|---------|------------------|-----------|
| January | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

2023-2024

BVNW BELL SCHEDULE

Odd Day

Monday /
Wednesday

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1st hour | 7:35-9:05 |
| 3rd hour | 9:10-10:40 |
| AST | 10:40-11:10 |
| 5th hour | 11:15-1:10 |
| 1st lunch | 11:15-11:40 |
| 2nd lunch | 12:00-12:25 |
| 3rd lunch | 12:45-1:10 |
| 7th hour | 1:15-2:45 |

Even Day

Tuesday /
Thursday

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 2nd hour | 8:35-10:05 |
| 4th hour | 10:10-12:05 |
| 1st lunch | 10:10-10:35 |
| 2nd lunch | 10:55-11:20 |
| 3rd lunch | 11:40-12:05 |
| Advisory | 12:10-12:40 |
| AST | 12:40-1:10 |
| 6th hour | 1:15-2:45 |

Trad. Day

Friday

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1st hour | 7:35-8:28 |
| 2nd hour | 8:33-9:26 |
| 3rd hour | 9:31-10:24 |
| 4th hour | 10:29-11:22 |
| 5th hour | 11:27-12:49 |
| 1st lunch | 11:27-11:52 |
| 2nd lunch | 11:55-12:20 |
| 3rd lunch | 12:24-12:49 |
| 6th hour | 12:54-1:47 |
| 7th hour | 1:52-2:45 |

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Bell Schedule 2023-24

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Attendance Reporting and Notifications

Families can expect automated attendance messages by email, phone, and text if a child is absent and their absence has not already been reported by a parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to report an absence or reply to the automated email or phone message.

What is the purpose of attendance notifications?

We realize that students may occasionally need to miss school for planned absences, illnesses, and appointments. However, when a student does not arrive at school or unexpectedly misses a portion of the school day, we are concerned and want to make sure you are aware that your child is absent.

How can I get push notifications?

Families who would also like a push notification can download the ParentVUE app and manage their notifications. If a child has an unreported absence when a teacher submits attendance, then a push notification will immediately be sent to the parent/guardian's mobile device.

Interested in push notifications? Simply download the ParentVUE app ([iTunes app store](#) or [Google Play](#)), enable push notifications in device settings and select attendance notifications through in-app settings. Once the app is downloaded, [these instructions](#) will help you complete the set-up.

Fostering A Safe School Environment

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all of our schools. Through the convergence of physical and intellectual security measures, we are continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from a wide range of emergencies. Please check out [available ways to report safety concerns](#).

Save the Date! Adams Family musical is Feb. 1 & 3



Future Husky Night will be held February 13th

Future Husky Night – is for incoming 9th grade students (the class of 2028) and their parents and is coming up on Tuesday, February 13th from 6-8 at BVNW. Additional information will be emailed home.

YOU'RE
INVITED!

**FUTURE
HUSKY
NIGHT**

Tuesday,
February 13th,
6:00-8:00 PM @ BVNW
Performing Arts Center
(PAC)



GET COURSE
ENROLLMENT INFO FOR
FALL 2024

MEET BVNW
ADMINISTRATION,
COUNSELORS &
TEACHERS

LEARN ABOUT BVNW
ELECTIVE COURSES @
OUR ELECTIVES FAIR!

- ✓Get your BVNW enrollment form.
- ✓Hear from teachers about 9th grade classes to help you make decisions for enrollment.
- ✓Learn about our district graduation requirements.

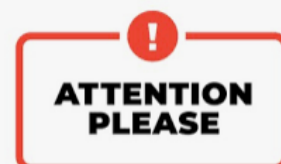
**BVNW
CLASS
OF 2028**

*This evening is designed for both
students & parents to attend!*

Games on District Devices

To: Students and Families (ES, MS, and HS)

In an effort to reduce distractions in the learning environment for all of our students, beginning on January 4, 2024, all students will have general gaming websites blocked on district devices (examples include: Fortnite, [crazygames.com](https://www.crazygames.com), recreational games, arcade-like games, etc.). Educational games will still be allowed.



Gold Out Is Back!

We will be celebrating Gold Out once again in February and wearing our shirts at the February 16th basketball game versus Blue Valley North. If you would like to order a Gold Out shirt, you can do so [here!](#) Orders must be placed by Thursday, January 18th. Thank you for helping our students spread the word about childhood cancer and the work St. Jude does! You can follow our student organization on Instagram @nwgoldoutkc.



Career Ready Programs - Earn college credit



The Career Ready Programs department is offering several exciting opportunities for Blue Valley students to earn college credit at little to NO cost to families through Johnson County Community College (JCCC). Students can earn an associate

degree OR career-ready certification in high-demand, high paying fields. Areas include: Automation Engineering Technology, Automotive Technology, Culinary & Hospitality, Cybersecurity, Electrician Technology, Electronic Technology, Emergency Management & Fire Science, HVAC, Plumbing, and Welding/Metal Fabrication.

The information shared at these sessions will be most relevant for current sophomore and junior students and parents/guardians. We invite you to attend one of our community-wide family informational sessions in January. We encourage parents/guardians/students to all attend. You do not need to RSVP to any of these events, please make plans to attend and learn more about these programs.

January 16, 2024: Learn more about the Emergency Management & Fire Science program with our partners at the Overland Park Fire Department (OPFD) at the OPFD Training Center at 12401 Hemlock at 6:00 P.M.

January 17, 2024: Learn more about the Dual Degree option and how to earn your associate degree AND your Blue Valley diploma at the same time! Join us on the campus of Johnson County Community College and the Nerman Museum of Modern Art, Room 217, at 6:00 P.M. [Link to JCCC Campus Map](#)

January 24, 2024: Learn more about the career ready certification program in:

- Automation Engineering Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Culinary & Hospitality
- Cybersecurity
- Electrician Technology
- Electronic Technology
- Emergency Management & Fire Science
- Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning
- Plumbing
- Welding/Metal Fabrication

We will meet in the JCCC Hugh Libby CTEC building lobby at 6:00 P.M. We will hear from Blue Valley staff, JCCC Deans, Department Chairs, and Blue Valley students currently enrolled in these programs. [Link to JCCC Campus Map](#)

January 25, 2024: Learn more about the career ready cybersecurity and culinary & hospitality certification programs in the JCCC Wylie Culinary Center building lobby at 6:00 P.M. We will hear from Blue Valley staff, JCCC Deans, Department Chairs, and Blue Valley students currently enrolled in these programs. [Link to JCCC Campus Map](#)

Questions? Please visit the [Blue Valley Career Ready Programs website](#) or please feel free to reach out to Sarah Beren, Liaison to JCCC for Blue Valley Career Ready Programs, at 913-239-4141 or sberen@bluevalleyk12.org and Adam Wessel, Director of Career Ready Programs, 913-239-4023 or ajwessel@bluevalleyk12.org.

Save the date: Feb. 27 - Junior ACT

Save the Date – Junior ACT

BVNW will be proctoring a free ACT (that's reportable to colleges) to our junior class on **Tuesday, February 27th** from 7:30-noon.

There is no school for students in grades 9, 10, and 12 on February 27th. More information will be coming when we return to school in January.



ACT Prep Class

While not affiliated with or endorsed by BVNW, we wanted to let you know about the following ACT prep classes being offered 2nd semester in the area:

Feb. 17 at K-State Olathe: <http://actprep.info/kstate>

Feb. 24 at KU in Lawrence: <http://actprep.info/ku>

New Graduation Credits

The Blue Valley Board of Education approved new graduation credits on Monday, November 13th. These new requirements make the changes necessary to meet new Kansas state graduation requirements. These credits will go into effect with the class of 2028, next year's freshman class. Students currently in high school will continue to graduate based on the current requirements; this represents no change for them.

4.5 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.0 ELA
- 0.5 Communications*

7.0 STEM

- 3.0 Math
- 3.0 Science

- 1.0 STEM Elective*

4.0 SOCIETY & HUMANITIES

- 3.0 Social Studies
- 1.0 Fine Arts*

8.5 EMPLOYABILITY & LIFE SKILLS

- 1.0 Physical Education
- 0.5 Health
- 0.5 Financial Literacy
- 6.5 Electives

2 POST-SECONDARY ASSETS*

24.0 TOTAL

* Which classes (or activities) are eligible for these credits/requirements will be identified in the High School Course Programming Guide that is approved on a yearly basis by the Board of Education.

Community Celebrations and Observances

Some January Celebrations & Observances:

- **National Poverty Awareness Month** - While the United States is considered the richest country in the world, 37.9 million people live in poverty, including 12.5 million children. National Poverty Awareness Month works to bring awareness to issues of poverty and increase access to resources and services. To help and or find support, visit [Johnson County Outreach Services](#).
- **Maghi** - January 13 - a Sikh celebration. Some Sikh families will celebrate with a recitation of the holy Guru Granth Sahib and religious rituals in Gurdwaras - a Sikh place of assembly and worship meaning "Gateway to the Guru".
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** - January 15 - a day that honors the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. Some families will participate in a day of service to their communities.
- **World Religion Day** - January 21 - established by the Bahá'í Faith community in 1950. Now observed by people around the world, it seeks to find common values shared by different faiths, encourage tolerance and dialogue, and foster cooperation among religious communities.
- **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** - January 27 - an annual day of commemorating the six million Jewish victims and millions of other victims of the Holocaust and Nazism.





Happy Birthday Singing Telegram

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SUNG BY THE BVNW CHOIRS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT BVNW CHOIR ACTIVITIES - VENMO ACCEPTED

WE WILL CALL FRIENDS & FAMILY NATIONWIDE

WWW.BVNWCHOIR.COM



Upcoming Key Calendar events



JAN.

Jan. 15 - NO SCHOOL (MLK Holiday)



FEB.

- Feb. 1 & 3 - Adams Family musical
- Feb. 2 - Denim & Diamonds PBC Fundraiser



- Feb. 13 - Future Husky Night
- Feb. 27 - Junior ACT



Blue Valley Northwest
Important Senior Dates 23-24

Senior families, please bookmark the "[Important Senior Dates](#)" document and check back regularly for updates! More details to come second semester.

Blue Valley Northwest Graduation Q&A

Q: I have another student who has graduated within the past few years. May my 2024 graduate use a sibling's cap/gown?

A: Yes!

Q: I *just* need to order a tassel or a cap and tassel. How do I do this?

A: Reach out to our rep, Megan Theiling, at mmtheiling@herffjones.com.

Q: When will my graduation products be delivered?

A: Class of 2024 apparel and accessories: 2-3 weeks after purchase
Graduation announcements and accessories: after spring break

Cap, gown and tassel: Graduation Rehearsal in May

Q: Do parents come to Class Day?

A: Yes! Class Day is a more intimate celebration of our graduates. Parents are invited to attend. Sometimes siblings attend, as well.

Q: What happens if it rains the day of graduation?

A: If weather does not permit an outdoor graduation, the ceremony will be moved indoors to **Blue Valley West**. Tickets will be required. The number of tickets each family will receive has not yet been determined.

Q: Are tickets required to attend *outdoor* graduation?

A: No! You can invite all family and friends.

Counseling News - January 5

Where to find helpful information & resources

[BVNW Counseling Canvas](#)

[BVNW Academic Resources](#)

[@bvnwcounseling](#)

Career Exploration Resources for students

BVNW current 9-11th grade enrollment for 2024-25 school year timeline:

January 9- Advisory lesson: Enrollment forms distributed, access to Canvas Enrollment Course

January 10-17: **All students must:**

- Work through Canvas course
- Complete enrollment form

- Input course request in Student Vue by 1.17.24

January 18/19- Enrollment cards due in ELA class

January 22 & 23 – Counselors meet with **current 10th graders** during ELA to review course selections

January 29 & 30 – Counselors meet with **current 11th graders** during ELA to review course selections

February 5 & 6- Counselors meet with **current 9th graders** during ELA to review course selections

Seniors using Common Application and “Mid-year” report for 7th semester transcript:

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. This is a district timeline and colleges are aware. You do not need contact your counselor with this request.

Dropping classes

If a student chooses to drop a class, a “W” for the withdrawal will be recorded on their transcript. The last day to drop a second semester class is March 22, 2024. After this date, a student will stay in the class and keep the grade earned.

CAPS Open Houses! We highly encourage students and parent/guardian to attend an open house if you are interested in enrolling for CAPS during high school. Before considering scheduling 3 hours of your school day for CAPS, and to make an informed decision before the February 2023 enrollment window opens, it is in your best interest to have talked to instructors and seen the programs in person. It is big commitment to consider in your schedule!



Students must wait until junior or senior year to possibly have it fit in their schedule and be eligible with remaining graduation credits.

For more information regarding specific strands offered, visit [CAPS website](#).

Location: Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS)

7501 W. 149th Terrace

Overland Park, KS 66223

913-239-5900

Dates:

Enrollment Open House #2- **1.09.24**. 6:00-7:00 PM

Enrollment Open House #3 – **1.23.24** 6:00 – 7:00 PM

[Link for more open house information](#)



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Please see Career Ready Program (CRP) information on the NW website [here](#) for upcoming informational session dates and locations.

[Check out](#) this resource for parents, created by parents, to help support your digital parenting journey with your children.



ACT/SAT registration (must self-register for national dates)

[ACT Dates/Registration](#)

[SAT Dates/Registration](#)

Which test should you take SAT vs. ACT? [Here](#)

Parent Booster Club News - January 5

Parent Booster Club fundraiser is Feb. 3 - Tickets go on sale January 6th!

Denim and Diamonds is back and you don't want to miss it! Hope you can join us and support our students and school. Go Huskies!



Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar

[View All School Events](#)

BVNW Sports Events

[View Sports Calendar](#)



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<http://instagram.com/bvnwnews>

<http://twitter.com/bvnwnews>

<http://facebook.com/bvnwnews>

<http://bvnwnewsphotos.smugmug.com/>

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Twitter: [@BVNW_huskies](https://twitter.com/BVNW_huskies)



BVNW RANKED IN THE TOP 4% NATIONALLY



BVNW Inclusion Statement:

Blue Valley Northwest values every individual and the diversity they bring to our community. Everyone shall be treated fairly in language and in action without regard to race, religion, national origin, financial status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. We, students, parents and staff will hold each other accountable to this mission.



Blue Valley Northwest High

