

Blue Valley Northwest

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Huskies!



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

In the midst of the winter season, let's take a moment to find inspiration and motivation to propel us forward. January is a time for reflection, renewal, and setting new goals. As we gain momentum this semester, the next two months are busy with enrollment, parent-teacher conferences, the Junior ACT, and many activities, athletic events, and performances.

Due to the snow days, the enrollment due date has been extended. Our scholars can now submit course requests in StudentVue through Tuesday, 1/23, and enrollment forms are due to their ELA teacher on Monday or Tuesday, depending on when they have ELA.

Some key dates:

Course Request submitted in StudentVue: 1/23

Enrollment cards due in ELA: 1/22 and 1/23

Counselors meet with current 10 grade: 1/24 and 1/25

Counselors meet with current 11 grade: 1/29 and 1/30

Counselors meet with current 9 grade: 2/5 and 2/6

Parent Teacher Conferences are essential for our teachers to continually learn about our students from families and provide feedback about academic performance. We are excited to work together to deepen family engagement, partner for teaching and learning, and develop a shared understanding of steps to make academic progress. PTCs will be held Feb. 5-8th. More information on sign-ups will be available soon.

Parents/guardians of current juniors, please mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 27, 2024. On this day, we will administer the ACT to all 11th-grade students. Since February 27th is a testing day for only juniors, we will modify the schedule for the week. Please note that freshmen, sophomores, and seniors will not attend school that day.

Additionally, let's celebrate the achievements of our athletic teams this winter, as they all are off to a fantastic start! Also, congratulations to the 20 orchestra students selected for the two All-State Orchestras. BVNW has the highest number of orchestra students accepted in Kansas again this year, and we even surpassed last year's school/state record of 14. A big shout-out to Mr. Arbucci! Finally, don't forget to get your tickets to BVNW Theatre's presentation of The Addams Family. More information is below!

Wishing you all a motivating and successful mid-January!

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
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January	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19- Traditional - Due to snow day
	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

[Download](#)

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January 22 is Club Photo Day!

Mark your calendar!

January 22nd is Club Photo Day!



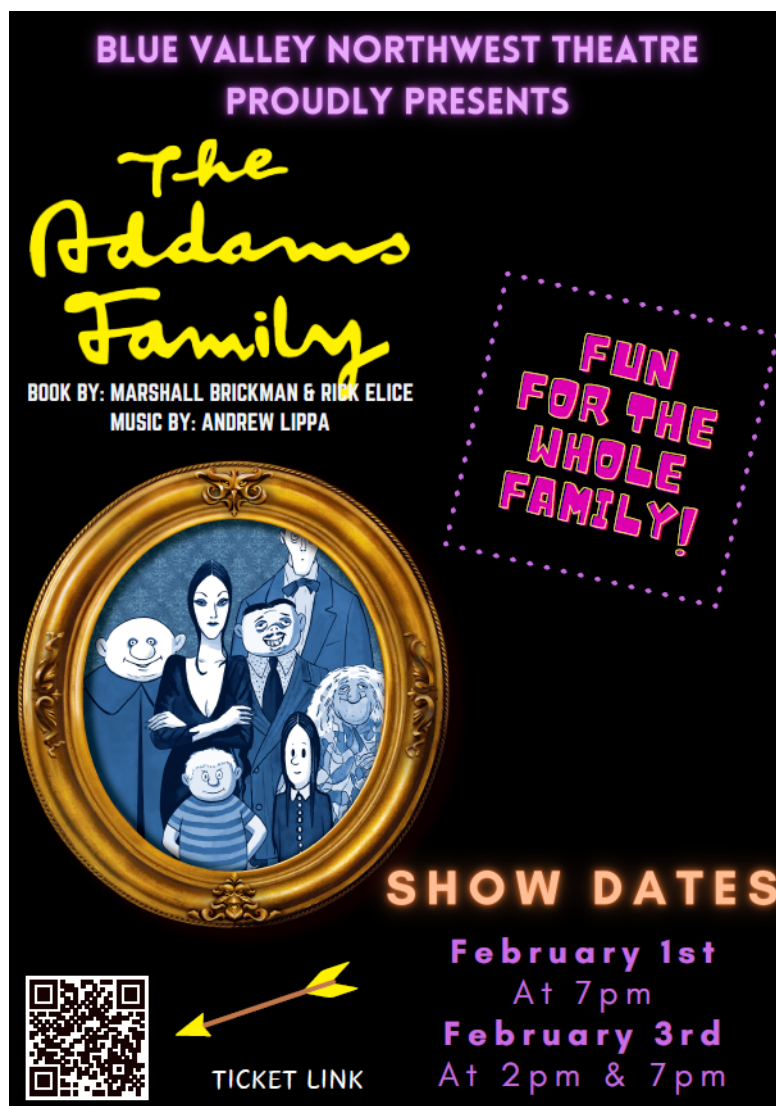
Second semester course fees payment now open

High school course fee payment for second semester is open and [online now](#).

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

Tickets are on sale!

The Addams Family Musical is a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family! Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family– a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before– keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.



Order flowers now for your performer in "The Addams Family" musical!

Order by Wednesday, January 24th at noon

BVNW Theatre and Choir Fundraiser



Order flowers now for
your performer in
"The Addams Family"
Feb 1st and 3rd, 2024



Small \$10 Medium \$15 Large \$20 Roses \$20

**Order your choice of flowers to pick up or
have delivered to your performer at the show!**

[Click HERE to order](#)

**Send checks to "BVNW Choir" in
BVNW Choir room (508) or Venmo**

**All pre-orders due by Wednesday, Jan 24
at noon**

Flower assortment and color in bouquets may vary.
Pictures are as reference for size and presentation.



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!*

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. 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.



Reporting safety concerns in Blue Valley

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](#).

Learn about new graduation requirements



bv unmuted
Blue Valley Schools Podcast

“There’s very few things you get 100% agreement on...and every time we talked to any group, they felt like financial literacy was something students needed... so that was an easy one for us.”



Scott Roberts
Executive Director
School Administration

Our latest #BVUnmuted podcast focuses on updated graduation requirements for incoming high school students.

Podcast Link - bit.ly/BVGradReq

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 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>

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

\$10 *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. 22 - Club Photo Day



FEB.

- Feb. 1 & 3 - Adams Family musical
- Feb. 3 - Denim & Diamonds PBC Fundraiser
- Feb. 5-8 - Parent-Teacher Conferences



- 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 19

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:

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Summer 2024 – Virtual Education – Key Information

Registration begins: **March 18, 2024, at 8:00 AM**

*Enrollment completed online via ParentVue – Course Request Tab

Registration ends: **April 3, 2024, at 4:00 PM**

Credit Recovery Registration (Virtual/Online) ends on **May 31, 2024, at NOON**

*Registration for credit recovery courses after the registration window closes are handled by Robert Asquith, Coordinator of Virtual Education, at rasquith@bluevalleyk12.org.

Payment window opens: **April 10, 2024**

Payment due: **May 1, 2024**

*Students may be dropped for non-payment after May 15th.

Additional information can be found under Summer Programs on the district website.

Virtual Program Dates and Courses

June 3, 2024 – July 18, 2024

- Courses start Monday, June 3, 2024 (Canvas)
- **Final Exams will be the week of July 15-18, 2024 at BVN**

*The Final Exam Schedule will be posted and communicated during the first week of class.

Online Courses:

American Government
Business Essentials
Business Software Applications
Contemporary Communications
Emerging Technologies
Financial Literacy
Health & Wellness
Modern World History
Physical Education
U.S. History

Online Credit Recovery* Courses:

Biology
ELA 9, 10, 11, 12
Algebra I, II
Geometry
Modern World History
U.S. History

*Students must have failed the course before being allowed to enroll.

JCCC College Now & Baker University Concurrent Credit Information – 2nd semester classes

JCCC's College Now and Baker CCCP are a dual or concurrent credit options 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 or Baker University 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 '24 Course Schedule \(CRN's\)](#)

JCCC COLLEGE NOW ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS **FEBRUARY 9**.

BVNW Baker Concurrent Credit Program In-Person Class (2nd semester)

AP US History (with Mr. Lange)
Enroll online through [Baker CCP Website](#) by **FEBRUARY 2**.

College Board AP Exam Registration – opens January 29

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 **February 29, 2024**. 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. Student needs to pay for the AP exam through [Total](#)

[Registration](#), and then Mrs. Hadley, counselor, will update student's registration/exam order on College Board side.

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 #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 19

PBC's Denim & Diamond's Dinner, Auction and Dancing Fundraiser

This Sunday is the last day for Early Bird Pricing! If you want to take advantage of the lower price, go to the following link or scan the QR code to buy your tickets! Hope you can join us!

<https://bvnw.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/267718>

**YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS FUN AND EXCITING NIGHT OUT! ATTENDEES WILL ENJOY A DELICIOUS DINNER CATERED BY BRANCATO'S, A SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION, WINE TASTING AND DANCING TO THE BEATS OF DJ STANN! DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
DINNER STARTS AT 7:00PM. ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL, STAFF AND STUDENTS. HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US! TICKETS ARE LIMITED, GET YOURS NOW!**



Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar

[View All School Events](#)

BVNW Sports Events

[View Sports Calendar](#)



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

<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

