

# Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - April 5, 2024

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# Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Husky Community!



**Passion  
Purpose  
Pride**

Happy April! We have just completed another fantastic week of learning and growth at BVNW. I hope this message finds you well and filled with the same enthusiasm for the week ahead as I know our scholars have. I observe them each day, filling the halls with positivity and determination. Our staff is proud of our students' efforts thus far. Spring is a hectic time, and I encourage each scholar to make the most of every opportunity that comes their way. Let's embrace these opportunities together and support one another along the way.

This week, I will try to give you an idea of some of the school events that will take place between now and the end of the year. I am also including the final exam schedule for seniors and underclassmen. **Please note: Our last day of school is Friday, May 24th.** The list below does not include special events or end-of-year events for clubs, activities, or athletics. Each group will provide those particulars. Finally, best of luck to all our music groups and spring sports teams performing this weekend and next week!

Your partner in education,

***David***

David Sharp, Ed.D  
Principal, BVNW

**.PDF is available below:**

DATE	EVENTS
Friday April 19	No School - Professional Learning Day
Saturday April 27	From: 8:00 PM -10:00 PM Hilltop Learning Center - 7700 W. 143rd St. OP Juniors and seniors only <i>Tickets go on sale the week of April 22nd.</i>
May 6th-17th	Advanced Placement Exams
Thursday May 9	Fly-Up Assembly during AST
Friday May 10	Senior Picnic/Yearbook Distribution at 10:00 AM In the New Main Gym Yearbook Distribution for Underclassmen
Monday May 13	<b>Odd Block Day</b> Seniors Attend Hours 1 & 3 and Take Finals in Hours 5 & 7 Grades 9 - 11 Attend Hours 1, 3, 5 & 7
Tuesday May 14	<b>Even Block Day</b> Seniors Attend Hour 2 and Take Finals in Hours 4 & 6 Grades 9-11 Attend Hours 2, 4 & 6
Wednesday May 15	<b>Odd Block Day</b> Seniors Take Finals in Hours 1 & 3-Dismissed After Hour 3 Grades 9-11 Attend Hours 1, 3, 5 & 7
Thursday May 16	<b>Even Day</b> Seniors Take Finals in Hour 2 and Then Attend Graduation Rehearsal Seniors Turn in Check-Out Sheets and Macbooks Graduation Rehearsal
	<b>(STUDENTS ONLY)</b> Senior Checklist Due! Power Down (Device Collection) Cap and Gown Distribution <b>SENIOR CLASS PICTURE 📷</b> Seniors May Leave After Practice!
Friday May 17	<b>Traditional Day</b> Class Day For Seniors and Families @ 8:00 AM, BVNW New Main Gym Grades 9 - 11 Hours 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
Saturday May 18	Class of 2024 Graduation 10:00 a.m. @ District Activities Complex
Wednesday May 22	Grades 9 - 11 Finals in Hours 1 & 2 1st block - 7:40 - 9:00 2nd block - 9:10 - 10:30
Thursday May 23	Grades 9 - 11 Finals in Hours 3, 4, & 5 3rd block - 7:40 - 9:00 4th block - 9:10 - 10:30 5th block - 10:40 - 12:00
Friday May 24	Grades 9-11 Finals in Hours 6 & 7 <b>Last Day of School</b> 6th block 7:40 - 9:00 7th block 9:10 - 10:30

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EVENTS - April - May revised copy

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## 2024 Class Day/Graduation Interpretation Services

If you or a guest plan to attend class day or graduation and need an ASL interpreter, please email Dr. Sharp ([DCSharp@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:DCSharp@bluevalleyk12.org)) by May 1. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning.

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## Weekly Schedule - APRIL

### Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

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

## Schedule Updates for Tuesday: April 9th

**On the following Tuesday: April 9th, there will be no late arrival.**

We will run a modified even day block schedule and school will begin at 7:35 on **Tuesday, April 9th**:

- **2nd hour:** 7:35-9:05
  - **AST:** 9:05-10:05 (**OPEN the whole hour** - students will either **stay** in their 2nd hour class or they may travel to a teacher via e-hallpass.)
  - **4th hour:** 10:10-12:05 (normal lunch time, follow the even day lunch schedule)
  - **Advisory:** 12:10-1:10 (**CLOSED the whole hour:** Advisory Lesson: 12:10-12:40; Study Hall: 12:40-1:10)
  - **6th hour:** 1:15-2:45
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# 2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Year	Day	Event	Time
2023-2024	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
	Even Day Tuesday / Thursday	3rd lunch	12:45-1:10
		7th hour	1:15-2:45
		2nd hour	8:35-10:05
		4th hour	10:10-12:05
		1st lunch	10:10-10:35
		2nd lunch	10:55-11:20
Trad. Day Friday	3rd lunch	11:40-12:05	
	Advisory	12:10-12:40	
	AST	12:40-1:10	
	6th hour	1:15-2:45	
	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		

Adapted from design by Addison Fuller

## 23.24.Schedule.All.pdf

Bell Schedule 2023-24

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## Kansas State Assessment dates and information

Dear 10th/11th grade families,

Kansas State Assessments are coming up! Testing dates are included below. Students will take these assessments on their MacBooks, so please make sure that your student has charged their device the night before and brings the charger to school. Getting a good night's rest, eating a good breakfast, and having a positive attitude will help our students to do their best! In addition, we would ask you to avoid scheduling appointments during your student's class so that their testing is not disrupted. We appreciate your support!

# Update!

# KAP TESTING

## 10th Grade

**Reading** - Week of April 8\*

\*Change!

## 11th Grade

**Science** - Week of April 15



Charge your device!



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## Solar Eclipse: April 8th, 2024

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will take place, with those in the Overland Park area having the opportunity to experience a partial solar eclipse, making this a memorable educational experience for our students. The eclipse will last from 12:54 - 3:11 p.m., with the maximum eclipse occurring at 1:54 p.m.



Because this event will take place during the school day, we want to provide our students with a safe and fun experience. Each building will provide students the opportunity to view the solar eclipse and order solar filter safety glasses that meet NASA's specifications, ensuring every student's eyes are protected throughout the event. We ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of eye safety with your child ahead of the eclipse. NASA's website offers a wealth of resources on this topic, which you can find [here](#).

If you prefer that your child NOT participate in the solar eclipse viewing, please let our attendance administrative assistant, **Carol Hess** know, and there will be an option for your student to have an excused absence on this afternoon or a supervised, alternative activity that will be provided at school during the viewing.

**EMAIL** - [AttendanceBVNW@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:AttendanceBVNW@bluevalleyk12.org).

We are excited to share this unique event with our students. Together, we can create lasting memories and valuable learning opportunities.

## **BVNW APRIL 8TH ECLIPSE BELL SCHEDULE:**

**Hour 1 - 7:35-8:58 (83 mins)**

**Hour 3 - 9:03-10:26 (83 mins)**

**Hour 5 - 10:31-12:16 (83 mins of  
class/25 mins of lunch)**

**Lunch 1 - 10:31-10:56**

**Lunch 2 - 11:12-11:37**

**Lunch 3 - 11:54-12:19**

**Hour 7 - 12:24-1:47 (83 mins)**

**ECLIPSE/Study Hall\* 1:47-2:45 (58  
mins)**

*\*Students get eclipse glasses from their 7th hour teacher & will walk outside with their 7th hour class (similar to a fire drill) to view the eclipse. Students who prefer to stay inside may use the time for Study Hall (they will go to the commons or atrium).*

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## **Next week is Mental Health Week!**

Next week Sources of Strength and Student Government are hosting a Mental Health Week. The purpose of this week is to promote healthy activities to promote our mental and physical well-being. We will be hosting activities during lunch and during AST on Tuesday/Thursday.

We have dress up days every day. If you dress up come to the lunch table to receive a prize! Look for Emails from DERKS to sign up for in door activities.

**Monday:** Green Day (mental health color!)

**Tuesday:** KC Day

**Wednesday:** Favorite Color Day

**Thursday:** Husky Day

**Friday:** Favorite College Day

Tuesday we will be hosting optional outdoors activities. Thursday we have optional indoor activities in the next main gym.



# MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

**MONDAY - APRIL 08**

Dress in green for mental health awareness



**TUESDAY - APRIL 09**



**KANSAS CITY DAY**

**WEDNESDAY - APRIL 10**

**FAVORITE COLOR DAY**

**THURSDAY - APRIL 11**

**HUSKY DAY!**



**FRIDAY - APRIL 12**



**FAVORITE COLLEGE DAY**



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## Last day of school for BVNW is May 24

As we begin the fourth quarter, the district has determined the last day of school for students for 2023-24. Assuming no unforeseen circumstances cause us to cancel school, staff and families can plan on May 24 as the last day for students in grades K-11. Students in the early childhood programs will have their last day on May 23.

High school finals will occur May 22–24, with building principals communicating the specific schedules to their school families and students at a later date. For more information or to subscribe to the district calendar, visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org/calendar](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/calendar).

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## BVEF Champion for Students Award Information

Do you know an educator who cultivates a learning environment where relationships are the cornerstone, where kindness and compassion are guiding principles, and making a profound difference in the lives of young people is not just a goal but a lived reality? Now is your chance to recognize those educators whose impact extends far beyond their role, shaping the trajectory of our students' journeys and leaving an enduring legacy of excellence.



Nominations are officially open for BVEF's new Champion for Students Award. Anyone in the Blue Valley Schools' community is welcome to nominate an educator (any staff member, e.g., teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, kitchen manager, etc.) for this prestigious honor. Nominate a Champion for Students today!  
<https://bit.ly/BVEFCFS2024>.

Winners will receive one of the following:  
\$2500 cash prize (subject to tax)  
\$2500 grant for their learning environment  
\$2500 tuition reimbursement for credit hours

**BVEF**



Champion for Students  
Now Accepting Nominations!



The Champion for Students Award celebrates educators who foster a transformative impact on their students' lives. In the words of the late educator Rita Pearson, "Every child deserves a champion."

Nominate an exceptional educator today!

<https://bit.ly/BVEFCFS2024>

## April 9 is Kansas City Area College Fair



# KANSAS CITY AREA COLLEGE FAIR

**WHEN**

TUESDAY, APRIL 9  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**WHERE**

HILLTOP LEARNING CENTER  
7700 W 143RD ST  
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66223

**HOW**

STUDENTS CAN REGISTER AT  
[WWW.STRIVEFAIR.COM](http://WWW.STRIVEFAIR.COM)



STRIVE  SCAN

Order Graduation signs from The Pack Dance Team by April 10



# Graduation Signs

\$35 / Graduation Sign

Orders Due April 10 @ Noon

Link in Bio on @bvnwpackdance



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Order prom corsages from The Pack Dance team by April 19

Blue Valley Northwest It's time!

# P R O M C O R S A G E S & B O U T S

ORDER BY APRIL 19TH	CORSAGES & BOUQUETS \$40+ BOUTONNIERES \$20+	PICK-UP APRIL 27TH
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Custom design your boutonniere and corsage with Rosehill Blooms. To match your date, you must order together. Scan the QR code to order. 100% of tips go to the BVNW Dance Team. See @rosehill.blooms on Instagram for pictures.

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PRESENTED BY BVSU DANCE TEAM

**BVNW**  
*Dance Team*

## June 6th ACT Prep Class available

While not affiliated with or endorsed by BVNW, we wanted to let you know that there is an **ACT prep class** being offered at **Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center** (7700 W 143rd St, Overland Park, KS 66223) on June 6 in preparation for the June 8th ACT. Register here: <http://actprep.info/bluevalleynw>.



## Community Celebrations and Observances

### Some April Celebrations & Observances:

- World Autism Awareness Month - aims to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism.
- National Arab American Heritage Month - recognizes the achievements and contributions of Arab Americans to society, culture, and American history.
- Eid al Fitr - April 10th - marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting. Some families will celebrate the



“Festival of Breaking the Fast” by joining in communal prayer and meals, visiting family, gift-giving, and charity.

- Day of Silence - April 14 - a national, student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+ students and allies take a vow of silence to protest the silencing and discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools.
- Passover - evening of April 22-30 - a Jewish holiday commemorating the Israelites’ liberation from slavery in Egypt. Some families will observe the holiday with a special meal, called a Seder, eating foods of symbolic significance and reciting traditional prayers.



**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](http://WWW.BVNWCHOIR.COM)



## Upcoming Key Calendar events



- April 6 - PBC Fundraiser  
Denim & Diamonds



- May 13-16 - Senior Final  
Exams



- May 6-17 - AP Exams
- May 17 - Class Day
- May 18 - Graduation 2024

- April 8 - Eclipse day - see special odd schedule
- April 8-12 - 10th grade KS State reading assessment
- April 8-12 - Mental Health Week
- April 9 - **NO LATE ARRIVAL**/modified even block
- April 9 - College Fair
- April 15-18 - 11th grade KS State science assessment
- April 19 - NO SCHOOL; Prof Learning
- April 27 - Prom
- May 22, 23, 24 - Final Exams
- May 24 - Last day of school



## 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.

- **NEW:** The Senior Packet with the end of the year to-do list will be distributed Friday, March 29th, in students' ELA classes. The students are responsible for completing these forms, and they are due April 5th.
- **NEW:** Auditions for Class Day and Graduation speakers will be Monday, April 8th. For musical performers, auditions will be Tuesday, April 9th. Both will take place in the performing arts center. Look for specific details in future communication.

*We added in the Senior Finals Schedule below!*

- **Last day of regular classes for seniors** - Thursday, May 9th
- **Yearbook Distribution** - Friday, May 10th - seniors in the AM, everyone else in the PM
- **Senior Finals Schedule** -
  - Monday 5/13: 5th and 7th blocks
  - Tuesday 5/14: 4th and 6th blocks
  - Wednesday 5/15: 1st and 3rd blocks
  - Thursday 5/16: 2nd block
- **Senior Class Day** - Friday, May 17th, 8:00 AM

**Graduation** - Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 AM

## 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](mailto: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.

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## Oak Hill Elementary PTO \$1000 Scholarship - Applications are due April 12

Attention Seniors! Did you attend Oak Hill Elementary School? If so, you are eligible to apply for the 2023-24 Oak Hill Elementary PTO \$1,000 Scholarship. If you'd like to pick up the criteria and application packet, please see Mrs. Fromm in the counseling office. All applications are due Friday April 12, 2024.

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## Counseling News - April 5

**Where to find helpful information & resources**

**[BVNW Counseling Canvas](#)**

<https://bvusd.instructure.com/courses/70851>

**[BVNW Academic Resources](#)**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nkl\\_HonPgP0FGfUI8oOSssBI0g-yXmCy/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nkl_HonPgP0FGfUI8oOSssBI0g-yXmCy/view)

**[@bvnwcounseling](#)**

<https://www.instagram.com/bvnwcounseling/>

**[Career Exploration Resources for students](#)**

<https://bvusd.instructure.com/courses/70851/pages/career-center>

**AP Exams: May 6-17 at Hilltop Conference Center**



Testing begins May 6th and runs through May 17th, according to the College Board's AP exam [calendar](#). All AP exams will be administered at the Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center. Students should plan to arrive by **7:30 a.m.** for morning exams and **11:45 a.m.** for afternoon exams. Students recently received their AP exam schedule. Please contact Mrs. Hadley if there are any scheduling conflicts. Other important testing information will be sent later in April via email and/or text. Please see Mrs. Hadley with questions.



[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](#)

#### **College Visits:**

The **Kansas Army National Guard** will be visiting BVNW on **Tuesday April 16th during lunch**. Their table will be set up near the nurse's office & you may stop by as you like.

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## Parent Booster Club News - April 5

Dear BVNW Families,

April's PBC News is all about our Denim and Diamond Fundraiser! Our online auction is now live, and you can access it by going to the following link or scanning the QR Code. We have great auction items; you do not want to miss the chance to get some!



You can look and bid on our auction items by going to

<https://givebutter.com/BVNWDenimAndDiamonds>

then click on Auction on the top of your screen!

**Can't attend? Make a donation!**

#### **\* PBC STAFF APPRECIATION**

We are so fortunate to have a fantastic staff at BVNW. During Teacher Appreciation Week in May, we will be showering them with thanks - in the form of gift cards! We would like to be able to give each staff member in our building a gift card, and would the support of BVNW families. We have



Interested in supporting? Click [here](#) to sign up to participate. Gift cards should be delivered to school, in an envelope marked "PBC Staff Appreciation," by April 17th.

\* **PBC MEETING** - Our next meeting is on Monday, April 8th @ 7:00PM at BVNW's Library.

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## 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/>



## Blue Valley Northwest Information

**Email:** [bvnw@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:bvnw@bluevalleyk12.org)

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**Phone:** [913-239-3400](tel:913-239-3400)

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/bluevalleynorthwest>

**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.

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**Blue Valley Northwest High**