

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - April 12, 2024

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Huskies!

Attention, seniors. If you have not turned in your graduation packets, please do so ASAP to Mrs. Fromm in Student Services.



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

This week, Sources of Strength and Student Government hosted a mental health week to promote healthy activities, mental health, and physical well-being. Thanks to STUGO sponsors Ms. Sarah Derks, Ms. Taylor Heiman, and numerous student leaders for leading the fun activities. Recently, BVNW Model United Nations Delegates did a fantastic job representing themselves and BVNW in their efforts to develop solutions to significant issues at the Metro KC Model UN Conference—special congratulations to our distinguished delegate award winners. Thanks to Mr. Chad Askew for his leadership in this program. Furthermore, let's congratulate all our students who recently competed in the Kansas FBLA State Leadership Conference. FBLA members from 99 chapters competed in 78 business and technology events. BVNW had several students place in the top five and top ten! Thank you to Ms. Meghan Trader for her leadership in FBLA.

Thank you to Mr. Jim McCrossen and Ms. Kim White for their leadership in our publications program. Recently, our publication students competed on the national stage at the National Scholastic Journalism Spring Convention. The 2023 Horizon yearbook claimed a Pacemaker Award, the top prize in scholastic journalism! This is the fourth year in a row the yearbook has been awarded with this honor. BVNWnews.com (our news website) placed fourth in the nation, and Horizon (our yearbook) placed seventh. The Express (our news magazine) also placed seventh in the nation. Also, congratulations to the several students who won awards in individual competitions. Additionally, adviser Jim McCrossen was inducted into the KSPA Hall of Fame at the Walsworth Reception during the National Scholastic Press Association/Journalism Education Association Spring National High School Journalism Convention. Congrats, Mr. McCrossen!

Our spring sports and activities have been busy with performances, games, tournaments, and meets. We wish all participants luck this weekend and appreciate the hard work they put into each perspective event. Finally, congratulations to our student-athletes who signed national letters of intent to compete at the collegiate level last week. We are proud of each of you!

Your partner in education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

End of the Year Events

.PDF is also 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	Odd Block Day Seniors Attend Hours 1 & 3 and Take Finals in Hours 5 & 7 Grades 9 - 11 Attend Hours 1, 3, 5 & 7
Tuesday May 14	Even Block Day Seniors Attend Hour 2 and Take Finals in Hours 4 & 6 Grades 9-11 Attend Hours 2, 4 & 6
Wednesday May 15	Odd Block Day Seniors Take Finals in Hours 1 & 3-Dismissed After Hour 3 Grades 9-11 Attend Hours 1, 3, 5 & 7
Thursday May 16	Even Day Seniors Take Finals in Hour 2 and Then Attend Graduation Rehearsal Seniors Turn in Check-Out Sheets and Macbooks Graduation Rehearsal
	(STUDENTS ONLY) Senior Checklist Due! Power Down (Device Collection) Cap and Gown Distribution SENIOR CLASS PICTURE 📷 Seniors May Leave After Practice!
Friday May 17	Traditional Day 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 Last Day of School 6th block 7:40 - 9:00 7th block 9:10 - 10:30

Amended 4_5_24 Newsletter.pdf

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) by May 1. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning.

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			

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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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



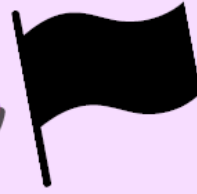
Charge your device!



Join the BVNW Color Guard! - Auditions are April 22-26



Join the BVNW Color Guard



ABOUT OUR TEAM

We perform with the Howling Husky Marching Band at every home football game, as well as travel to band competitions. No previous dance or music experience is required, just a good attitude and a willingness to learn!!



**FILL OUT OUR INFO
FORM HERE!**

AUDITION INFO



- April 22-26
- New Members - Choose 3 sessions
Returning Members - Choose 2 sessions
- Session Times
 - Session 1 | NEW MEMBERS ONLY | Monday afternoon (3-4 pm) OR Tuesday morning (6:45-7:30 am)
 - Session 2 | NEW MEMBERS & VETS | Wednesday afternoon (3-4 pm) OR Thursday morning (6:45-7:30 am)
 - Session 3 | AUDITION DAY | Friday morning (6:45-7:30 am) or afternoon (3-4 pm)

QUESTIONS?

Contact DOKirk@bluevalleyk12.org or SpencerCatherine616@gmail.com for more information

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.

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>

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.

ORDER HERE 

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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,

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



Upcoming Key Calendar events



- April 15-18 - 11th grade KS State science assessment
- April 19 - NO SCHOOL; Prof Learning



- April 22-26 - Color Guard Auditions
- April 27 - Prom
- May 13-16 - Senior Final Exams
- May 6-17 - AP Exams



- May 17 - Class Day
- May 18 - Graduation 2024
- 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.

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.

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.

Counseling News - April 12

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

[@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.

Parent Booster Club News - April 12

PBC Staff Appreciation

LAST CHANCE TO SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION FOR 2024-2025!

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 compiled a list of staff "Favorite Things" to make selecting a gift card to purchase easy.

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.

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

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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.



Blue Valley Northwest High