

# Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - August 4, 2023

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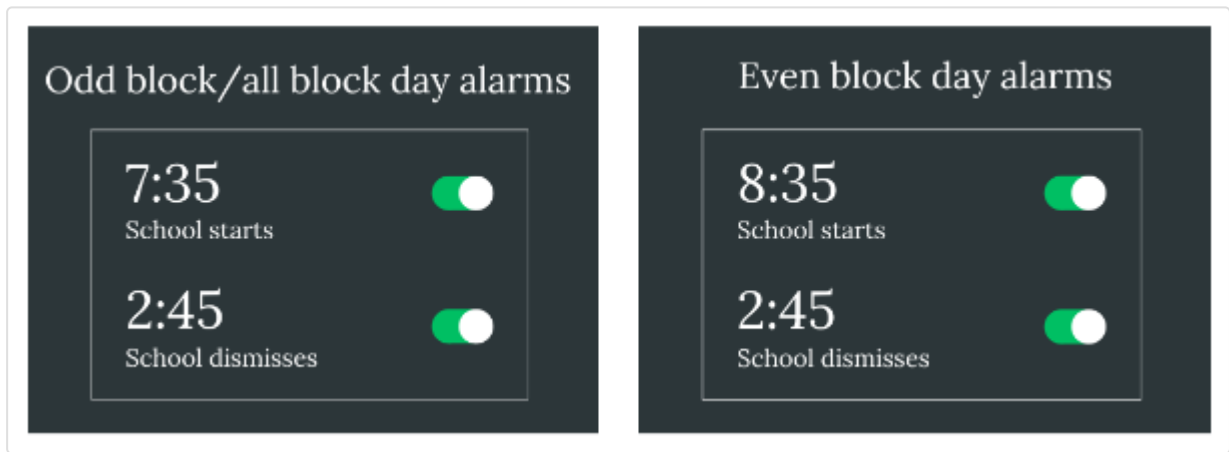
## Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings Husky Families!

I hope this email finds you enjoying the final weeks of summer break. I am excited about the 2023-24 school year and look forward to welcoming our scholars back for their first full day on Wednesday, August 16th.



As we think ahead to the new school year, I want to ensure you have the school hours including start and end times for odd, even (late start) and all block days.



Please note that our daily start times are 5 minutes earlier than last year. Benefits to this minor adjustment include traffic congestion relief at our shared school campus sites and meeting state-required school minutes.

To view our complete bell schedule for odd, even and all block days, please see below. Finally, be looking for our newsletter each Friday afternoon! Here you will find the most current information relative to all things BVNW! As always, if you have any questions, please contact our front office at 913-239-3400.

Your partner in Education

***David***

David Sharp, Ed.D  
Principal, BVNW

## 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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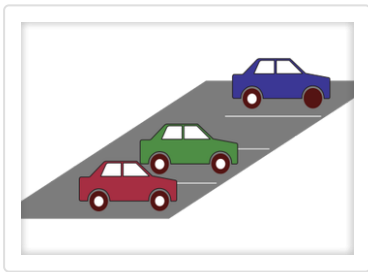
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## ORDER spirit wear; PREORDER Class tee shirts from Dawg House!

The Dawg House is a student run school store at Blue Valley Northwest. In addition to spirit wear, BVNW novelty items, and optional PE uniforms, this website is where families will preorder class t-shirts for homecoming. It is a tradition to wear the grade's color during homecoming week. These class shirts are also a fundraiser for the classes. All orders (aside from class shirts) will be packaged at the start of school and will be available for pick up by the end of August. Class shirts are a pre-order and will be ready right before homecoming week.

Thanks for supporting The Dawg House. Check out the site here:

<https://bvnwdawghouse-553214.square.site/>



## Parking pass pickup August 7-10

Parking pass pickup will be held in the **BVNW Commons** on the following dates:

**August 7th & 9th, 8:00-11:00 a.m.**

and

**August 8th & 10th, 12:00-3:00 p.m.**

## Registration

[High school registration](#) for the 2023-24 school year is currently open. Registration is required every year and is the time to update your student's information and pay fees. Simply [log in](#) and click the registration tab to begin.

To register your child, you must:

- Know ParentVUE login: You will need your [ParentVUE](#) login/password to complete registration. Not sure what your login/password is? Call the front office of your oldest child's school for assistance.
- Review/Update Information: Registration is the time to review/update information about your child, including phone, email, emergency contacts, health data, etc.
- Pay Fees: Families have access to pay all required and optional fees except second-semester course fees.

Please note that Student/Family/Individual/Feeder Activity Passes are not available for purchase during registration. Watch your email for more information about how to purchase these passes in August.

Thank you for taking the time to register your child and provide important information Blue Valley Northwest needs to plan for the 2023-24 school year.

## Registration Checklist

### Step 1: ENROLLMENT

*Your student's enrollment was completed in January.*

- The process of choosing courses is referred to as enrollment.
- Enrollment for high school takes place in January. Counselors met with students during their ELA classes.
- Class schedules will be posted in Parent VUE on **August 14th**.
- Schedule with an error? Email your counselor and describe the error.
- Schedule Repair Process Dates: **August 16-18th**. (Must meet district guidelines)

### Step 2: REGISTRATION - UPDATE INFORMATION

Complete the required annual acknowledgments and update your student's information.

- Registration is now open and should be completed by **August 16th**. **Action is needed by every family.**
- Jumpstart to begin by clicking here: [ParentVUE](#). Your ParentVUE login and password are required.
- Registration includes completing the required annual acknowledgments and updating your child's information, such as phone, email, emergency contacts, etc. This must be completed, even if there are no changes.

### **Step 3: REGISTRATION: PAY FEES**

*Pay registration fees.*

- High school fee payment **began July 12** and should be paid **by September 15, 2023**.
- All fees will be open for payment, *including course fees*.
- Join The BVNW Parent Booster Club & support our students! Levels listed on PBC website: [BVNW Booster Club Link](#)
- Even though you have already updated your child's information in Parent VUE, fee payment is required.
- Click here: [ParentVUE](#). Your ParentVUE login and password are required.
- Add money to your student's lunch account by visiting the [Titan School System Website](#).
- Lunch Information: [Lunch](#)

### **Step 4: REQUIRED FORMS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

*Print, complete, and return applicable forms.*

- Forms on the BVNW website: Families>Registration & Summer Learning>Back To School>Registration Resources
- Applicable information includes parking permits and athletic participation packets.
- Athletic Participation Packets, including a physical, are required every year. Fall Sports' Packets are due **Friday, August 12, at 3:00 p.m.**, or students cannot begin tryouts and/or practices on **August 15**.

### **Step 5: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND IMPORTANT DATES**

*School begins on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023**.*

- Parking pass pickup, **August 7th & 9th, 8:00-11:00 a.m.** and **August 8th & 10th, 12:00-3:00 p.m. (BVNW Commons)**
- New Husky Parent Orientation Night: **August 14, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- Freshman & New Student Orientation is **August 15, 7:35 – 10:45 a.m.**
- Students review their class schedule/room #s in Student Vue before **August 16**, the first day of school.
- Back to School Night for Parents is on **August 23, 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.**
- Picture Day during ELA classes is on **August 25th**.
- Picture Retakes & Senior Portrait Last Chance on Thursday, **October 19th**.

### **Step 6: COURSE FEES ASSIGNED AND OPENED FOR PAYMENT**

*Pay course fees when they are posted in ParentVUE beginning **Tuesday, July 12th**.*

- Course fees for 1st semester will be assigned.
- Students dropping a course after the **Aug. 18th** deadline will be responsible for paying the course fee.

## Step 7: FIRST SEMESTER COURSE FEES DUE

*Course fees should be paid by September 15th, before the end of the first quarter.*

***Thank you for your support of Blue Valley Northwest High School!***

## HS Student Schedules:

**Aug 14th - 4:00 p.m.**

Families will need to **complete online registration** before viewing schedules on StudentVue/ParentVue.

## Schedule repair process

Beginning in August, for the 23-24 academic year, Blue Valley Northwest students will be able to make schedule “repairs” during the first 3 days of the Fall Semester if they meet the following parameters:

1. The student completed a full schedule of course requests along with four alternates AND
2. The student has a “see counselor” on their schedule.
3. The student was placed in a class that was not listed among their selections as alternates.

If the student's circumstance meets the above criteria, the student should reach out to their counselor during the scheduled repair window at the beginning of the semester.

Why did the district change?

- We understand this is a shift from previous “schedule change” practices. However, the stability of the first week is important to student success throughout the semester.
- Each school's Master Schedule is built upon the numbers generated during our spring enrollment period. When significant changes are made in August, classes can become imbalanced, which may result in larger class sizes for your student.

## Technology Information Updates!

**Parent Canvas Connection:** Canvas is our learning management system for grades K-12. Do you need a refresher on it, are you looking to set up a new account or need to remember how to get added as an Observer to your student's classes? We've got you covered! Check out how to access or set up your [Canvas Observer account](#) as a parent, or review this [Canvas Parent/Guardian Orientation](#). Remember, Canvas courses won't appear until teachers publish them after the school year has started.

**3-12th Grade Opt-In Option for Securly Filter:** Parents can now choose to place their 3rd-12th grade students in the High Restrictions Filter Group by signing up [here](#). This prevents students from accessing game sites during the school day. The link has detailed information about the differences between the Default and High Restrictions Policies. \*Educational Games sites

used by curriculum will still be allowed. You must opt your student into this High Restrictions Filter Group by August 31st and changes will take effect by September 8th.

**High School: MFA Opt-In Option:** Parents can opt-in their student for Multi-factor Authentication this Fall by signing up [here](#). The link has information on what MFA is and instructions to sign up. All staff are already required to use it. The following year, 2024-25 this may become mandatory for all High School Students.

**Increase in Student Chrome Tabs:** Our district IT will increase the maximum number of Chrome browser tabs for students to 12 this year, up from the current 8.

**Middle/High School Password Reset:** Our district IT recommends that students change their password during the first month of school. Students can change their password by going to the [Student Hub](#), where directions are provided in the Troubleshooting section.

**Additional Technology Resources:**

- [Canvas Parent & Family Toolkit](#)
- [District Website Parent Securly Page](#)

## Back to School Night details

**Back to school night: August 23th, 6:15-8:00 PM**

We are so excited to welcome parents into the building next week! We know how important it is for schools and parents to work together to ensure student success.

During Back to School Night, which is a parent/guardian event, you will follow your student's schedule and spend time getting to know their teachers. You can access your student's schedule through your ParentVUE account. We hope to see you there!

### **Schedule**

Hour 1 6:15-6:25

Hour 2 6:30-6:40

Hour 3 6:45-6:55

Hour 4 7:00-7:10

Hour 5 7:15-7:25

Hour 6 7:30-7:40

Hour 7 7:45-7:55

### **Spirit Wear**

The Dawg House will be set up near the main gym selling spirit wear. Come ready to snag some Husky gear!

### **Kleenex Drive**

In the past, each family has brought a box of Kleenex so that we can provide them for our teachers throughout the year. If you would like to help, you may leave your box on the cart that will be stationed near the front entrance.



## Safety Expectations: Food Deliveries (ex: DoorDash, GrubHub, Uber Eats, etc.)

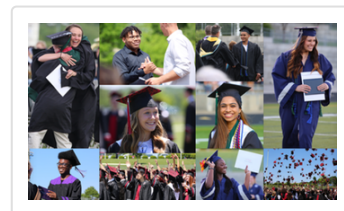
We began utilizing these procedures/guidelines last year in 2022-23 and we will continue with them in 2023-24.

### Students

- Food delivery services create a disruption to the learning environment and pose a potential security concern. A variety of doors have been utilized and most delivery service providers have been unfamiliar faces which are difficult to verify.
- We will not accept meals delivered by paid delivery services during the school day for students. These deliveries will be refused.
- For high school, we ask that students returning from appointments or CAPS/Career Ready Programs enjoy their food purchased offsite before returning to the school.
- Staff members will be able to order food for student clubs and groups with administrator approval. (Tight delivery protocols will be followed to ensure safety.)

## 2023 Blue Valley graduation videos are available to view online

The Blue Valley graduation website has been updated, [www.bluevalleyk12.org/graduation](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/graduation), with each school having a hyperlink to the corresponding video.



## Upcoming Key Calendar events





## AUGUST

- Parking Pass Pickup--  
August 7 & 9: 8-11:00 am  
August 8 & 10: 12:00-  
3:00pm  
(BVNW COMMONS)
- August 14th - 4:00 p.m.  
*(Families will need to  
complete online  
registration before  
viewing schedules on  
StudentVue/ParentVue.)*
- August 14 - New  
parent/guardian meeting,  
6:00pm

- August 15 - Freshmen/  
New student orientation,  
7:35-10:45am
- August 16 - First day of  
school
- August 18 - Final day for  
students to drop a course  
*(after this date, you are  
responsible for the course  
fee)*
- August 23 - Back to  
School Night - 6:15pm
- August 25 - School  
pictures *(during ELA  
classes)*

- Oct. 19 - School picture  
retakes / Senior last  
chance photos

*More details will be shared  
soon about these events.*

## Parent Booster Club News

### Important flyers from the PBC!

Husky Yard Signs

PBC Membership 2023-24

Invest in Northwest 2023-24

Download below:



Husky\_Yard\_Sign\_Form\_23-24.pdf

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## Full School and Sports Calendars

### BVNW Calendar

[View All School Events](#)

### BVNW Sports Events

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<http://instagram.com/bvnwnews>

<http://twitter.com/bvnwnews>

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## 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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