

# Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - October 27, 2023

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## Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Husky Families

It's hard to believe it's nearly November! Time flies by as we continue to watch our scholars grow and learn. The start of November marks just six weeks left of the semester. It is always an excellent time if you still need to check in with your student(s) and their teachers relative to their academic and academic responsibility performances. Remember, students taking a 1st semester or yearlong AP course and planning to take the AP exam must register and pay for the exams by October 31st. See more detailed instructions below.



Congratulations to our nearly 200 new inductees to the BVNW Chapter of the National Honor Society! The National Honor Society has been an integral part of Blue Valley Northwest since its beginning. We held the 31st induction ceremony in the school's history on Wednesday evening, and we are proud of all involved in the program—special thanks to Dr. Dirks, Mr. Linner, Mrs. Bakalar, the NHS leadership board, and current NHS members for making the evening a success.

Thank you to all our students who participated in fall athletics and activities! We have enjoyed watching you compete and perform. You've created one wonderful school memory after another. Congratulations to our athletes, participants, coaches, sponsors, directors, and, notably, our parents for the countless hours of dedication and support. Without you, none of this would have been possible! Finally, don't forget that National Letter of Intent Signing Day is November 8th at 3:00 p.m. in our varsity gym.

Your Partner in Education,

***David***

David Sharp, Ed.D  
Principal, BVNW

## Weekly Schedule - OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

### Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
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October	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31			

November			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	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


[Download](#)

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Debate fundraiser - Donut voucher sale ends Nov. 1st



**DONUTS FOR DEBATORS**



**VISIT THE QR CODE TO  
PURCHASE A KRISPY KREME  
DIGITAL DOZEN VOUCHER.  
A PORTION OF THE SALE  
WILL GO TO BENEFIT BVNW  
DEBATE, AND YOU GET A  
DOZEN DONUTS!**



**SALE ENDS NOV. 1ST. VOUCHERS REDEEMABLE ANY TIME AND AT ANY  
KRISPY KREME LOCATION AFTER THE END OF THE PROMOTION.**

Junior Class fundraiser is Nov. 1 at Raising Cane's Chicken

# CANE'S FUNDRAISER



**November 1st  
1-5 PM**

**COME AND SUPPORT YOUR CLASS!**

**7501 W 135th St, OP KS**

## NHS Food Drive Nov. 2-Nov. 16 - Advisory Class Competition!

National Honor Society is hosting a Food Drive to benefit BV Food Panty. All BVNW students are encouraged to participate. We will be accepting non-perishable donations Nov 2 – Nov 16.

Students will bring their donations to their Advisory classes. The class that collects the most items will receive a prize from NHS.



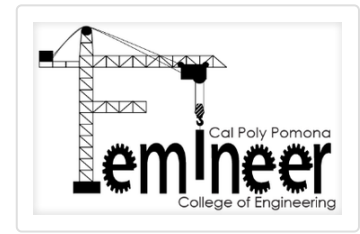
All NHS members are encouraged to either bring 4 items or volunteer to collect items during AST as this will count towards their required November sponsored project. Specific items of need include canned fruit, canned veggies, canned peaches, canned pineapple, fruit cups and applesauce in addition to boxed non-perishables. If we all work together, we can fill the pantry!!!

**Femineer Program application due date**



# is November 13

Blue Valley is excited to start a new cohort of Femineers this 2023-2024 academic year. The Femineer Program was created to empower K-12 female students to develop the skills and confidence needed to pursue majors and careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields. It has expanded to include other under-represented individuals in these fields.



If you are interested in joining the program and have the qualifications, please [DOWNLOAD](#) and fill out this application, **scan it and return it to the Femineer Program advisor Karen Stohlmann** at [khenderson@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:khenderson@bluevalleyk12.org).

## AUDITION APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

### AUDITION APPLICATIONS:

#### The Addams Family

AUDITION APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN! Click the link below OR scan the QR Code to Apply

<https://forms.gle/UPzPQCZNP52CBh747>



#### **Vocal Auditions will take place Monday, October 30th @ 3pm**

- Prepare 16 measures of a musical theatre piece
- Please bring a copy of your sheet music
- We will meet in the PAC

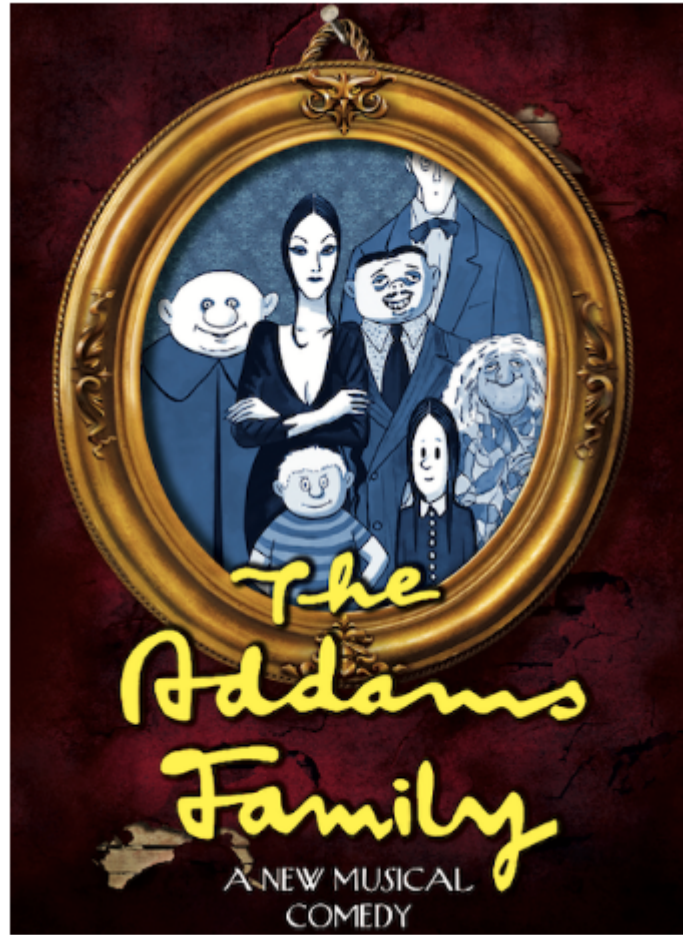
#### **Dance Auditions will take place Thursday, November 2nd @ 3pm**

- Show up in clothes you can move in
- We will meet in the PAC

#### **Callbacks will take place Friday, November 3rd @ 3pm**

- If you are requested at callbacks report to the Choir Room at 3pm.
- On the day of the auditions please report to the PAC @ 3pm and sign in with our Stage Managers.

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE DATES = FEBRUARY 1st, 2nd, 3rd**



## Message from the BVNW Nurse regarding immunizations

**Attention all parents** - Please watch your mail for a notice of immunizations needed from the nurse's office. Students without proper immunizations or exclusions will **not** be able to attend school for the second semester. Please email our school nurse, Haley Murkin at [hnmurkin@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:hnmurkin@bluevalleyk12.org) with updated immunization records and any questions.

Reserve your tickets to the Pack Dance Team Chicken N  
Pickle night - November 8



BV Hoops Pickleball Tournament & Game Night is Nov. 8



# PICKLEBALL

## TOURNAMENT & GAME NIGHT

**NOV. 8 5-8 PM**  
@ **CHICKEN N' PICKLE**

Join us for an evening of fun and help support our  
**2023 Class 6A State Boys Basketball Champions**



**REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY**  
[bit.ly/NWHoopsPickleTournament](https://bit.ly/NWHoopsPickleTournament)  
**2 PERSON TEAM: \$100**  
Two skill-level divisions, Cash prize for winning teams,  
Best Team Name award, Best Dressed Team award

**SILENT AUCTION**  
Autographed jerseys, Staycation getaway, Wellness package, and more!

Event sponsorship opportunities still available.  
[bit.ly/NWHoopsPickleSponsor](https://bit.ly/NWHoopsPickleSponsor)

Hosted by  
**BVNW HOOPS**



Learn what it takes to play college sports on November 9

# WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

November 9, 2023 7 pm

Blue Valley High PAC

Open to Blue Valley School District High School age students  
and their parents/guardians

Learn what it takes to earn  
NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA Eligibility



## ACT Prep Class is Nov. 20

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 Monday, **Nov. 20, from 8:30 am to 2:10 pm**. BVNW students register here: <http://actprep.info/bluevalleynw>

Pup Pack Dance Clinic is December 2 - Registration deadline is Nov. 18!



## Student IDs - Make sure ID has been downloaded to phones

Husky students,

Your **2023-24 Student ID** is now accessible on your phone! Below please find the instructions to access your student ID. *(Parents, thank you for making certain your student has done this.)*

Please note-all IDs will be digital this year, meaning we will only be printing hard copies of IDs if you have extenuating circumstances.

Students will now need this ID to enter the building during school hours. We will no longer accept your StudentVUE or Canvas accounts.



If you have any questions or problems, see Mrs. Tavelli in the student services office, call her at (913)-239-3448 or email her at [JATavelli@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:JATavelli@bluevalleyk12.org).

#### Instructions to access your ID:

1. USE the QR CODE or access this URL: <https://bit.ly/BVNWID23> ***\*Make sure you use all capital letters.***
2. Follow the prompts to enter your name, student ID number, and create a password.
3. Save the URL for your ID in your phone or take a screenshot and save it to your phone.

## Updated December Finals Schedule and Final Exam Guidelines

There has been a change to our finals schedule from what was previously communicated in our Parent Newsletter. Please use [this updated finals schedule](#).

What changed is that ***our hour 3 final is on the first day of finals*** (Monday, December 18th) to give students more time to study for 3 finals in the week/weekend leading up to the 18th. On the 19th and 20th, students will only have 2 finals to study for each day.



# **BVNW DECEMBER 2023 FINALS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH:**

**HOUR 1 - 7:35-8:55**

**HOUR 2 - 9:05-10:25**

**HOUR 3 - 10:35-11:55**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH:**

**HOUR 4 - 7:35-8:55**

**HOUR 5 - 9:05-10:25**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH:**

**HOUR 6 - 7:35-8:55**

**HOUR 7 - 9:05-10:25**



## **Final Exam Guidelines**

First Semester Final Exams are December 18th, 19th, & 20th. Please note that students are dismissed from school early these 3 days (please see the finals schedule for details). These are important days for students to be at school to successfully finish 1st semester. Here are the final exam guidelines:

*A culminating activity (final exam, unit exam, final paper, final project or reflection of learning) will be given in **all** classes. Students will be advised of the format to be used in each class by their teacher. No final exams will be given early (before December 18th, 2023) without administrative approval. If a student must miss a final due to illness or a prearranged absence, they will be required to make it up when they return (no later than January 19th).*



## Finals & Prearranged Absences

If your student will miss some or all of their 1st semester finals due to a prearranged trip or absence, they must see Mrs. Tavelli in Student Services for a **Final Exam Alternate Date Form**. Students will use this form to make arrangements with their teachers to take their final when they return from winter break, as no finals are given early due to test security. The form should be returned to Mrs. Tavelli, prior to the start of their absence.

If a student misses their December final, they will have an incomplete in the course until the final is made up. **All finals must be made up by January 19th.** If a student does not make up a final, they will earn a zero on the final, which will impact their final grade in the course.

## Community Celebrations and Observances - to promote awareness and appreciation of our Blue Valley families



Some November Celebrations & Observances:

- Native American Heritage Month - celebrates the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories, and ongoing contributions of Indigenous peoples.
- Military Family Appreciation Month - honors the military family by recognizing their sacrifices and commitments.
- Day of the Dead - November 1 - celebrated by some with Mexican heritage, a joyful time to remember and honor deceased loved ones.
- All Saints Day - November 1 - celebrated by some of the Christian faith, this solemn, holy day honors the saints of the church.
- Diwali - November 12-16 - the festival of lights celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and the human ability to overcome observed by some Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Buddhists, and others. Some will decorate their homes with lights and rangoli art, exchange gifts, dress in colorful clothing, feast with family, and/or go to temple.



## Upcoming Key Calendar events



### OCT. / NOV.

- Oct. 31 - deadline to register for AP exams
- **Nov. 1 - NO SCHOOL** (EC-12th) / *Prof. Learning*
- Nov. 1 - Debate fundraiser deadline to order
- Nov. 1 - Jr. Class Raising Cane's fundraiser



### NOV.

- Nov. 8 - National Letter of Intent Signing Day
- Nov. 8 - Pack Dance Team Chicken 'N Pickle night
- Nov. 8 - BV Hoops Pickleball Tournament & Game night
- Nov. 20 - ACT Prep Class
- **Nov. 20-24 - NO SCHOOL** (*Thanksgiving Break*)



### DEC.

- Dec. 2 - Pup Pack Dance Clinic (*registration deadline Nov. 18*)
- Dec. 18, 19, 20 - Final exams

## Counseling News - October 27

## Where to find helpful information & resources

[BVNW Counseling Canvas](#)

[BVNW Academic Resources](#)

[@bvnwcounseling](#)

## Career Exploration Resources for students

### Kansas Apply Free Days November 7-9

**Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) College Fair and Showcase-** Parkhill High School. Thursday, 11.2.23, 6:00-8:00 PM. Register [here](#).



The poster for the U.S. Naval Academy Admissions Forum features a dark blue header with the title in white. Below the header, on the left, is the U.S. Naval Academy Annapolis logo. The center text provides the date, time, location, and website for the event. On the right, there is a photograph of a crowd of people looking up at a sky with several jets flying in formation. The bottom of the poster includes a footer with the USNA logo and the text 'USNA | ADMISSIONS FORUM'.

### U.S. Naval Academy Admissions Forum

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023**  
Presentation begins at 1:00 p.m.  
@ the National World War I Museum  
2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO 64108  
[www.theworldwar.org](http://www.theworldwar.org) for directions and parking information

We will discuss the Admissions Process, Nominations, Appointments.  
Prep programs; STEM, Summer Programs, Majors, and more!  
The Naval Academy prepares young men and women to be leaders  
and commissioned officers in the **U.S. Navy** and **Marine Corps!**

This presentation is for **students (grades 8-11)** interested in attending the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, as well as **parents, school administrators, counselors, teachers**, and friends and family of anyone interested in applying to USNA!

**Please RSVP** to Blue and Gold Area Coordinator Lee Gilgour @ [gilgour24@gmail.com](mailto:gilgour24@gmail.com) with your name, grade, high school, and number of persons attending

USNA | ADMISSIONS FORUM

## College Board AP Exam Registration

- Students who are taking a **fall or yearlong** AP course and plan to take the AP exam must register and pay for exams by **October 31, 2023**.
- Students and parents/guardians recently received an email with steps to register and pay for AP exams.
- Students register through their College Board account and AP Classroom (see email or Counseling Canvas [page](#))
- AP exam fees need to be paid through BVNW Total Registration [website](#).
- Exams will be administered at Hilltop Conference Center according to College Board's AP exam [calendar](#).
- Registration for **spring** semester AP courses will be in January/February with a registration deadline in early March 2024.
- See Counseling Canvas [page](#) for more detailed information on the registration process.

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

[ACT Dates/Registration](#)

## [SAT Dates/Registration](#)

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

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**\*\*Attention Juniors & Seniors – these new college visits have been added:\*\***

University of Missouri – October 30 @ 9:45

Texas Tech University – November 7 @ 9:00

When you sign up, use your email confirmation as your pass to attend. If you don't see the email in your Inbox, check your spam folder.



## Parent Booster Club News - October 27

**Parent Booster Club fundraiser is Feb. 3 - Save the date!**

Save the date! 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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# Blue Valley Northwest Information



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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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