

# Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - November 10, 2023

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## Message from Dr. David Sharp

Dear BVNW Community,

Happy early Veterans Day! On this fantastic Friday, let's pause to celebrate our outstanding staff and students who continue to represent our school community in various ways. We are so



proud of all their efforts and accomplishments. This past week, our Unified Bowling Team placed 4th in Tuesday’s meet and is headed to state! Thank you to coaches Sara Derks and Karen Stohlmann for a terrific season. Furthermore, we congratulate many of our journalism students from The Express, BVNW News, and Yearbook who placed nationally this past week in Boston at a national competition. Thank you to Mr. McCrossen and Ms. White for their leadership of the publication's program.

Also, we honor the choir, band, and orchestra students who earned placement in this year's East-Central Kansas Music Educators’ all-district choirs, orchestras, or bands last Saturday! A special thank you to BVNW staff Beth Richey-Sullivan, Mike Arbucci, Dr. Daniel Kirk, and Ben Strain, who took students on Saturday and helped prepare them. Furthermore, congratulations to BVNW teachers Sally Noltemeyer, Anne Flora, Valerie Golden, Andrea Smith, Jenna Hoing, Elissa Schlumpf, and Cindy Campbell-Barnes for earning Blue Valley Educational Foundation grants to support student learning!

Finally, best of luck to Husky Football tonight as they play Gardner Edgerton in the KSHSAA 6A Sectional Game! We are proud of Coach Rider and his entire staff for a great season!

Your Partner in Education,

*David*

David Sharp, Ed.D  
Principal, BVNW

## Weekly Schedule - NOVEMBER

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24					
Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
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

		<h1>BVNW BELL SCHEDULE</h1>	
<b>2023 - 2024</b>	<b>Odd Day</b> 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	
	<b>Even Day</b> 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	
	<b>Trad. Day</b> 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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## NHS Food Drive continues Nov. 14 & 16 - Advisory Class Competition!

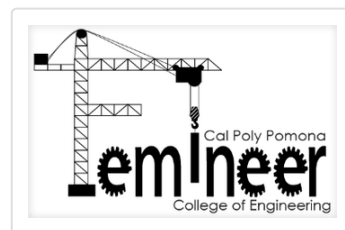
**REMINDER:** All students are encouraged to bring in cans and non-perishable items!!! We will collect again next week on Tuesday and Thursday!!



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)**.

## Congratulations to the 2023 All-District Choral Musicians

**BVNW** Congrats 2023



## All-District Choral Musicians

S1 Savannah Beaman Mixed	S2 Aashrita Kambhampati Treble
A2 Windsor Chapin Mixed	S1 Nina McNay Treble
S2 Scarlett Chu Mixed	S1 Nora Meyer Treble
A1 Meghan Churchill Mixed	A1 Camryn Mielke Mixed
B1 Ziv Cohen Mixed	T1 Zachary Miller Mixed
A2 Helen Connor Mixed	B1 Mairt Nagar Mixed
B1 Grayson Coover Mixed	T2 Christopher Owens Mixed
A1 Gracie Cowman Mixed	B1 Ryan Peterson Mixed
S2 Grace Crouch Treble	A1 Greta Preuss Mixed
T1 Ben Deardorff Mixed	B1 Zachary Reeves Mixed
T2 Shawn Furstenau Mixed	S2 Addison Reeves Treble
B1 Daniel Gomez Mixed Alternate	T1 Wyatt Ricker Mixed
S1 Suhana Grover Mixed	A1 Ruby Ricker Treble
A2 Hannah Hatton Mixed	A1 Grace Schlueter Treble
A2 Savannah Hogan Mixed	A1 Riley Simmons Treble
B1 Dylan Johnson Mixed	B2 Dawson Welde Mixed
A2 Sanaee Joshi Treble	T1 Felix William Mixed Alternate

## Results announced from ECKMEA District Orchestra Auditions

Here are the results from this year's ECKMEA District Orchestra Auditions. 48 orchestra students auditioned on Saturday, and the following 36 BVNW Orchestra Students earned a spot in this year's all-district orchestras based on their competitive auditions. Students with a star next to their name deserve extra kudos, as they earned spots in the upper tier orchestra:

Naasif Ahmed, 10, Cello

Yara Aljubran, 10, Violin

Eric Cai, 11, Violin

Daniel Cho, 11, Harp

Aiden Chowdhury, 9, Violin\*

Alex Cross, 12, Cello

Maho Gibbs, 11, Violin\* (Earned Concertmaster of the top orchestra!)

Ansh Singh Gugnani, 12, Bass\*

Mingcheng (Bobby) Guo, 10, Violin\*

Anahi Hermreck, 11, Viola

Leo Hovey, 12, Bass

Lindsay Jordan, 11, Viola

Caleb Jung, 9, Cello\*  
Danbee Kim, 9, Violin  
Eugenie Kim, 11, Cello\*  
Yerin (Lois) Kim, 12, Violin\*  
Shreyas Krishnan, 12, Violin\*  
Ryan Kwan, 10, Cello  
Isabella Lee, 10, Violin  
Shuyun Li, 10, Violin\*  
Jennifer Liu, 12, Cello  
Joanna Liu, 9, Viola  
Lucas Park, 9, Violin  
Braeden Rebel, 11, Bass  
Charles (Alex) Sweeney, 12, Cello  
Guna Thatipelli, 9, Bass\*  
Thomas Troughton, 10, Cello  
Srinivasa Vel, 10, Violin\*  
Rishi Venkatesh, 11, Viola\*  
David Wang, 9, Cello\*  
Megan Wang, 12, Violin\*  
Colin Weaver, 11, Viola\*  
Matt Wu, 10, Violin  
Matthew Wu, 10, Cello\*  
Solomon Wu, 11, Cello\* (Earned Front Stand in the top orchestra!)  
Melika Zabet, 10, Cello

Full List Gold: [https://eckmea.org/?section=hsorch&page=roster2324\\_gold](https://eckmea.org/?section=hsorch&page=roster2324_gold)

Full List Blue: [https://eckmea.org/?section=hsorch&page=roster2324\\_blue](https://eckmea.org/?section=hsorch&page=roster2324_blue)

## Publications students earn recognitions in Boston, MA

Some of BVNW's finest placed this past weekend in their national competition in Boston, MA. Congratulations to the following:

### **Best Use of Social Media Fourth Place**

#### [Staff](#)

The Express

Blue Valley Northwest High School

Overland Park, Kansas

### **Local Climate Change Reporting Fourth Place**

Nafsiya Hafiz

The Express

Blue Valley Northwest High School

Overland Park, Kansas

#### [Fighting for Climate Justice](#)

**Sports Game/Action Photo Honorable mention (top ten nationally)**

Hiba Issawi

Horizon

Blue Valley Northwest High School

Overland Park, Kansas

[Victory](#)

**Feature Story of the Year Honorable mention (top ten nationally)**

Alex Cowdrey, Saraphina Wambi

The Express

Blue Valley Northwest High School

Overland Park, Kansas

[Unnoticed. Unaddressed. Uncovered.](#)

**Best of Show Awards:****Newsmagazine (enrollment under 1800) Fourth Place**

The Express

Blue Valley Northwest High School

Overland Park, Kansas

**Yearbook (376+ pages) Seventh Place**

Horizon

Blue Valley Northwest High School

Overland Park, Kansas

**Newspaper/Newsmagazine Design Eighth Place**

Prajwal Adhikari

The Express

Blue Valley Northwest High School

Overland Park, Kansas

[Rocking the Rhythms](#)

**Yearbook Design Tenth Place**

Marin Adams

Horizon

Blue Valley Northwest High School

Overland Park, Kansas

[Climb to College](#)

**Diversity, Equity Inclusion Reporting Tenth Place**

Rishitha Bonthu, Saraphina Wambi

BVNWnews

Blue Valley Northwest High School

Overland Park, Kansas

[Challenging Stereotypes](#)

Feature Photography Honorable Mention  
Ashley Phelps

Yearbook Layout: Inside pages Honorable Mention Rating  
Marin Adams

Yearbook Copy/Caption: Student Life Honorable Mention Rating  
Lauryn Burbach

Feature Writing Honorable Mention Rating  
Lauren Croom

Commentary Writing Excellent Rating  
Lexington Jones

Press Law and Ethics Excellent Rating  
Inaya Zaman

**Support BVNW Choir on November 18 at Chicken N' Pickle**



BVNW VOCALCHORDINATORS PRESENTS  
COLLEGE FOOTBALL AT CHICKEN N'PICKLE

# GOOD GAME

KU KSTATE Football Game

# GOOD FOOD



**BRING YOUR KU/KSTATE  
SPIRIT TO SUPPORT  
BVNW  
VOCALCHORDINATORS/  
BVNW CHOIR**



Saturday, November 18  
Game time - TBD  
Chicken N'Pickle  
5901 W. 135th St  
A portion of all sales will be  
donated to BVNW Choir Students



November 18 - Support the BVNW Cheer Squad at State!

COME SUPPORT THE BVNW  
CHEER SQUAD AT STATE!

FIGHT SONG- 5:00 PM

CHEER- 5:58 PM

BAND CHANT- 7:00 PM

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED-  
7:45 PM

NOVEMBER 18TH

LOCATION: TOPEKA  
STORMONT VAIL EVENTS  
CENTER

## 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>



## 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.

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



## 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

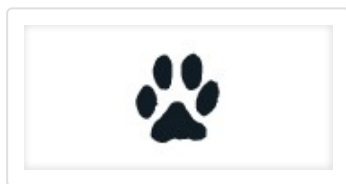


Some November Celebrations & Observances:

- 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.

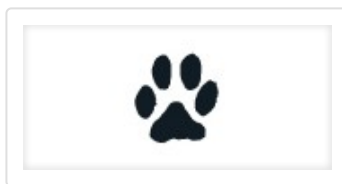


## Upcoming Key Calendar events



### NOV.

- Nov. 2-16 - NHS Food Drive /advisory classes
- Nov. 13 - Femineers applications due



### NOV.

- Nov. 18 - Cheer state competition
- Nov. 18 - Choir fundraiser at Chicken N' Pickle
- 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 - November 10

Where to find helpful information & resources

[BVNW Counseling Canvas](#)

## **Career Exploration Resources for students**

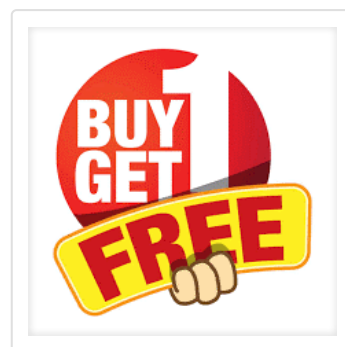
### **JCCC Career Ready Information**

Is your 10th or 11th grade student interested in exploring possible career pathways or a dual degree with BVNW and JCCC? If so, you are encouraged to attend a community wide event to answer your questions prior to January enrollment for 24-25 school year. Want to know more? See [Blue Valley Career Ready programs website](#).

- Fire Science on Tuesday, **January 16th at 6:00 pm** at the Fire Training Center at 12401 Hemlock
- Dual Degree on Wednesday, **January 17th at 6:00 pm** at the JCCC in the Nerman Museum
- Industrial Arts (Welding, HVAC, Auto, Construction Management, Plumbing, Welding, Electronic Technology) on Wednesday, **January 24th at 6:00 pm** at the JCCC in the Hugh Libby CTEC building
- Cybersecurity and Culinary & Hospitality on Thursday, **January 25th at 6:00 pm** at the JCCC in the Wylie Culinary building

### **ACT testing sale!**

For a limited time, ACT is offering students the opportunity to get a free ACT registration. The student must register and pay for the December 9 test date. The student then will receive a discount code to be used for a free registration. The code must be used by January 31, 2024 to register for February 10, April 13, June 8 or July 13.



The following link has all of the details.

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/register-for-the-act.html>



[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](#)

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

- US Air Force – November 16th during lunchtime - no sign up required & their table will be by the nurse's office

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 - November 10



### Spirit Wear is Ready

**PBC spirit wear orders are ready to be picked up!**

Please stop by Jock's Nitch Sporting Goods at 13358 College Boulevard, Lenexa, KS 66210. They are open 10am-6pm Monday through Friday and 10am-3pm Saturday. If you have any questions, please call them at 913-345-2882. Thank you!

**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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<http://facebook.com/bvnwnews>

<http://bvnwnewsphotos.smugmug.com/>



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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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