

Blue Valley Northwest

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings Husky Families!

As the vibrant colors of fall embrace our campus and the hustle and bustle of another academic year continue to take hold, I am excited to bring updates and a snapshot of the incredible journey our students, staff, and community will embark upon.



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

So far this semester, I have visited with several students, teachers, parents, and community members. I am inspired by the stories of achievement, innovative learning initiatives, and upcoming events that promise to enrich the BVNW experience for everyone involved. As we delve into the heart of the school year, our shared commitment to excellence in education and community shines brightly.

I wish our cheer and dance teams the best of luck as they compete at the state competition this weekend in Topeka! We are very proud of them and know they will represent BVNW well. As we head into Thanksgiving break, join us in celebrating each scholar's achievements, milestones, and collaborative spirit at BVNW. The end of the semester is near, so let's continue to foster an environment where curiosity thrives, friendships flourish, and futures are shaped.

Thank you for being a vital part of our educational community. We look forward to sharing the exciting adventures ahead!

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

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

Adapted from design by Addison Fuller

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Bell Schedule 2023-24

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Thank you from NHS for your Food Drive donations!

Thank you to all students, families and staff for the donations for the FOOD DRIVE!!!! We collected 1063 items!!!

The BV Food Pantry expressed their gratitude multiple times for the generosity of the BVNW community!

And our winning advisory class: **Kennedy *80 items***



Congratulations ECKMEA District Honor Band



Congratulations KS All-State 9th Grade Sousa Band



Support BVNW Choir on November 18 at Chicken N' Pickle

BVNW VOCALCHORDINATORS PRESENTS
COLLEGE FOOTBALL AT CHICKEN N'PICKLE

GOOD GAME

KU KSTATE Sunflower Showdown

GOOD FOOD



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

Saturday, November 18
Game time - 6 pm
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>



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

Pup Pack Dance Clinic

Join the Pack Dance Team and Perform
at a BVNW Basketball Game!
Pre School and Older

Clinic on December 2 9am - 12pm

Performance at the December 7
Basketball Game 5-7 pm

\$40 and T-Shirt and Snacks included



Registration Closes November 18

BVNW Choir Singing Diner Fundraiser is December 12th -
Purchase tickets now!



Subject: Civility Policy

We are thankful for the ongoing partnership and support we experience in our school community. Working together we ensure the best possible student experience allowing them to realize personal success. There are times, however, when issues arise which require our continued collaboration to resolve. Families may utilize the matrix linked on [the district website](#) to best address questions and concerns that may arise throughout the course of a school year. Finally, all staff and visitors should conduct their business free from intimidation, harassment, or bullying. The district's Board of Education states expectations regarding civility within [Policy 6341](#). Again, thank you for your partnership in helping to maintain a safe school community environment for all.

New Graduation Credits

The Blue Valley Board of Education approved new graduation credits on Monday, November 13th. These new requirements make the changes necessary to meet new Kansas state graduation requirements. These credits will go into effect with the class of 2028, next year's freshman class. Students currently in high school will continue to graduate based on the current requirements; this represents no change for them.

4.5 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.0 ELA
- 0.5 Communications*

7.0 STEM

- 3.0 Math
- 3.0 Science
- 1.0 STEM Elective*

4.0 SOCIETY & HUMANITIES

- 3.0 Social Studies
- 1.0 Fine Arts*

8.5 EMPLOYABILITY & LIFE SKILLS

- 1.0 Physical Education
- 0.5 Health
- 0.5 Financial Literacy
- 6.5 Electives

2 POST-SECONDARY ASSETS*

24.0 TOTAL

* Which classes (or activities) are eligible for these credits/requirements will be identified in the High School Course Programming Guide that is approved on a yearly basis by the Board of Education.

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

Some December Celebrations & Observances:

- - Universal Human Rights Month - people all across the globe are encouraged to come together and stand up for equality, justice, and the dignity of all humans.
 - **International Day of People with Disabilities** - December 3 - a day to celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with disabilities, promote an understanding of disability issues, and mobilize support for the rights, dignity, and wellbeing of people with disabilities.
 - **Hanukkah** - evening of December 7 - evening of December 15 - an eight-day Jewish festival of lights. Some Jewish families will celebrate by lighting a Menorah and eating foods cooked in oil.
 - **Christmas** - December 25- a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Some Christian families will celebrate by attending church services and exchanging gifts.
 - **Kwanzaa** - December 26 - January 1 - a seven-day African-American holiday celebrating culture, family, and community. For some, celebrations may include song, dance, storytelling, and a large traditional meal.





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



NOV.

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



NOV.

- Nov. 20 - ACT Prep Class
- **Nov. 20-24 - NO SCHOOL** (Thanksgiving Break)



DEC.

- Dec. 2 - Pup Pack Dance Clinic (registration deadline Nov. 18)
 - Dec, 12 - BVNW Choir Singing Diner Fundraiser
 - Dec. 18, 19, 20 - Final exams
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Blue Valley Northwest Important Senior Dates 23-24

Event	Date	Special Notes
Last chance senior photos! 📷	October 19 11:30 AM-2:00 PM	This is your final opportunity! If you do not have your picture taken by this day, your picture will not be in the yearbook. Already had your pic taken and want a retake? Retakes are \$10.
Approve spelling of name for diploma and release of transcripts	Due - December 15	Form linked here
Enter contact and height and weight for your graduate	ASAP	Form linked here
Order cap/gown/tassel and announcements		Form linked here
AP Test Registration	1st sem - Oct.31 2nd sem - Feb.	Contact Nancy Hadley with questions - NHadley@bluevalleyk12.org
Senior Class Picture 📷	February 26 10:45 (AST)	New main gym
Senior Parent Reception and Information Night	February TBD 6:00-7:30	Commons
Graduation/Class Day Speech Auditions	March TBD	PAC
Graduation/Class Day Music Auditions	March TBD	PAC
Graduation Announcement Delivery - Everything you ordered except Cap and Gown	Spring TBD	Table setup near the main staircase at lunch
Prom Ticket Purchasing	22 Week of April	www.bvnwathletics.com
Prom	April 27	Hilltop Learning Center 7700 W. 143 rd St. Overland Park, KS. 66223
AP Tests	Begin May 1	Locations vary
LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES FOR SENIORS! (Fly Up Assembly, too!)	Tentatively May 9	

Yearbook Distribution and Class Picnic 🍷 (STUDENTS ONLY) You may leave after the picnic!	Tentatively May 10	New Main Gym 10:00 AM-12:00
Graduation Practice (STUDENTS ONLY) You may leave after practice! Power Down (device collection) Cap and Gown Distribution	May 16	BVNW NEW Main Gym 10:30 AM
Senior Class Day (STUDENTS & PARENTS)	May 17	BVNW NEW Main Gym 8:00 AM
Graduation 🎓 (STUDENTS & FAMILIES)	May 18	DAC 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.

Counseling News - November 17

[Where to find helpful information & resources](#)

[BVNW Counseling Canvas](#)

[Career Exploration Resources for students](#)

College-Bound Seniors with January 1 application deadline:

All college document requests for counselors, including letters of recommendations and Common Application requests, for the January 1st college application deadline will need to be submitted to counselors by **December 4, 2023**, to be processed prior to winter break. Please be aware, staff will not be working over winter break, so any materials requested during winter break, will not be processed until our return in January.

Transcript requests (non-Common Application) through Naviance can be submitted until **3:00 p.m.** on **December 19, 2023**, for the January 1 deadline.

2023-24 Schedule Repair Process

Blue Valley Northwest students can only request a second semester schedule "repair" December 6-8, if the student has a **"see counselor", an error, or a level change request**.

You are eligible for a schedule repair if:

- Your schedule is incomplete, or missing a core class (error)
- Your schedule shows a "See Counselor"
- You have already taken a class that is on your schedule, and it is not repeatable (error)
- You are missing a prerequisite for a course you are enrolled in (error)
- You have a level change request
- You want to drop CAPS

You are NOT eligible for a schedule repair if:

- You want to switch an elective class
- You prefer a different teacher
- You prefer a different hour
- You want to switch classes to be with your friends

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](#)

****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 17

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](#)



https://www.instagram.com/bvnw_huskies/

<http://instagram.com/bvnwnews>

<http://twitter.com/bvnwnews>

<http://facebook.com/bvnwnews>

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



Blue Valley Northwest Information

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

Twitter: [@BVNW_huskies](https://twitter.com/BVNW_huskies)



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.



BVNW Parent Booster Club



<https://bvnw.membershiptoolkit.com/>