

Blue Valley Northwest

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Husky Families!

Have a great weekend!

Your Partner in Education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

Weekly Schedule - DECEMBER

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
December					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29

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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Husky Hoops Invitational - BVNW Special Events

All weekend - "Stock the Shelves" Food Drive for Community for Kids

Not-for-profit Organization that provides Weekend and Holiday Backpacks of Food to Blue Valley School District Students in Need.

Bring in a can of Spaghetti or Ravioli, Tuna and Tuna Helper, PB and Jelly, or Mac n Cheese to stock their shelves for Winter Break



Cane's Challenge...

Thursday, December 7
6pm BVNW vs Kickapoo

With a combined score of 60 points, 500 fans will receive Buy One Get One Combo Vouchers



Whataburger Night...

Friday December 8
8pm BVNW vs Confluence Prep Academy

For every food item brought in, receive a raffle ticket entry. Winner will be drawn at end of 3rd Quarter. Prize is a Whataburger Gift Box with all kinds of Whataburger goodies!!



Big Biscuit Day...

Saturday, December 9
2pm BVNW vs Bentonville West

For every food item brought in, receive a raffle ticket entry. 2 Contestants will be drawn at the end of the 1st Quarter. Halftime Contest - First Contestant to Make a Layup, Free Throw, and 3 Pointer Wins!! Prize is Big Biscuit \$50 Gift Card

Career Ready Programs - Earn college credit

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The information shared at these sessions will be most relevant for current sophomore and junior students and parents/guardians. We invite you to attend one of our community-wide family informational sessions in January. We encourage parents/guardians/students to all attend. You do not need to RSVP to any of these events, please make plans to attend and learn more about these programs.

January 16, 2024: Learn more about the Emergency Management & Fire Science program with our partners at the Overland Park Fire Department (OPFD) at the OPFD Training Center at 12401 Hemlock at 6:00 P.M.

January 17, 2024: Learn more about the Dual Degree option and how to earn your associate degree AND your Blue Valley diploma at the same time! Join us on the campus of Johnson County Community College and the Nerman Museum of Modern Art, Room 217, at 6:00 P.M. [Link to JCCC Campus Map](#)

January 24, 2024: Learn more about the career ready certification program in:

- Automation Engineering Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Culinary & Hospitality
- Cybersecurity
- Electrician Technology
- Electronic Technology
- Emergency Management & Fire Science
- Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning
- Plumbing
- Welding/Metal Fabrication

We will meet in the JCCC Hugh Libby CTEC building lobby at 6:00 P.M. We will hear from Blue Valley staff, JCCC Deans, Department Chairs, and Blue Valley students currently enrolled in these programs. [Link to JCCC Campus Map](#)

January 25, 2024: Learn more about the career ready cybersecurity and culinary & hospitality certification programs in the JCCC Wylie Culinary Center building lobby at 6:00 P.M. We will hear from Blue Valley staff, JCCC Deans, Department Chairs, and Blue Valley students currently enrolled in these programs. [Link to JCCC Campus Map](#)

Questions? Please visit the [Blue Valley Career Ready Programs website](#) or please feel free to reach out to Sarah Beren, Liaison to JCCC for Blue Valley Career Ready Programs, at 913-239-4141 or sberen@bluevalleyk12.org and Adam Wessel, Director of Career Ready Programs, 913-239-4023 or ajwessel@bluevalleyk12.org.

December 15 - Seal of Biliteracy Intent Form due



Seal of Biliteracy for Seniors

Seniors received information about the opportunity to earn the Seal of Biliteracy via email communication November 27. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please review the [Seal of Biliteracy website](#) for detailed information. If you would like to participate, the [Seal of Biliteracy Student Intent Form](#) must be submitted by the end of day Friday, Dec 15, 2023.

Save the date: Feb. 27 - Junior ACT

Save the Date – Junior ACT

BVNW will be proctoring a free ACT (that's reportable to colleges) to our junior class on **Tuesday, February 27th** from 7:30-noon. There is no school for students in grades 9, 10, and 12 on February 27th. More information will be coming when we return to school in January.



ACT Prep Class

While not affiliated with or endorsed by BVNW, we wanted to let you know about the following ACT prep classes being offered 2nd semester in the area:

Feb. 17 at K-State Olathe: <http://actprep.info/kstate>

Feb. 24 at KU in Lawrence: <http://actprep.info/ku>

Important info for anyone leaving the USA

1. For security reasons the district blocks all inbound/outbound connections to/from foreign countries. This is due to the high number of cyber security attacks that take place against the District's network on an hourly basis. For this reason the District cannot provide technical support or assistance to those students or staff that choose to take their Blue Valley device out of the country.
2. The District does NOT recommend taking any Blue Valley device out of the country:
 1. Students and Staff will not be able to access necessary systems such as Canvas, Classlink, employee online, and/or email.
 2. The District cannot fully secure, monitor, or keep live inventory of the device while it is out of the country.
 3. The District cannot provide remote support or full security updates for the device while it is out of the country.
3. If students or staff feel that they have a critical need to access the District's Network from outside of the country, they will need to do so on a **personal device** only, and they would need to install and use a **VPN client** on their personal device. **The VPN must display an IP address inside the United States.**
 1. The District cannot make recommendations or provide technical assistance with the installation and/or use any VPN client on any personal device.
 2. Students and staff must understand that there is **no guarantee** of successfully connecting to any of the District's internal systems while using their personal device in or out of the country.
4. Parents will still be able to access their Canvas Parent account from outside the country, it is not housed on a BV server it should connect without any issues.

We take every precaution to ensure that the Blue Valley Network remains safe and secure!

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

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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



DEC.

- Dec. 15 - Seniors-approve name/spelling for diploma and release of transcripts
- Dec. 15 - Seniors-Seal of Biliteracy intent form due



DEC.

- Dec. 18, 19, 20 - Final exams
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 2 - WINTER RECESS - EC-12th



JAN.

- Jan. 3 - NO SCHOOL - EC-12 /Prof. Learning
- Jan 4 - School resumes
- Jan 15 - NO SCHOOL (MLK Holiday)



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	Week of April 22	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 - December 8

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

Career Exploration Resources for students

CAPS Open Houses! We highly encourage students and parent/guardian to attend an open house if you are interested in enrolling for CAPS during high school. Before considering scheduling 3 hours of your school day for CAPS, and to make an informed decision before the February 2023 enrollment window opens, it is in your best interest to have talked to instructors and seen the programs in person. It is big commitment to consider in your schedule!

Students must wait until junior or senior year to possibly have it fit in their schedule and be eligible with remaining graduation credits.

For more information regarding specific strands offered, visit [CAPS website](#).

Location: Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS)
7501 W. 149th Terrace
Overland Park, KS 66223
913-239-5900

Dates:

Enrollment Open House #2- **1.09.24**. 6:00-7:00 PM

Enrollment Open House #3 – **1.23.24** 6:00 – 7:00 PM

[Link for more open house information](#)



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Please see Career Ready Program (CRP) information on the NW website [here](#) for upcoming informational session dates and locations.

[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](#)

Parent Booster Club News - December 8



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://instagram.com/bvnwnews>

<http://twitter.com/bvnwnews>

<http://facebook.com/bvnwnews>

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

Blue Valley Northwest Information

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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

