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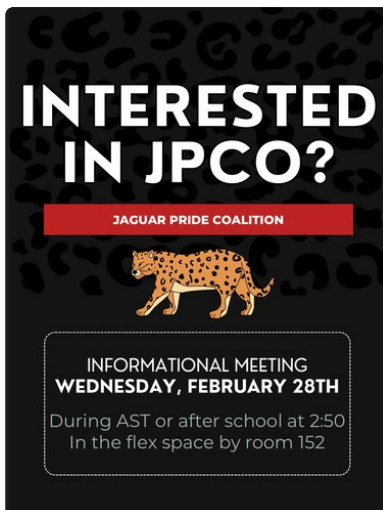
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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

State Funded ACT test - February 27th

Reminder: Juniors have the opportunity to take the state-funded ACT on Tuesday, February 27th. Students have been pre-registered for the test and will receive important testing information this weekend, including their room assignments. Juniors will start school at 7:35 AM and be dismissed after testing (roughly until 11:30 or noon). **Please note that freshmen, sophomores, and seniors will not attend school on February 27th.**



Students Interested in JPCO?

Calling all sophomores and juniors who are interested in applying for next year's JPCo team! An informational meeting will be on 2/28 during AST or after school at 2:50pm in the flex space near room 152.

Applicants should be interested in leadership development and enthusiastic about BVW and all its events and activities. School spirit is vital, as is a good work ethic. It is also helpful to have some leadership experience.

Fundraiser Supporting the Solace House

Calling on our sister schools for your support!

Pleasant Ridge Middle School is set to perform Newsies for their annual musical benefit. All proceeds from the event will go to the Solace House, a non profit organization that supports families that have suffered sudden loss of life at little to no cost to them. *The Solace House was unanimously selected this year to showcase because they helped one of our own theatre families with the loss of a parent.*



The night before the benefit on February 26th, we partnered with Freddy's on 159th St. from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m to host a fundraiser for the Solace House. When you grab an after-school snack or dinner for the family be sure to share our flyer and 15% of your total purchase will go back to this organization.

Currently we have a donor that has offered to match what we raise up to \$2000.00 so we need everyone to come out to Freddy's to show your support for the Solace House!

BVEF - Battle of the Bands

Saturday, Feb. 24, 7-11 p.m.

Proceeds from this annual fundraiser support music and performing arts programs throughout the district, and YOU can be part of the fun! Don't delay- event tickets have nearly sold out- and you won't want to miss a chance to dance the night away at RC's in Martin City for a great over-21 night out. [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of the Bands 2024 \(bidpal.net\)](https://bidpal.net)

Can't make it to the event itself? No worries! Just visit [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of the Bands 2024 \(bidpal.net\)](https://bidpal.net) to

bid on incredible auction packages and see what your school submitted! You can also vote by donation for your favorite adult school-affiliated band! Band names and school representations are as follows:

Young Medicine- Lakewood Elementary

Modern Thieves- Mission Trail Elementary, Leawood Middle, Blue Valley North

4-Track Mind- Blue River Elementary

Wednesdays at Herman's- Cedar Hills Elementary, Prairie Star Middle, BV North, BV West, BV Northwest

This auction will close Saturday, February 24 at 9:30 p.m. and you do not have to be present to win!



Raffle for a Reason- Tickets available until March 5

Want Taylor Swift concert tix? How about a trip to Disneyland or Washington DC?

BVEF is selling ONLY 300 raffle tickets at \$100/ticket and the lucky winner has their choice of one of eight amazing packages!

See them all at [Welcome! \(onecause.com\)](https://onecause.com)

Proceeds support our students and educators; winner drawn March 6 so don't delay!

2nd Semester Course Fees

The course fees for the second semester have been posted. Fees are assigned based on your student's enrollment, and not all courses will have associated fees. To check if your student is enrolled in a class with associated course fees, log in to [ParentVUE](https://parentvue.com). If you have any questions regarding course fees, please contact our main office at 913-239-3700 and ask to speak to Ms. Chavez, our bookkeeper.

3rd Quarter Newsletter

Please take a moment to review [THIS DOCUMENT](#) for information related to the 3rd Quarter. In the linked document you'll find a monthly breakdown of our odd/even/all block days as well as

updated information about questions and topics frequently asked this time of year. Topics highlighted include: ACT Testing Day, Attendance/Punctuality, Change to student device access to games, etc...

SENIOR NEWS Class of 2024

Must Order Now! Graduation Cap and Gown

[ORDER HERE!](#)

- Class of 2024 Apparel and Accessories will be available for pick up in the office, 1-2 weeks after order is placed.
- Grad Announcements will come in just after Spring Break (exact date/location TBD)
- Cap, Gown & Tassel will be handed out in May, prior to Graduation Rehearsal
- Class Rings will be available for pick up in the main office 10-12 weeks after order is placed.



BLUE VALLEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

ORDER YOUR GRADUATION ESSENTIALS!

Herff Jones is the official provider of your Cap & Gown, Custom Graduation Announcements, Class of 2024 Apparel and Class Rings! Don't miss the chance to celebrate your accomplishments and commemorate your upcoming graduation. Congratulations Class of 2024!

SHOP NOW »

Order by December 1 to receive the best prices of the year!

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Senior Event Guide

Spring Semester is a busy time for seniors! Check out the [Senior Event Guide](#) for all the upcoming dates and deadlines.

ATHLETICS NEWS

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COUNSELING



IMPORTANT DATES Second Semester

March 3rd

Deadline to Register for AP Exams

March 20th

Deadline to Drop Class for a "W"

Counseling Canvas Page

Save up to **47% OFF** the cost of a bachelor's degree!

KANSAS PROMISE

SCHOLARSHIP

PROMISE ACT ELIGIBLE PROGRAM
Mental and Physical Health Care


Earn a nursing bachelor's degree at an average cost of

\$8,848

Average tuition and fees for a bachelor's degree at a Kansas public institution with the Promise Act Scholarship

The Kansas Promise Act includes two years of tuition based on being a Kansas Resident and taking 60 credit hours, estimated fees, and estimated books. Housing and meal plans not included. For more information scan the QR code or visit the link below.

Next steps:
Check student and institutional eligibility
Follow the steps at the eligible institution

Visit https://www.kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/promise-act-scholarship for more information.

KS Promise Scholarship - Mental and Physical Health

Save up to **47% OFF** the cost of a bachelor's degree!

KANSAS PROMISE

SCHOLARSHIP

PROMISE ACT ELIGIBLE PROGRAM
Early childhood education and development

Earn a teaching bachelor's degree at an average cost of

\$8,848

Average tuition and fees for a bachelor's degree at a Kansas public institution with the Promise Act Scholarship

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Next steps:
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Visit https://www.kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/promise-act-scholarship for more information.

KS Promise Scholarship - Early Childhood Education & Dev

College/Career Visits

It's never too early to start looking at options post-high school! We have several schools and branches of the military already calling to set up visits in our building for the spring. Be on the

lookout for dates and times in next week's newsletter. Students you can sign up by visiting the BVW Counseling Canvas Page and click on the College and Career Planning Tile.

These visits always take place during AST.

Monday and Wednesday: 10:40-11:10

Tuesday and Thursday: 12:40-1:10

Counseling canvas page

Community Celebrations and Observances



Some February Celebrations & Observances:

- *Black History Month* - created to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and rich cultural heritages of African Americans. Black History Month highlights the triumphs and adversities that have helped shape the United States.
- *World Hijab Day - February 1* - this day recognizes the millions of Muslim women who choose to wear the hijab. Inviting women of all identities to wear the hijab for one day, it promotes understanding of other cultures and personal freedoms of religious expression.
- *Lunar New Year - February 10* - celebrated by families of Chinese and other Asian heritages, some people celebrate with religious ceremonies honoring ancestors, giving and receiving red envelopes containing small amounts of money, lighting colorful lanterns, and eating traditional foods such as dumplings and sticky rice balls that symbolize family unity.
- *Ash Wednesday - February 14* - a Christian holiday signifying the first day of the Lenten season, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading to Easter. Some families will attend religious services and receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their forehead.
- *Magha Puja Day - February 24* - an important Buddhist festival celebrating the gathering between Buddha and his first disciples. Some families will attend temple, meditate, listen to teachings, perform giving alms, and hold candlelight processions.



Blue Valley West

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