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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Rep Theatre



April 19-20
7pm
BVW Little Theatre

PUFFS - Rep Theatre

This popular show is a must-see satirical comedy for anyone who is (or isn't) into a certain school of magic and all that it entails...

Advanced Rep Theatre



April 26-27
7pm
BVW Little Theatre

DEARLY BELOVED - Advanced Repertory Theatre

This joyful Southern-fried comedy about love, marriage, sisterhood, and three hundred pounds of good, ol' Texas barbeque!

Spring Mainstage



May 3-4, 7pm
May 4, 2pm
BVW Performing Arts Center

SIX: Teen Edition - Spring Mainstage

Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived. From Tudor Queens to Pop Icons, the SIX wives of Henry VIII take the mic to remix five hundred years of historical heartbreak into a Euphoric Celebration of 21st-century girl power! Bring the whole family to this high-energy 75-minute show!!

All School Pickleball - Today!

Today at Chicken n' Pickle from 12-3pm. All grades are welcome!



Hindu New Year Party

The Blue Valley West Hindu Student Council is hosting their Hindu New Year Party this Friday, April 19th in the Blue Valley West Commons from 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm. Be sure to join them for a night of fun, food, music (provided by a DJ!), and dancing. Check Out the bvwsc Instagram page for more information. Tickets are only on sale online [at this link](#) for \$5. Be sure to get yours and bring a friend!

BVEF
Champion for Students
Now Accepting Nominations!

The Champion for Students Award celebrates educators who foster a transformative impact on their students' lives. In the words of the late educator Rita Pearson, "Every child deserves a champion."

Nominate an exceptional educator today!
<https://bit.ly/BVEFCFS2024>

BVEF Champion of Students Award

With tremendous gratitude to Neal and Angela Sharma, we are excited to announce the arrival of a new award to recognize our exemplary educators. The BVEF Champion for Students Award celebrates educators who foster a transformative impact on their students' lives. In the words of the late educator Rita Pearson, "Every child deserves a champion." The Blue Valley Education Foundation's Champion for Students Award recognizes those educators who embrace this sentiment and embody it in their daily practice. Any member of the Blue Valley Community is welcome to nominate a deserving Blue Valley Schools staff member for this

recognition. To learn more, click [HERE](#). The application window opened on April 5th and closes on April 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Wessel.

Last Day of School for the 2023-24 School Year

Assuming no unforeseen circumstances cause us to cancel school, staff and families can plan on May 24 as the last day for students in grades K-11. Students in the early childhood programs will have their last day on May 23.

High school finals will occur May 22–24, with building principals communicating the specific schedules to their school families and students at a later date. For more information or to subscribe to the district calendar, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/calendar.

SENIOR NEWS Class of 2024

Senior Meal Accounts

All Senior meal accounts must be positive or have a \$0.00 balance before graduation.

Parents - please log into Linq Connect to complete the following tasks:

- Remove any recurring payments set up for Senior meal account in early May.
- Transfer any positive senior balance to younger siblings after last Senior class day or transfer funds from younger sibling to senior to bring negative balance to \$0.
- Contact Linq Connect help desk at 1-888-464-5467 for any issues logging into the website or app

After graduation, Food & Nutrition Services will email parents of all seniors who do not have younger siblings with payment/refund options based on their senior's meal account balance.

Class Day/Graduation Interpretation Services

If you or a guest plan to attend class day or graduation, and need an ASL interpreter, please email Lauren Botticella at ljbotticella@bluevalleyk12.org by May 1, 2024. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning.

Pay Senior Activity Fee

Click [here](#) to pay senior fees. The PTO uses these fees for the Senior Picnic and the Senior lunch/Class Day Rehearsal.



Father's Club Scholarship

Applications are due by April 22. [Click here to access the Application Portal.](#)

Pay for Graduation Cap and Gown

[ORDER HERE!](#)

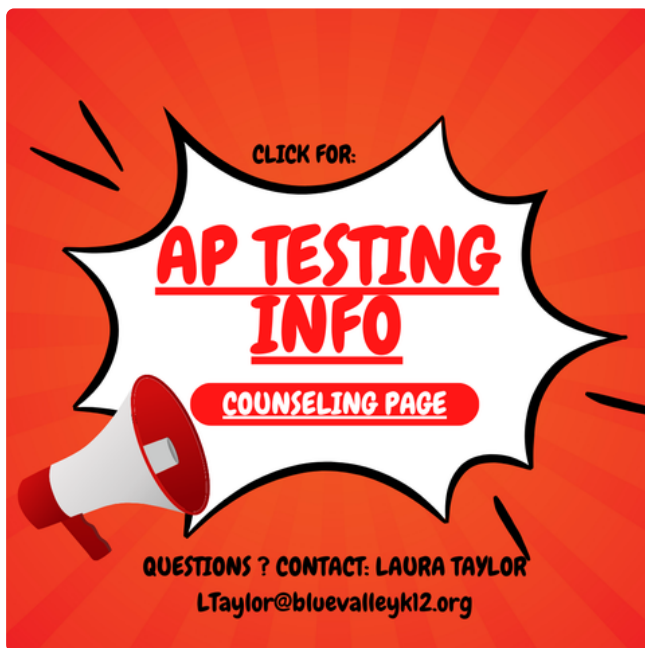
Senior Event Guide

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



AP Testing

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

- April 22 BVW Father's Club Scholarship
Sunset Ridge PTO Scholarship
- April 23 Lakewood Middle "Gift of Hope" Scholarship



Scholarships

Counseling canvas page

Community Celebrations and Observances



Some April Celebrations & Observances:

- *World Autism Awareness Month* - aims to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism.
- *National Arab American Heritage Month* - recognizes the achievements and contributions of Arab Americans to society, culture, and American history.
- *Eid al Fitr - April 10th* - marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting. Some families will celebrate the "Festival of Breaking the Fast" by joining in communal prayer and meals, visiting family, gift-giving, and charity.
- *Day of Silence - April 14* - a national, student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+ students and allies take a vow of silence to protest the silencing and discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools.
- *Passover - evening of April 22-30* - a Jewish holiday commemorating the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. Some families will observe the holiday with a special meal, called a Seder, eating foods of symbolic significance and reciting traditional prayers.



Blue Valley West

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