

Blue Valley Northwest

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Husky Families!

I hope this letter finds you well. As we enter the month of February, I wanted to share some important updates and information with you.



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation for your ongoing support and collaboration in creating a positive and enriching learning environment for our scholars. Your involvement is vital to the success of BVNW, and we are grateful for the strong partnership we share. We have just completed a fantastic spirit week, and we would like to thank all our students who participated, stugo student leaders, our staff, and Ms. Derks and Ms. Heiman for their tremendous leadership and support.

February marks a significant period in the academic calendar, with upcoming parent-teacher conferences, ACT, and the end of the 3rd quarter is just four weeks away! Furthermore, as we wrap up enrollment, please continue to dialogue with your scholar about their academic goals. Our dedicated student services team is always available to assist and guide students toward academic success.

Congratulations to our bowling team, as they are having a record-setting season! Additionally, we have several exciting events and activities planned for the upcoming days, with boys and girls varsity basketball games and the sweetheart dance tonight, and the musical continues with two shows on Saturday—additionally, best of luck to our wrestlers and swimmers competing in the EKL Championships tonight and tomorrow.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful month ahead!

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

Inclement Weather Schedule Change

As you are aware students have missed several days of school due to inclement weather. During second semester there may be times that we communicate a shift to a modified weekly schedule to gain instructional minutes. Our first change will occur the week of February 12-16. The schedule will be as follows:

- Monday - Traditional All Classes (***this is a change***)
- Tuesday - Traditional All Classes (No Late Start - ***this is a change***)
- Wednesday - Odd Block Schedule
- Thursday - Even Block Schedule (Late Start)

- Friday - Traditional All Classes

Weekly Schedule - FEBRUARY

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
				1	2
5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29		

2023-2024 Bell Schedule



BVNW BELL SCHEDULE

2023-2024

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

[Download](#)

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Second semester course fees payment now open

High school course fee payment for second semester is open and [online now](#).

New Sweetheart Dance is tonight!

Student Government has revamped Sweetheart this year! In hopes of including more students, there will be a mixer after the basketball game Friday, February 2nd, from 8:45-10:30 in the atrium. There will be music, cookies, and games. Attire will be casual.



Cost is \$3 for one student, \$5 for two, or 2 cans to be donated to the BV Food Pantry. No outside guests. Students can purchase tickets Friday at lunch, before the basketball game, or at the door. Cash only!

Addams Family musical is Feb. 3

Tickets are on sale!


The Addams Family Musical is a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family! Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family— a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before— keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

BLUE VALLEY NORTHWEST THEATRE
PROUDLY PRESENTS

The Addams Family


BOOK BY: MARSHALL BRICKMAN & RICK ELICE
MUSIC BY: ANDREW LIPPA

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



SHOW DATES

February 1st
At 7pm
February 3rd
At 2pm & 7pm



TICKET LINK

BVNW February Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Ups / Reminder

Parent-Teacher Conference Reminder

We look forward to seeing next week for Parent-Teacher Conferences! Parents/guardians must sign up in advance and you have received separate emails about how to sign up. Here's the information that's been shared .

2nd Semester Parent-Teacher Conferences - February 5th - February 8th

The purpose of February conferences are to support your student in a class (or classes) that they may be having particular difficulties in. A conference can be set up to give you, your student, and the teacher time to talk about difficulties and plan for how to best support them to find success.

Not every parent may feel a conference is necessary at this time. If this is the case for you, you may check your student's progress via Canvas and talk with your student. If you have any questions, please email their teacher.

We are offering a combination of **virtual** (via Zoom) and **in-person 5-10-minute** conferences in February and spots are limited.

Blue Valley Northwest will be offering Wednesday, February 7th from 3:15-6:45 as an opportunity for parents to conference with teachers either in person or virtually via Zoom.

Teachers will be offering another evening the week of February 5th-February 8th where they will be available only in a virtual/Zoom format.

You must sign-up in advance for parent/teacher conferences. More information to come soon regarding sign-ups!

Canvas Parent Support: If you do not have parent Canvas access, we recommend either sitting down with your student with their grades pulled up on Canvas and go through their grades with them or that you add yourself as an “observer” to your student’s classes so you can view their grades at any time.

Need some Canvas help? Check out how to access or set up your [Canvas Observer account](#) as a parent, or review this [Canvas Parent/Guardian Orientation](#).

Nominations are officially open for BVEF’s annual Innovative Educator Award



Do you know an educator who goes above and beyond to inspire, engage, and innovate in the classroom? Now is your chance to recognize their outstanding contributions! Nominations are officially open for BVEF’s annual Innovative Educator Award. This prestigious honor celebrates two classroom teachers (one elementary and one secondary) who creatively apply innovative teaching methods, foster critical thinking skills, and ignite a passion for learning in their students.

Each innovative educator will receive a \$1,250 grant for their classroom. **Applications are due March 1st.** Click [HERE](#) to learn more and nominate a deserving educator. Thank you!

Future Husky Night will be held February 13th

Future Husky Night – is for incoming 9th grade students (the class of 2028) and their parents and is coming up on Tuesday, February 13th from 6-8 at BVNW. Additional information will be emailed home.

YOU'RE
INVITED!

FUTURE HUSKY NIGHT

Tuesday,
February 13th,
6:00-8:00 PM @ BVNW
Performing Arts Center
(PAC)



GET COURSE
ENROLLMENT INFO FOR
FALL 2024

MEET BVNW
ADMINISTRATION,
COUNSELORS &
TEACHERS

LEARN ABOUT BVNW
ELECTIVE COURSES @
OUR ELECTIVES FAIR!

- ✓Get your BVNW enrollment form.
- ✓Hear from teachers about 9th grade classes to help you make decisions for enrollment.
- ✓Learn about our district graduation requirements.

BVNW CLASS OF 2028

*This evening is designed for both
students & parents to attend!*

Help support Coach Lechner & family on Feb 16

February 16th - Donate at the BVN vs. BVNW basketball game
FANS: PLEASE WEAR GREEN

HELP SUPPORT COACH LECHNER AND FAMILY



DONATE HERE!

#PLAYFORLECK



Gold Out Is Back!



We will be celebrating Gold Out once again in February and wearing our shirts at the February 16th basketball game versus Blue Valley North. Thank you for helping our students spread the word about childhood cancer and the work St. Jude does! You can follow our student organization on Instagram @nwgoldoutkc.

Senior Parent Reception is Tuesday, February 20th

Reception begins at 6:00pm | Program begins at 6:30pm
BVNW High School Commons



Blue Valley Parent Booster Club invites you to our annual

**SENIOR PARENT
INFORMATIONAL
RECEPTION**

for the
Class of **2024**

Tuesday, February 20th
Reception begins at 6:00 pm
Program begins at 6:30 pm
BVNW High School Commons

All End-Of-The-Year Senior Activities will be discussed. Parents are urged to attend.

This event is for Parents Only

Planning for inclement weather days in Blue Valley

As the winter months continue, there is always the possibility of inclement weather. When extreme weather conditions exist, the district may cancel school or utilize a two-hour delayed start when temporary adverse weather conditions exist. When possible, inclement weather announcements will be made the day before so staff and families can plan. More information about inclement weather (including 2-hour delayed starts) can be found on the district [website](#).



Learn about new graduation requirements



“There’s very few things you get 100% agreement on...and every time we talked to any group, they felt like financial literacy was something students needed... so that was an easy one for us.”



Scott Roberts
Executive Director
School Administration

Our latest #BVUnmuted podcast focuses on updated graduation requirements for incoming high school students.

Podcast Link - bit.ly/BVGradReq

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>

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.



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



- Feb. 2 - Sweetheart Dance
- Feb. 3 - Adams Family musical
- Feb. 5-8 - Parent-Teacher Conferences



- Feb. 13 - Future Husky Night
- Feb. 20 - Senior Parent Reception



- Feb. 16 - Gold Out Coach Leochner fundraiser
- Feb. 20 - Sr. Parent Reception
- Feb. 27 - Junior ACT



Blue Valley Northwest Important Senior Dates 23-24

Senior families, please bookmark the "[Important Senior Dates](#)" document and check back regularly for updates! More details to come second semester.

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 - February 2

Where to find helpful information & resources

[BVNW Counseling Canvas](#)

<https://bvusd.instructure.com/courses/70851>

[BVNW Academic Resources](#)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nkl_HonPgP0FGfUI8oOSssBI0g-yXmCy/view

[@bvnwcounseling](#)

<https://www.instagram.com/bvnwcounseling/>

[Career Exploration Resources for students](#)

<https://bvusd.instructure.com/courses/70851/pages/career-center>

BVNW current 9-11th grade enrollment for 2024-25 school year timeline:

Counselors meet with current 9 grade: 2/5 and 2/6

Get Free FAFSA® Assistance; Feb. 15 and 21

The FAFSA® just got a makeover—and YOU could benefit!

Unlock hundreds of newly expanded grants and other forms of financial aid including scholarships with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

Filing your FAFSA® is simpler than ever, and JCCC's Financial Aid team is here to help!

FAFSA® Completion Night, More details and RSVP information can be found at jccc.edu/FAFSA.

Thu. Feb. 15 OR Wed. Feb. 21 | 6-8 p.m. | Regnier Center

Get ready to file the FAFSA® in two easy steps:

1. Create your Federal Student Aid ID at least three days before the event at gov.
2. Bring your 2022 tax return information, including schedules and W2s.

We also encourage any contributors (i.e., parents) to create their FSA ID.

[RSVP for free, one-on-one assistance](#)

Need a different time? We have flexible meeting options! Contact the Financial Aid team at finaid@jccc.edu to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Computers will be available; however, personal laptops or mobile devices are welcome!



Summer 2024 – Virtual Education – Key Information

Registration begins: **March 18, 2024, at 8:00 AM**

*Enrollment completed online via ParentVue – Course Request Tab

Registration ends: **April 3, 2024, at 4:00 PM**

Credit Recovery Registration (Virtual/Online) ends on **May 31, 2024, at NOON**

*Registration for credit recovery courses after the registration window closes are handled by Robert Asquith, Coordinator of Virtual Education, at rasquith@bluevalleyk12.org.

Payment window opens: **April 10, 2024**

Payment due: **May 1, 2024**

*Students may be dropped for non-payment after May 15th.

Additional information can be found under Summer Programs on the district [website](#).

Virtual Program Dates and Courses

June 3, 2024 – July 18, 2024

- Courses start Monday, June 3, 2024 (Canvas)
- **Final Exams will be the week of July 15-18, 2024 at BVN**

*The Final Exam Schedule will be posted and communicated during the first week of class.

Online Courses:

American Government
Business Essentials
Business Software Applications
Contemporary Communications
Emerging Technologies
Financial Literacy
Health & Wellness
Modern World History
Physical Education
U.S. History

Online Credit Recovery* Courses:

Biology
ELA 9, 10, 11, 12
Algebra I, II
Geometry
Modern World History
U.S. History

*Students must have failed the course before being allowed to enroll.

JCCC College Now & Baker University Concurrent Credit Information – 2nd semester classes

JCCC's College Now and Baker CCCP are a dual or concurrent credit options for students in approved classes at BVNW. What is dual credit? When a high school student takes an approved BVNW HS class from an approved high school teacher, they have the option to earn both high

school and college credit. Students must enroll separately through JCCC or Baker University to earn the college credit.

[BVNW College Now \(JCCC\) In-Person Classes \(2nd semester\)](#)

AP English Literature (12th grade)

Honors Spanish 5

AP Calculus BC

[JCCC College Now Website](#)

[JCCC College Now Enrollment Guide](#)

[BVNW College Now Spring '24 Course Schedule \(CRN's\)](#)

JCCC COLLEGE NOW ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS **FEBRUARY 9**.

[BVNW Baker Concurrent Credit Program In-Person Class \(2nd semester\)](#)

AP US History (with Mr. Lange)

Enroll online through [Baker CCP Website](#) by **FEBRUARY 2**.

College Board AP Exam Registration – opens January 29

Students who are taking a **2nd-semester-only** AP course and plan to take the AP exam(s) must register and pay for exams by **February 29, 2024**. There are 2 parts to registering for an AP exam:

1. Confirming exam registration in AP Classroom (through student's [College Board](#) account)
2. Paying for the exam through [Total Registration](#).

AP exam cost is \$108. Detailed instructions on how to register and pay can be found on [BVNW Counseling Canvas Course](#).

**Students who missed the 1st semester registration deadline (for 1st semester and/or yearlong AP classes) and would like to take an AP exam, may register during this window. College Board charges a \$40 late registration fee. Student needs to pay for the AP exam through [Total Registration](#), and then Mrs. Hadley, counselor, will update student's registration/exam order on College Board side.

Dropping classes

If a student chooses to drop a class, a "W" for the withdrawal will be recorded on their transcript. The last day to drop a second semester class is March 22, 2024. After this date, a student will stay in the class and keep the grade earned.

Local & National Hotline information:

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HOTLINES?



JCMHC's Crisis Line | 913-268-0156:

JCMHC's Crisis Line provides crisis and non-crisis mental health support and resources. It is free, confidential, and available 24/7/365. Sometimes you just need to talk through something you are experiencing. A few topics you might call us to talk about could be financial worries, grief, relationships, depression/anxiety, or loneliness.

Crisis Text Line | 741-741:

The Crisis Text Line provides free, 24/7 text-based mental health support and crisis intervention by empowering a community of trained volunteers to support people in their moments of need. You can also contact the Crisis Text Line via [Facebook Messenger](#). Even though it's called a "crisis line," you don't have to be in crisis to reach out.

911

For medical and public safety emergencies, call 911. It is free and available 24/7/365. If someone is an immediate danger to themselves or others, please call 911 immediately. Learn more at [911](#)

United Way | 211:

Call 211 to chat with a Community Resource Navigator, who can connect you to local agencies and resources (food, housing, utility assistance, tax preparation, transportation, etc.) It is free, confidential, and available 24/7/365. Learn more at [211.org](#).

Mental Health America of the Heartland Compassionate Ear Warmlines | 913-281-2251 (Non-crisis):

[Warmlines](#) are another resource to utilize when you need to talk to someone. As opposed to a hotline, warmlines provide early intervention with the emotional support that can prevent a crisis. Warmlines can also connect you to a crisis line if you need additional support. This peer-operated supportive listening service is available daily from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Life can be unpredictable, and mental health conditions can be too. While no one wants to think about crisis situations, they happen. That's why we've prepared these hot, warm and crisis lines for you with the hopes that you'll add them to your contact list and that, when you need help, you know

who you can call. We all need some help sometimes, and it's okay to reach out. In fact, it's brave. You've got this, and we've got you at 913-268-0156 (**JCMHC's Crisis Line**).



[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 - February 2

Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser POSTPONED

PBC's Denim & Diamond's Dinner, Auction and Dancing Fundraiser new date is Saturday, April 6th, 2024!

Dear Husky Community,

Unfortunately, we are having to postpone our Denim and Diamonds event. **The new date is Saturday, April 6th, 2024.** Please save the date! We will have even more auction items, the wine pull and a great time for all attendees! If you bought your tickets already, please be on the lookout for an email from us!

DENIM
AND
Diamonds
BVNW PBC FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 6:30PM

Your Ticket includes Dinner, Music,
Auctions, Dancing and Fun!

Museum at Prairiefire 5801 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS

EARLY BIRD PRICES EXTENDED UNTIL JANUARY 24TH
Individual Ticket - \$100 Couples - \$190

EARLY BIRD PRICE EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 25TH
Individual Ticket - \$100 Couples - \$190

POSTPONED

TICKETS ARE LIMITED. GET YOURS NOW!

EARLY BIRD SALES EXTENDED UNTIL JANUARY 24TH, 2024

DINNER CATERED BY BRANCATO'S CATERING & EVENTS

FULL CASH BAR AVAILABLE ALL NIGHT

(ONLY CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT THE BAR)

ATTIRE: BLUE JEAN ATTIRE WITH BLING OR SMART CASUAL



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/>

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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

