

Blue Valley Northwest

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Husky Families!



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we embrace the heart of February! Here are some important updates and highlights from our vibrant high school community:

Parents/guardians of current juniors, please mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 27, 2024. On this day, we will administer the ACT to all 11th-grade students. ***Since February 27th is a testing day for only juniors, we will modify the schedule for the week. Please note that freshmen, sophomores, and seniors will not attend school that day.***

Congratulations to our BVNW FBLA students! We had nearly 60 students in the top three at the recent district competition. This competition requires a lot of prep for our students, and many events require papers and presentations. We are proud of our student's hard work and dedication in this program.

Congratulations to Divya Subramoni for making BVNW history as our very first state qualifier in women's wrestling! Also, congratulations to all the new members of our 2024 Varsity and JV Boys Volleyball teams. Finally, best of luck to all our swimmers at state, wrestlers at regionals, and our basketball teams finishing up competition in the EKL! We are very proud of all of our student-athletes.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in BVNW High School. Together, we make a difference in the lives of our scholars.

Your partner in Education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

NO SCHOOL on MONDAY, Feb. 19 (President's Day)

Weekly Schedule - FEBRUARY

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
February				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14 no school	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](#).

Kansas State Assessment dates are coming in April

Kansas State Assessments are coming up!

Tenth graders will take the math assessment starting **April 2nd**, and they will begin the reading assessment on **April 8th**.

Eleventh graders will take the science assessment starting **April 8th**.

This is a great opportunity for our students to show what they know! More details to come!

Help support the 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.

Penn Station offer for BVNW/BVN basketball games tonight

Penn Station East Coast Subs would like to offer the following promotion on **Friday 2/16** for the BVNW/BVN basketball games. -25% off orders with a school ID.



Senior Night Promo:
Bring your School ID and
receive 25% off your order.

**All BVNW and BVN students/
teachers/staff are eligible.**

Penn Station East Coast Subs
8667 W 135th Street
Overland Park, KS 66223
913-766-0127



Senior Parent Reception is Tuesday, February 20

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



Save
The
Date

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

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!



The poster features a central graphic of a guitar with a colorful, multi-faceted body and a rainbow-colored neck. The text '12TH ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BANDS' is written in large, colorful, block letters. The event details are listed on the right side, including the date 'Saturday FEB. 24 2024' and the location 'RC's Back Door | Martin City'. The Blue Valley Educational Foundation logo is in the top right corner. At the bottom, it says 'LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, & MORE!' and 'SAVE THE DATE' in large blue letters.

**12TH ANNUAL
BATTLE
OF THE
BANDS**

**BLUE VALLEY
EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

Invite your friends
and join us for an
incredible night...

**Saturday
FEB. 24
2024**
RC's Back Door | Martin City

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Bands start at 7:30 PM

**Who will be named
BEST BAND IN
BLUE VALLEY?**

4-Track Mind
Young Medicine
Modern Thieves
Wednesdays at Herman's

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, & MORE!
SAVE THE DATE

Raffle for a Reason- Tickets only 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!**



 Taylor Swift in Ontario 2 Tickets + \$750 Towards Travel	 CMA Awards in Nashville 2 Tickets + Lodging	 Washington DC Tours + Lodging for 4 + \$1K Towards Travel
      Sports Experience 2 Tickets, Travel and Hotel	<h2>RAFFLE FOR A REASON!</h2> <p>Only 300 Tickets will be sold. Drawing March 5 1 Winner Winner selects from 8 incredible experiences!</p> 	 Las Vegas Car Racing + Culinary Experience for 2
 Disneyland 4 Park Passes + Lodging +\$1K Towards Travel	 Alaska's Frontier 7 Day Cruise for 2 + \$500 Towards Travel	 Monterey, CA Golf at Del Monte + Lodging for 4 + \$1K Towards Travel

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



Applications are due March 1

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!

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. 16 - Gold Out; Coach Leochner family fundraiser



- Feb 19 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- Feb. 20 - Senior 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 16

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_HonPgP0FGfUI8oOSsBI0g-yXmCy/view

@bvnwcounseling

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

Career Exploration Resources for students

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

[Blue Valley Summer Virtual course information \(linked\)](#)

<https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/36140>

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!

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.

[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](#)

College Visits

College visits are starting back up for Juniors & Seniors. We have several coming up so students should sign up and use the confirmation received via email as their pass to join.

The Air Force Academy visit that was to be Wednesday 2/7 at 9:30 will be rescheduled for a later time. Please keep checking for updates and it will be communicated when a new date has been scheduled.

The Iowa State University visit scheduled for 2/15 will be rescheduled at a later date.

ARMY ROTC at KU will be here for a visit on Friday 2/16 during lunch (11:27-12:49). You can find their table by the nurse's office and no sign-up is required.

Texas Tech

Tuesday 3/5 at 9:00

Location: Commons

UMKC

Thursday 3/21 at 1:30

Location: TBD

Pittsburg State University

Wednesday 2/21 at 9:30

Location: Commons

Parent Booster Club News - February 16

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

Please save the date!

DENIM and Diamonds

BVNW PBC FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2024

MUSEUM AT PRAIRIEFIRE 5801 W 135TH ST, OVERLAND PARK

**FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC, WINE TASTING, AUCTION, DANCING
AND MORE**

*****TICKET SALES ARE NOW OPEN*****

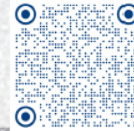
Invite your friends for a fun night out and help us
support our students and teachers!

AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE:

JASPER'S DINNER FOR SIX	SCHEELS SHOPPING SPREE
STAYCATIONS	VACATION HOMES
SPORTS EVENTS TICKETS	WINE TASTINGS
COLLEGE CONSULTING	ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE
RESERVED SCHOOL PARKING SPOTS	COMPLETE DRIVING SCHOOL COURSE
THEME BASKETS	AND MORE

SEE YOU THERE!

Can't make the event? Pledge your support by
scanning the QR code or going to this [link](#)



Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar

[View All School Events](#)

BVNW Sports Events

[View Sports Calendar](#)



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 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

