

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - March 1, 2024

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Huskies!

Happy March! I hope this newsletter finds you well and in high spirits as we embrace the new month with enthusiasm and energy. I am pleased to share that our scholars have done a remarkable job



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

as they shine daily in academics, activities, athletics, and the arts. Congratulations to all those who have demonstrated dedication and excellence – your hard work is commendable!

March promises to be an exciting month filled with various events and activities. Congratulations to all of our music students who recently performed at KMEA. Also, congratulations to our journalism students who just claimed a regional title! Additionally, kudos to our wrestlers who competed at state and our boy's swim team, which placed 7th at state as well! Furthermore, a big shout-out to our girl's bowling team that placed 7th at state yesterday! Finally, best of luck to our basketball teams as they compete in regionals this weekend and our DECA students who will compete at state next week! We are very proud of our programs, and your presence and support make these events even more special for our students.

As we look forward to the warmer days of spring, please remember that spring break is scheduled from March 11th to 18th. Everyone should take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy quality time with family and friends. Thank you for your continued support and flexibility with the schedule changes. Let's make March a month of growth, learning, and success. Together, we can achieve greatness!

Your partner in Education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

Weekly Schedule - MARCH

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

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

Schedule Updates for Tuesdays: March 19th, 26th, April 2nd & 9th

On the following Tuesdays: March 19th, 26th, April 2nd & 9th, there will be no late arrival.

We will run a modified even day block schedule and school will begin at 7:35 on those Tuesdays. This schedule will begin the Tuesday we return from spring break (**March 19th**) through **Tuesday, April 9th**:

- 2nd hour: 7:35-9:05
- AST: 9:05-10:05 (**OPEN the whole hour** - students will either **stay** in their 2nd hour class or they may travel to a teacher via e-hallpass.)
- 4th hour: 10:10-12:05 (normal lunch time, follow the even day lunch schedule)
- Advisory: 12:10-1:10 (**CLOSED the whole hour**: Advisory Lesson: 12:10-12:40; Study Hall: 12:40-1:10)
- 6th hour: 1:15-2:45

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

[Download](#)

778.1 KB

Calendar Adjustment: Students In School on April 1

We wanted to remind you to mark your calendars as school will be in session on April 1st instead of the previously scheduled professional development day in order to meet the state attendance requirements. This adjustment was made in response to the Chiefs Super Bowl Parade Day. We understand that this change may impact your plans, and we apologize for any inconvenience it may cause. If your child will not be present on this day, please use our typical absence reporting protocols to report the absence.

Kansas State Assessment dates are coming in April

Dear 10th/11th grade families,

Kansas State Assessments are coming up! Testing dates are included below. Students will take these assessments on their MacBooks, so please make sure that your student has charged their device the night before and brings the charger to school. Getting a good night's rest, eating a good breakfast, and having a positive attitude will help our students to do their best! In addition, we would ask you to avoid scheduling appointments during your student's class so that their testing is not disrupted. We appreciate your support!

Assessment	Date
Math (10)	April 1-4
Reading (10)	April 8-11
Science (11)	April 8-11

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! \(onecause.com\)](http://onecause.com).

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



		
<p>Taylor Swift in Ontario 2 Tickets + \$750 Towards Travel</p>	<p>CMA Awards in Nashville 2 Tickets + Lodging</p>	<p>Washington DC Tours + Lodging for 4 + \$1K Towards Travel</p>
 <p>Sports Experience 2 Tickets, Travel and Hotel</p>	<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> 	 <p>Las Vegas Car Racing + Culinary Experience for 2</p>
		
<p>Disneyland 4 Park Passes + Lodging +\$1K Towards Travel</p>	<p>Alaska's Frontier 7 Day Cruise for 2 + \$500 Towards Travel</p>	<p>Monterey, CA Golf at Del Monte + Lodging for 4 + \$1K Towards Travel</p>

BVEF's Innovative Educator Award closes today at 5:00 pm



BVEF
BLUE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Innovative Educator
Now Accepting Nominations!

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!

Enrollment for virtual summer courses opens March 18

Enrollment for Blue Valley Summer Programs opens 8 a.m. March 18 and closes 4 p.m. April 3. These programs include virtual courses for credit, such as Business Essentials or Physical Education. Additional information about Summer Programs, including a high school virtual course catalog, can be found at www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms.

Egg My Yard Choir Fundraiser - ORDER by MARCH 25!

The BVNW VocalCHORDinators Presents:



EGG MY YARD Fundraiser!

Our Bunny Squad is ready to egg your yard!

Wake up on Easter to a ready-to-go egg hunt! (We fill, deliver, & hide them!)

Delivery area:
I-435 to 175th & Nall to Pflumm Rd.
Eggs will be hidden in your front yard after sundown on Sat., March 30th.

Scan the QR code or visit bvnwvocalchordinators.com to place your candy filled egg order by 8pm, March 25th!

24 EGGS for \$25
48 EGGS for \$45

Supplies Limited Order Now!

Every order includes a message from the Easter Bunny!

All proceeds benefit BVNW Choir activities.
We appreciate your support!



Community Celebrations and Observances

Some March Celebrations & Observances:

- **Women's History Month** - recognizes the achievements and contributions of women to society, culture, and American history. Women's History Month coincides with International Women's Day on March 8.
- **World Teen Mental Wellness Day - March 2** - aims to raise awareness and decrease the stigma of mental health issues among teenagers.



- **Ramadan - evening of March 10-April 9** - the holy month of fasting for the Islamic faith. For some Muslim families, it is a time for introspection, communal prayer, reading the Qur'an, and fasting between sunrise and sunset.
- **Holy Week and Easter Sunday - March 24-March 31** - includes the Christian holidays of Palm Sunday, Maundy (Holy) Thursday, and Good Friday. Some families will attend church services to commemorate the week leading to the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.
- **Holi - March 25** - known as the Hindu festival of colors, Holi honors the triumph of good over evil and marks the beginning of Spring. Some families will light bonfires, throw colorful powder called gulal, eat sweets, and dance to traditional music.

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



- March 1 - Traditional schedule



- March 18 - Virtual summer course enrollment opens



- April 1-4 - 10th grade KS State math assessment

- March 8 - No School/Prof Learning
- March 11-15 - SPRING BREAK
- March 18 - No School/Prof Learning
- April 1 - SCHOOL IS IN SESSION
- April 8-11 - 10th grade KS State reading assessment
- April 8-11 - 11th grade KS State science assessment
- **April 6 - PBC Fundraiser Denim & Diamonds**



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.

We added in the Senior Finals Schedule below!

- **Last day of regular classes for seniors** - Thursday, May 9th
 - **Yearbook Distribution** - Friday, May 10th - seniors in the AM, everyone else in the PM
 - **Senior Finals Schedule** -
 - Monday 5/13: 5th and 7th blocks
 - Tuesday 5/14: 4th and 6th blocks
 - Wednesday 5/15: 1st and 3rd blocks
 - Thursday 5/16: 2nd block
 - **Senior Class Day** - Friday, May 17th, 8:00 AM
- Graduation** - Saturday, May 18th, 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 - March 1

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>



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

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

[7-inning approach](#) for parents to check-in with their child regarding athletics or academics. Good conversation starters to let your child know you support them on and off the field!

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 underway 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.

Texas Tech

Tuesday 3/5 at 9:00
Location: Commons

UMKC

Thursday 3/21 at 1:30
Location: TBD

Kansas State (tentative)

3.21@ 9:30
Commons

UMKC

3/21 @1:30
Commons

Iowa State University

3/26 @1:30
Commons

JCCC

3/27 @ 9:30
Commons

University of Nebraska @ Lincoln

3/28 @ 1:30
Commons

Parent Booster Club News - March 1

We've been busy the last few weeks with Grants, Senior Parent Reception, Staff Appreciation, Hospitality and Denim & Diamonds! Night Out Fundraiser. Please read this letter all the way!

* **SPRING GRANTS** – We are extremely grateful that we were able to provide grants to all those that applied! They should be able to get their grant money this week. If you applied for one, please contact the school bookkeeper, Denise Hughes. The Spring Grants Support: Choir, Band, Swim, Golf, Volleyball, The Muse Magazine, Psi Alpha (Psychology Honor Society), Dance, Cheer, Football and Theater. All together this year, we gave \$15,000+ in grant money that will benefit a lot of our students!

* **DENIM & DIAMONDS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER** – As you probably heard, we rescheduled this fun evening and the new date is Saturday, April 6th at the Museum of Prairiefire. All proceeds from this event go towards supporting our students, clubs, activities and staff. Join us for a night out with friends, great auction prizes, wine pull, food, drinks, dancing and more. It's going to be so much fun! Tickets are limited. See you there!



DENIM
and Diamonds
BVNW PBC FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2024

MUSEUM AT PRAIRIEFIRE 5801 W 135TH ST, OVERLAND PARK

**FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC, WINE PULL, 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](#)



AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE

Overnight Stays
Weekend Away Stays
Various Sport Event Tickets with
Parking
Dinner for six at Jasper's
Drivers Education Class
College Admission Consultation
Theme Baskets
Reserved School Parking Spots
And more!

READY TO PARTY FOR A GOOD CAUSE?

[Get your tickets now!](#)

* PBC STAFF APPRECIATION

We are so fortunate to have a fantastic staff at BVNW. During Teacher Appreciation Week in May, we will be showering them with thanks - in the form of gift cards! We would like to be able to give each staff member in our building a gift card, and would the support of BVNW families. We have compiled a list of staff "Favorite Things" to make selecting a gift card to purchase easy.

Interested in supporting? Click [here](#) to sign up to participate. Gift cards should be delivered to school, in an envelope marked "PBC Staff Appreciation," by April 17th.

* PBC MEETING - Our next meeting is on Monday, April 8th @ 7:00PM at BVNW's Library.

Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar

[View All School Events](#)

BVNW Sports Events

[View Sports Calendar](#)



https://www.instagram.com/bvnw_huskies/

<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**

**BEST
HIGH SCHOOLS
USNews
RANKINGS**

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

