

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - March 22, 2024

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Husky families!



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

I hope everyone had an extraordinary Spring Break! It was nice to have our scholars back in the building this week as we navigate through the final stretch of the school year. The end of the year will be here before you know it! Our spring sports teams have started competitions and are off to a fantastic start! Last night, the Northwest community came together for the Northwest Area Orchestra Festival. Seeing the main gym with students from all levels sharing their musical talents was terrific!

We are so proud of our scholars and encourage them to take advantage of our numerous extracurricular opportunities. Participation in clubs, sports, and other activities enhances the high school experience and fosters personal growth. This week, we congratulate the eleven new officers selected for leadership positions on the KAY Club board for the 2024-2025 school year. Furthermore, congratulations to all our students who competed in Manhattan, KS, for the DECA State competition! Also, kudos to the twenty-two students who will compete in the April DECA International competition in Anaheim, California.

Kansas State Assessments are just around the corner. Last year, BVNW observed a significant increase in Math and ELA scores. Our scholars were among the best in the district! Please see the important information below, as we will begin testing on April 1st. Finally, thank you for your continued support as we work to provide our students with the best possible educational experience. Let's keep the fourth quarter going strong!

Your partner in education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

Weekly Schedule - MARCH / APRIL

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	

April	1	2 - No Late Arrival	3	4	5
	8	9 - No Late Arrival	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30			

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

On the following Tuesdays: March 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 continue **March 26th 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	
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
	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

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Bell Schedule 2023-24

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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.

Solar Eclipse: April 8th, 2024

On April 8, a solar eclipse will cross a portion of the United States. What a great opportunity for our school community to experience a rare scientific phenomenon! We plan to incorporate this unique learning experience into our afternoon on April 8th. We have ordered safe viewing glasses for our staff and students to utilize. If you prefer that your child NOT participate in the solar eclipse viewing, please let our attendance administrative assistant, **Carol**



Hess know, and there will be an option for your student to have an excused absence on this afternoon or a supervised, alternative activity that will be provided at school during the viewing.

EMAIL - AttendanceBVNW@bluevalleyk12.org.

2024 Class Day/Graduation Interpretation Services

If you or a guest plan to attend class day or graduation and need an ASL interpreter, please email Dr. Sharp (DCSharp@bluevalleyk12.org) by May 1. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning.

Streaming on District Devices

In an effort to reduce distractions in the learning environment for all of our students, beginning on March 19, 2024, all high school students will have streaming services blocked on district devices (examples include: Netflix, Hulu, HBO Max, Prime Video etc.). YouTube, Spotify and Apple Music will still be allowed.

Rumble Strips - Drug & Alcohol Awareness annual event is April 2

REGISTER
BY APRIL 1ST
FREE EVENT

Rumble Strips

Recognizing Signs of Addiction

Tuesday, April 2nd | 6-7:30pm
Hilltop Conference Center | 7710 W 143rd St

All BV parents, grandparents and adult caregivers are invited to the BV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Task Force's annual community event, which will focus on **addiction in youth and adolescents**.

Speakers:

- **Janet Schrick** will share her 'Rumble Strips' presentation on moments when her sister could have chosen to get help toward recovery, but who sadly lost her life to addiction.
- **Jennifer Clarke, LCSW, LMAC**, Team Leader - Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services at Johnson County Mental Health, will present on 'Adolescent Addiction Trends' and how to access help if needed.

Panel with Q&A: Janet and Jennifer's presentations will be followed by a 30-minute Q & A session.

REGISTER HERE



Sponsored by:



Drug & Alcohol
Prevention
Task Force



In partnership with:

JOHNSON COUNTY
KANSAS
Mental Health

April 9 is Kansas City Area College Fair



KANSAS CITY AREA COLLEGE FAIR

WHEN

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
6:00 - 7:30 PM

WHERE

HILLTOP LEARNING CENTER
7700 W 143RD ST
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66223

HOW

STUDENTS CAN REGISTER AT
WWW.STRIVEFAIR.COM



STRIVE  SCAN

Kansas State Assessment dates are coming in April

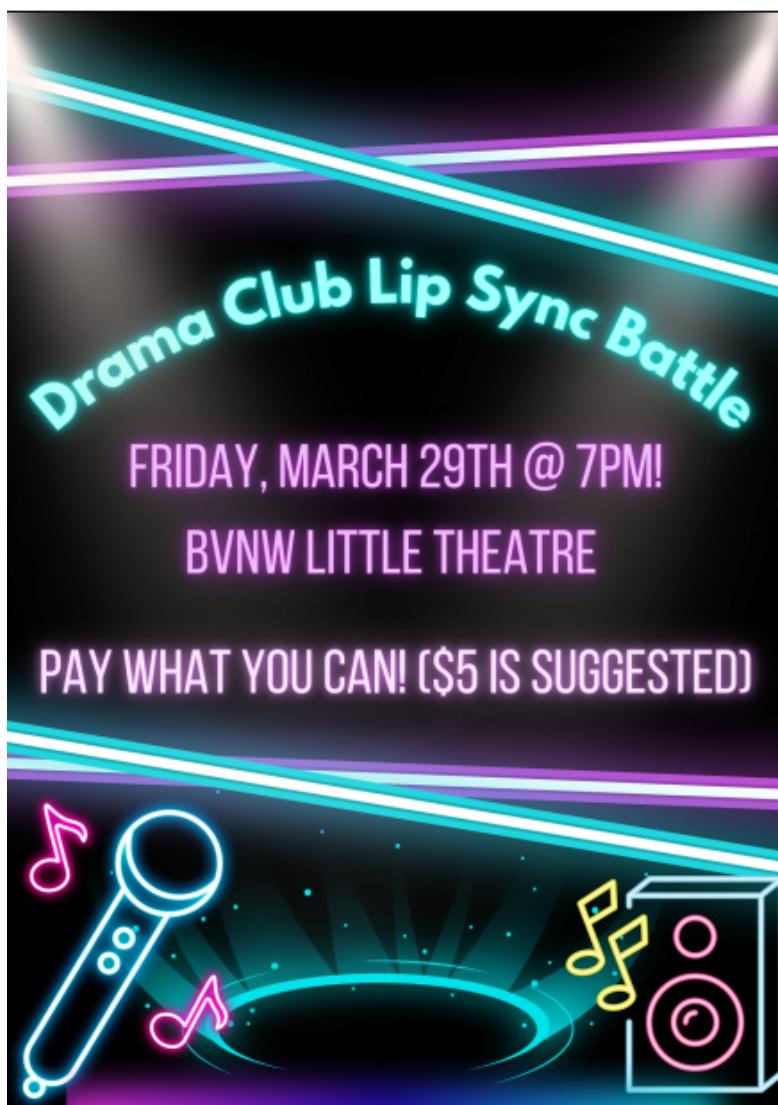
Dear 10th/11th grade families,

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

Enrollment for virtual summer courses now open

Enrollment for Blue Valley Summer Programs opened 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.





Graduation Signs

\$35 / Graduation Sign

Orders Due April 10 @ Noon

Link in Bio on @bvnwpackdance



Blue Valley Northwest It's time!

P R O M C O R S A G E S & B O U T S

ORDER BY APRIL 19TH	CORSAGES & BOUQUETS \$40+ BOUTONNIERES \$20+	PICK-UP APRIL 27TH
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Custom design your boutonniere and corsage with Rosehill Blooms.
To match your date, you must order together. Scan the QR code to
order. 100% of tips go to the BVNW Dance Team. See
@rosehill.blooms on Instagram for pictures.

ORDER
HERE



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BVNW
Dance Team

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!

June 6th ACT Prep Class available

While not affiliated with or endorsed by BVNW, we wanted to let you know that there is an **ACT prep class** being offered at **Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center** (7700 W 143rd St, Overland Park, KS 66223) on June 6 in preparation for the June 8th ACT. Register here: <http://actprep.info/bluevalleynw>.



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 26 - NO LATE ARRIVAL /modified even



- April 2 - NO LATE ARRIVAL /modified even



- April 8-11 - 10th grade KS State reading assessment

- block
- March 29 - Drama Club hosts Lip Sync Battle
- April 1 - SCHOOL IS IN SESSION (ODD DAY)
- April 1-4 - 10th grade KS State math assessment

- block
- April 2 - Rumble Strips D&A Awareness event
- **April 6 - PBC Fundraiser Denim & Diamonds**

- April 8-11 - 11th grade KS State science assessment
- April 9 - NO LATE ARRIVAL/modified even block
- April 9 - College Fair



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.

Oak Hill Elementary PTO \$1000 Scholarship - Applications are due April 12

Attention Seniors! Did you attend Oak Hill Elementary School? If so, you are eligible to apply for the 2023-24 Oak Hill Elementary PTO \$1,000 Scholarship. If you'd like to pick up the criteria and application packet, please see Mrs. Fromm in the counseling office. All applications are due Friday April 12, 2024.

Counseling News - March 22

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>

[Take N.O.T.E.-Find out why your child might be struggling](#)

Take N.O.T.E. is a tool for parents whose kids struggle with reading, math, behavior, and more. Spot signs of learning and thinking differences with [Take N.O.T.E.](#)

[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.

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 22

Dear Husky Families,

Are you ready for a fun night out with friends while supporting your kids' high school experience? If so, organize a group of friends, get one of the limited reserved tables for 10 (at a lower price per person) and join us at **Denim and Diamonds on April 6th at Museum of Prairiefire!** Don't feel like organizing a table? Individual tickets are also available!

All proceeds from this event go towards supporting our Grants program, as well as students & staff needs. We love being able to provide the funds so our students can have the tools and experiences they need to succeed. Year is not over yet and so far, we have given \$15,000+ to the following clubs and activities:

Football
Band
The Muse Magazine
Psi Alpha (Psychology Honor Society)
Theater
Volleyball
Baseball
Choir
Softball
Dance Team
Dungeon and Dragons Club

We would like to continue supporting our students next year. To do so, we ask you to 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! Ready to party for a good cause? [Get your tickets now!](#)



DENIM
and Diamonds
BWNW-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	SHEELS 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](#)



* 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://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