

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - April 19, 2024

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Huskies!

Have a wonderful weekend!



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

Your partner in education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

End of the Year Events

.PDF is also available below:

DATE	EVENTS
Friday April 19	No School - Professional Learning Day
Saturday April 27	Prom: 8:00 PM -10:00 PM Hilltop Learning Center - 7700 W. 143rd St. OP Juniors and seniors only <i>Tickets go on sale the week of April 22nd.</i>
May 6th-17th	Advanced Placement Exams
Thursday May 9	Fly-Up Assembly during AST
Friday May 10	Senior Picnic/Yearbook Distribution at 10:00 AM In the New Main Gym Yearbook Distribution for Underclassmen
Monday May 13	Odd Block Day Seniors Attend Hours 1 & 3 and Take Finals in Hours 5 & 7 Grades 9 - 11 Attend Hours 1, 3, 5 & 7
Tuesday May 14	Even Block Day Seniors Attend Hour 2 and Take Finals in Hours 4 & 6 Grades 9-11 Attend Hours 2, 4 & 6
Wednesday May 15	Odd Block Day Seniors Take Finals in Hours 1 & 3-Dismissed After Hour 3 Grades 9-11 Attend Hours 1, 3, 5 & 7
Thursday May 16	Even Day Seniors Take Finals in Hour 2 and Then Attend Graduation Rehearsal Seniors Turn in Check-Out Sheets and Macbooks Graduation Rehearsal

	(STUDENTS ONLY) Senior Checklist Due! Power Down (Device Collection) Cap and Gown Distribution SENIOR CLASS PICTURE 📷 Seniors May Leave After Practice!
Friday May 17	Traditional Day Class Day For Seniors and Families @ 8:00 AM, BVNW New Main Gym Grades 9 - 11 Hours 1,2,3,4,5,8,7
Saturday May 18	Class of 2024 Graduation 10:00 a.m. @ District Activities Complex
Wednesday May 22	Grades 9 - 11 Finals in Hours 1 & 2 1st block - 7:40 - 9:00 2nd block - 9:10 - 10:30
Thursday May 23	Grades 9 - 11 Finals in Hours 3, 4, & 5 3rd block - 7:40 - 9:00 4th block - 9:10 - 10:30 5th block - 10:40 - 12:00
Friday May 24	Grades 9-11 Finals in Hours 6 & 7 Last Day of School 6th block 7:40 - 9:00 7th block 9:10 - 10:30

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EVENTS - April - May revised copy

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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.

Weekly Schedule - APRIL

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
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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			

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

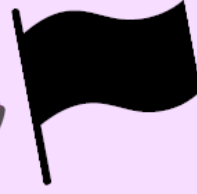
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Join the BVNW Color Guard! - Auditions are April 22-26



Join the BVNW color guard



ABOUT OUR TEAM

We perform with the Howling Husky Marching Band at every home football game, as well as travel to band competitions. No previous dance or music experience is required, just a good attitude and a willingness to learn!!



**FILL OUT OUR INFO
FORM HERE!**

AUDITION INFO

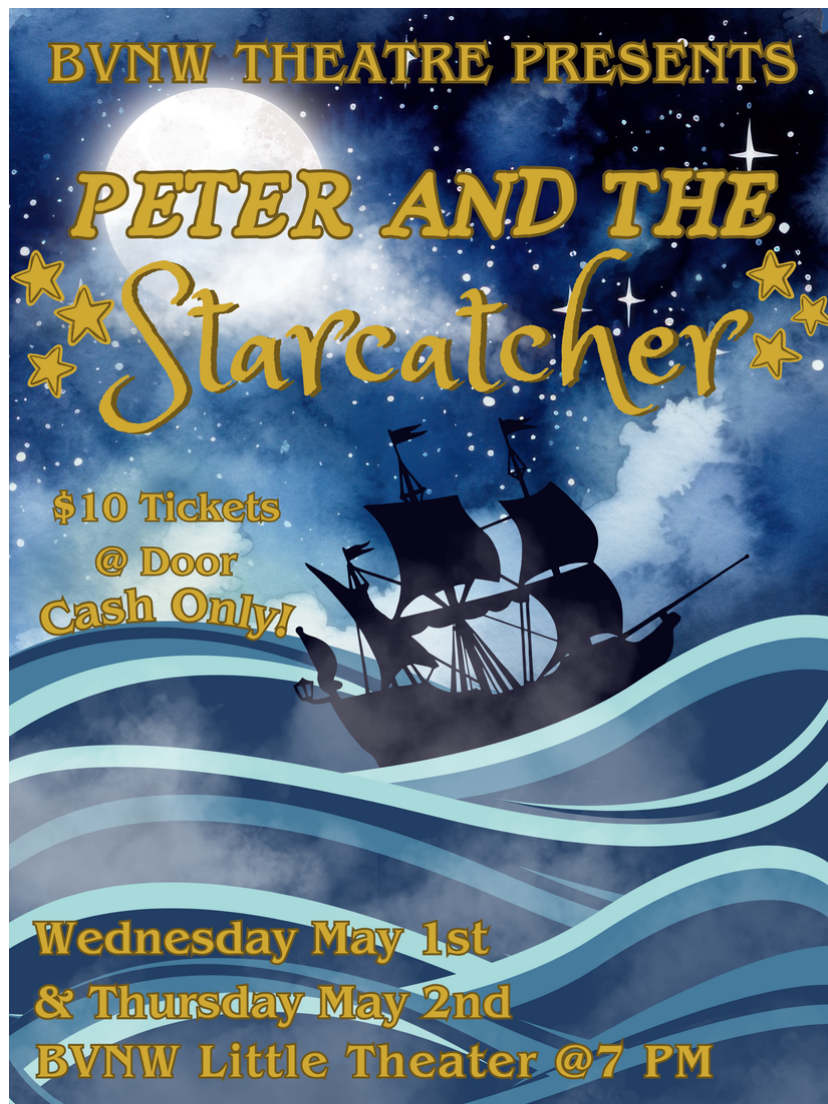


- April 22-26
- New Members - Choose 3 sessions
Returning Members - Choose 2 sessions
- Session Times
 - Session 1 | NEW MEMBERS ONLY | Monday afternoon (3-4 pm) OR Tuesday morning (6:45-7:30 am)
 - Session 2 | NEW MEMBERS & VETS | Wednesday afternoon (3-4 pm) OR Thursday morning (6:45-7:30 am)
 - Session 3 | AUDITION DAY | Friday morning (6:45-7:30 am) or afternoon (3-4 pm)

QUESTIONS?

Contact DOKirk@bluevalleyk12.org or SpencerCatherine616@gmail.com for more information

BVNW Theatre presents Peter and the Starcatcher - May 1 & 2



Last day of school for BVNW is May 24

As we begin the fourth quarter, the district has determined the last day of school for students for 2023-24. 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.

BVEF Champion for Students Award Information

Do you know an educator who cultivates a learning environment where relationships are the cornerstone, where kindness and compassion are guiding principles, and making a profound difference in the lives of young people is not just a goal but a lived reality? Now is your chance to recognize those educators whose impact extends far beyond their role, shaping the trajectory of our students' journeys and leaving an enduring legacy of excellence.

Nominations are officially open for BVEF's new Champion for Students Award. Anyone in the Blue Valley Schools' community is welcome to nominate an educator (any staff member, e.g., teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, kitchen manager, etc.) for this prestigious honor. Nominate a Champion for Students today!
https://bluevalleyeducationalfoundation.formstack.com/forms/sharma_2024

Application Deadline: Friday, April 26, 2024 by 5:00 CDT

Winners will receive one of the following:
\$2500 cash prize (subject to tax)
\$2500 grant for their learning environment
\$2500 tuition reimbursement for credit hours

The image is a promotional graphic for the BVEF Champion for Students award. It features the BVEF logo at the top left, which includes the text 'BVEF' and 'BLUE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION'. To the right of the logo is a small graphic of a tree. Below the logo, the text reads 'Champion for Students Now Accepting Nominations!'. In the center is a photograph of a man in a dark jacket and glasses, smiling. Below the photo, there is a quote: '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."' At the bottom, it says 'Nominate an exceptional educator today!' and provides a URL: 'https://bit.ly/BVEFCFS2024'.

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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 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.
- 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.





Happy Birthday Singing Telegram

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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



- April 22-26 - Color Guard Auditions
- April 27 - Prom
- May 1-2 - Peter & the Starcatcher



- May 10 - Yearbook Distribution/ Sr. Picnic
- Yearbook Distribution - underclassmen
- May 6-17 - AP Exams
- May 13-16 - Senior Final Exams



- May 17 - Class Day
- May 18 - Graduation 2024
- May 22, 23, 24 - Final Exams
- May 24 - Last day of school



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.

- **NEW:** The Senior Packet with the end of the year to-do list will be distributed Friday, March 29th, in students' ELA classes. The students are responsible for completing these forms, and they are due April 5th.
- **NEW:** Auditions for Class Day and Graduation speakers will be Monday, April 8th. For musical performers, auditions will be Tuesday, April 9th. Both will take place in the performing arts center. Look for specific details in future communication.

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?

Counseling News - April 19

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

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

Career Exploration Resources for students

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

Class of 2025- Mark your calendars!

The [Kansas Apply Free Days](#) will be held on October 7-9, 2024! During these three days, any Kansas resident, regardless of age or income, can apply for free at any of our 7 public universities, 19 community colleges, 6 Technical colleges, and the 21 private member institutions of the [Kansas Independent College Association](#).



United States Military Academy Admissions Event

- **Date:** April 30, 2024
- **Time:** 7:00PM to 9:00PM
- **Location:** Park Hill High School, 7701 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64153
- **RSVP:** <https://apply.westpoint.edu/register/?id=bd4b2821-d6b0-4b3e-86aa-915064f18f5b>

During the Admissions Brief, we will discuss:

1. **What West Point Offers:** Learn why West Point stands as a premier institution for leadership development, academic excellence, and character growth.
2. **Life as a Cadet:** Gain firsthand insights into the daily life of a West Point Cadet, including academics, athletics, and leadership training.
3. **The Application Process:** Understand the steps to apply to West Point and gather valuable tips to enhance your application.

Space is limited, so be sure to secure your spot. For any inquiries or further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at admissionssw@westpoint.edu.

AP Exams: May 6-17 at Hilltop Conference Center

Testing begins May 6th and runs through May 17th, according to the College Board's AP exam [calendar](#). All AP exams will be administered at the Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center. Students should plan to arrive by **7:30 a.m.** for morning exams and **11:45 a.m.** for afternoon exams. Students recently received their AP exam schedule. Please contact Mrs. Hadley if there are any scheduling conflicts. Other important testing information will be sent later in April via email and/or



[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 / Military Visits:

The **U.S. Marine Corp** will be visiting BVNW during lunch on **Wednesday April 24th from 11:15-1:10**. Their table will be by the nurse's office, and everyone is welcome to stop by as they like. No sign up is necessary.

Parent Booster Club News - April 19, 2024

Parent Booster Club has the following open positions for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested or know anyone who may be, please email [Nayelli Palazuelos-Bowers](#). Thank you!

Vice President of Fundraising
Website
Hospitality Chair
Spirit Wear
Concessions Manager for Varsity Football

We now have the option to donate towards our Grant program for next year on our PBC Website. You can donate [here!](#)

Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar

[View All School Events](#)

BVNW Sports Events

[View Sports Calendar](#)



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<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 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.



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