

Blue Valley Northwest

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Husky families!

It's been another great week at BVNW! The rankings are in and guess what? BVNW has secured the #6 spot among high schools in Kansas, according to U.S. News! These rankings highlight key



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

metrics like college readiness and state assessment performance, showcasing our district's unwavering dedication to preparing all students for life beyond the classroom. Blue Valley stands out as the only district in Kansas with not just one, but multiple high schools ranked in the top 10. Way to go, Huskies!

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	From: 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 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
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 / MAY

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
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			
May			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

2023 - 2024

BVNW BELL SCHEDULE

HOME OF THE HUSKIES

Day	Class	Time
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

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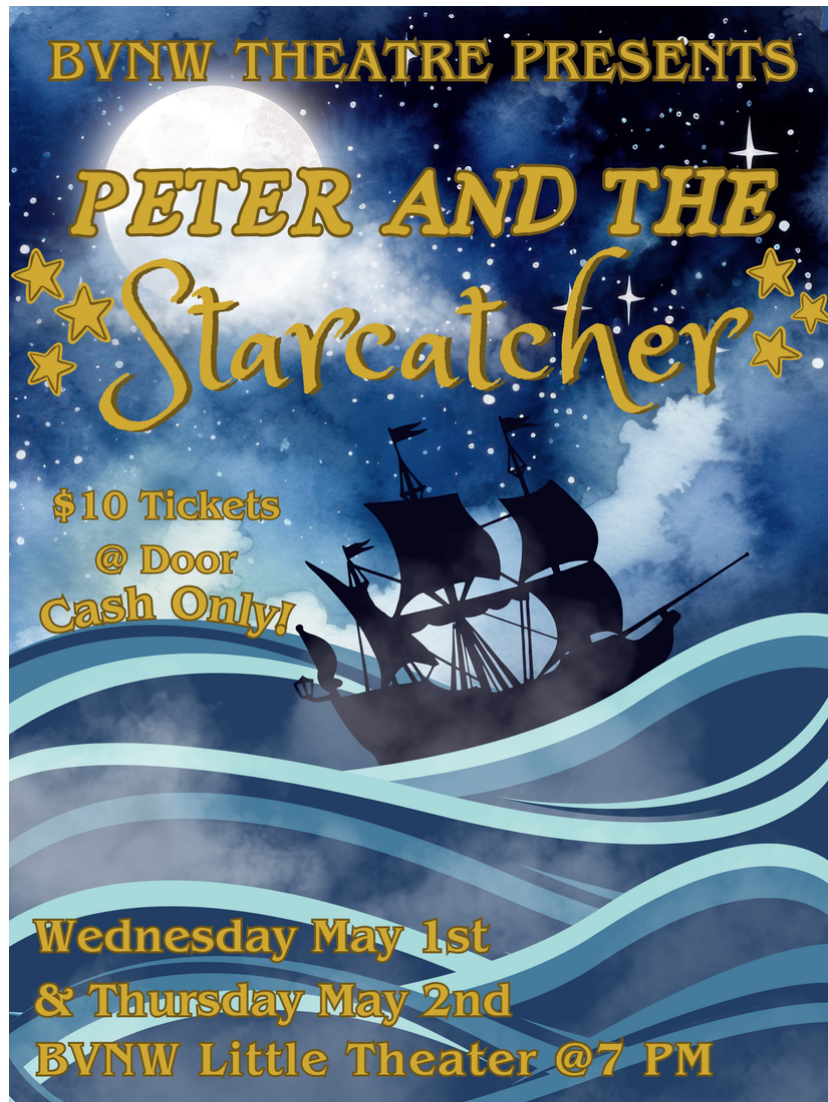
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Bell Schedule 2023-24

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



Husky Showcase is May 9 & 10



Pre-order flowers for your Husky Showcase star! (due by May 6)

2024
HUSKY SHOWCASE



\$10 for small mixed bouquet



\$15 for small mixed bouquet



\$20 for dozen roses

Purchase flowers for your Husky Showcase star

Pre-orders due by Monday, May 6th, 2024

Go to BVNWVocalCHORDinators.com to order TODAY!



May 9 & 10 | **TICKETS \$10** | **7:00 PM**

More Information
www.bvnwchoir.com



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.

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.



Some May Celebrations & Observances:

- Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month - recognizes the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to American society, culture, and history.
 - Jewish American Heritage Month - celebrates the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans to American society, culture, and history.
 - Mental Health Awareness Month - aims to raise awareness about mental health by fighting the stigma, providing support, and advocating for policies that support people affected by mental illness.
 - International Family Equality Day - May 7 - celebrates the beauty and importance of family diversity.
 - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development - May 21 - a day set aside by the United Nations to deepen understanding of the value of cultural diversity and to learn to live together in harmony.
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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



- April 27 - Prom
- May 1-2 - Peter & the Starcatcher
- May 6 - Deadline to pre-order flowers for Husky Showcase
- May 9 - Last full day for seniors & fly up assembly
- May 9-10 - Husky Showcase



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



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

**CLASS OF 2024
MAY IMPORTANT DATES**

5/9	Last Full Day for Seniors & Fly Up Assembly
5/10	Yearbook Distribution & Senior Picnic
5/13-16	Senior Finals
5/16	Graduation Rehearsal, 10:15 am <small>*Checkout sheet must be completed to receive cap & gown</small>
5/17	Class Day, 8am in the New Main Gym
5/18	Graduation, 10am at the DAC <small>*Arrive at 9:15am</small>

**CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2024!**

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

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?

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 - April 26

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>

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 text. Please see Mrs. Hadley with questions.



[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. Navy** will be visiting BVNW during lunch on **Monday April 29th 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 26

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](mailto:Nayelli.Palazuelos-Bowers). Thank you!

Vice President of Fundraising
Website
Hospitality Chair
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://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 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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