

# Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - May 3, 2024

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## Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Husky Families,

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I want to extend my gratitude to each of you for your continued support and partnership. The end of the year brings with it a sense of excitement and anticipation, but it's also a critical time for our students to maintain focus and finish strong.



**Passion  
Purpose  
Pride**

Attendance and academic commitment are still very important. As we gear up for the end of the semester, please take note of the important information below regarding grades and courses in Canvas.

### **End of Semester Information**

At the end of the day on Friday, **May 24th**, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas Parent app. A concluded course is only visible through the [Canvas Website](#). To view Past Enrollment courses open Canvas in a web browser, log in, and click on the Courses tab. Click View All Courses and scroll down to find the past enrollments ([directions linked here](#)).

Second-semester Report Cards will be published in ParentVUE on **June 6th**.

### **Need some help?**

Blue Valley has a variety of resources available for parent support on the district's Canvas web page, [www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas).

Your partner in education,

***David***

David Sharp, Ed.D  
Principal, BVNW

# BVNW RANKED IN THE TOP 6% NATIONALLY



DATE	EVENTS
May 6th-17th	Advanced Placement Exams
Thursday May 9	Fly-Up Assembly during AST
Friday May 10	Senior Picnic/Yearbook Distribution at 11:00 AM In the Old Main Gym Yearbook Distribution for Underclassmen
Monday May 13	<b>Odd Block Day</b> Seniors Attend Hours 1 & 3 and Take Finals in Hours 5 & 7 Grades 9 - 11 Attend Hours 1, 3, 5 & 7
Tuesday May 14	<b>Even Block Day</b> Seniors Attend Hour 2 and Take Finals in Hours 4 & 6 Grades 9-11 Attend Hours 2, 4 & 6
Wednesday May 15	<b>Odd Block Day</b> Seniors Take Finals in Hours 1 & 3-Dismissed After Hour 3 Grades 9-11 Attend Hours 1, 3, 5 & 7
Thursday May 16	<b>Even Day</b> Seniors Take Finals in Hour 2 and Then Attend Graduation Rehearsal Seniors Turn in Check-Out Sheets and Macbooks Graduation Rehearsal <b>(STUDENTS ONLY)</b>

	Senior Checklist Due! Power Down (Device Collection) Cap and Gown Distribution <b>SENIOR CLASS PICTURE</b> 📷 Seniors May Leave After Practice!
Friday May 17	<b>Traditional Day</b> 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 <b>Last Day of School</b> 6th block 7:40 - 9:00 7th block 9:10 - 10:30

## 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](mailto:DCSharp@bluevalleyk12.org)) by May 1. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning.

## Weekly Schedule - MAY

### Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

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

# 2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Year	Day	Event	Time
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
	Even Day Tuesday / Thursday	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
Trad. Day Friday	3rd lunch	11:40-12:05	
	Advisory	12:10-12:40	
	AST	12:40-1:10	
	6th hour	1:15-2:45	
	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

## 23.24.Schedule.All.pdf

Bell Schedule 2023-24

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## Norovirus information for parents and students

Parents, please be aware that BVNW has had many cases of Norovirus (stomach bug) illnesses in the past 2 weeks. Please ensure your student is staying home if vomiting, having diarrhea, or having a fever of 100 F or greater for at least 24 hours after they are symptom-free. Help us keep our students and staff safe and healthy!

**Read more information about Norovirus:**

## Norovirus\_Keyfacts.pdf

Key Facts about Norovirus

[Download](#)

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## Pets and school arrival/dismissal

*Please refrain from bringing your pets to the entrance of the school at arrival/dismissal. Please keep pets at the bike racks. Some students are very allergic, and others are afraid of animals. Even the friendliest pets can get anxious around a large number of students.*

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## Yearbook purchasing/pick up procedure outside the normal May 10 distribution

If you did not purchase a yearbook, but would like one and are a senior, please bring \$50 in cash to the senior picnic Friday, May 10. Find Mr. McCrossen at the picnic to purchase books. There are very few books available for sale and will go first come, first served. If you are not a senior but would like to purchase a yearbook, if there are any available, they are \$50 cash and will be for sale beginning after school on May 13 outside room 902. You can check ParentVue to see if you purchased a yearbook.

If you are absent May 10, you may pick up your yearbook from room 902 after school outside room 902. We will **NOT** distribute books during the school day.

You **MUST** have a photo i.d. to pick up your yearbook May 10. A student i.d., a driver's license, StudentVue on your phone, almost anything that has your photo and your name laminated together that does not say you are older than 21 will work. **Seniors—this applies to you for the picnic as well.** Don't forget or it will be difficult for you to get your book in a timely manner. See Mr. McCrossen if you have any questions.

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## Husky Showcase is May 9 & 10



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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](http://BVNWVocalCHORDinators.com) to order TODAY!**



May **TICKETS** 7:00  
9 & 10 | \$10 | PM  
More Information  
[www.bvnwchoir.com](http://www.bvnwchoir.com)



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## Traveling outside of the United States

### Restrictions and recommendations

☰ ➔ This important message is for any family or staff that will travel out of the United States during school breaks. [Click here](#) to read the restrictions and recommendations for out of the country travel. Canvas, Classlink, and email are not accessible out of the country unless you have a personal device with a VPN on it.

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## 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](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/calendar).



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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>.



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## Community Celebrations and Observances

### 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.





# 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**



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## Upcoming Key Calendar events



- 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 &amp; 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

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## 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.

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## Counseling News - May 3

### 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](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>

#### [Mental Health & Wellness Checklist for HS Graduates & Their Families](#)

Do you have a soon-to-be or recent high school graduate in your family? Congratulations! This milestone is momentous and exciting

- and it can be overwhelming for both parents and their young adult children. The [checklist linked](#) is designed to help you navigate mental health and wellness needs during this transition. Created by three dedicated BV Well parent volunteers who have all been through graduation and 'launch' with their children, we hope you and your graduate will find the topics and steps covered in the checklist worthwhile.



#### [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

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](#)

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## Parent Booster Club News - May 3

So hard to believe we have only a few weeks left before the end of the school year. Congratulations and best of luck to all our graduating seniors! We hope everyone has a safe and great summer!

**\*Kendra Scott Online and in Person Sale Started Wednesday, May 1st!** - Do you need a Mother's Day or Graduation present? Join us for a virtual event with Kendra Scott! Visit <https://www.kendrascott.com/> and enter code **GIVEBACK-GPTPI** to donate 20% of your purchase back to the school! Shop any time 5/1-5/3 or visit the Leawood location and mention the event to support in person. Orders placed before midnight on Friday, May 3rd, will arrive on time for Mother's Day!



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  
Hospitality Chair  
Concessions Manager for Varsity Football

**\*PBC Memberships Open for 2024-25 School Year - Join Today!** The Parent Booster Club is the Parent organization at BVNW, similar to a PTA or a PTO from middle and elementary schools. Learn more about the amazing impact of the PBC, what membership means for you and how to join by going to our [PBC Website](#)

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](#)



[https://www.instagram.com/bvnw\\_huskies/](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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Phone: [913-239-3400](tel:913-239-3400)

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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