

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - May 10, 2024

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Dear BVNW Community,



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

The building felt different today without our seniors here for classes. We had a tremendous senior yearbook distribution, and it was fantastic to see the class of 2024 all together, eating lunch, signing yearbooks, and enjoying each other's company. Other than Class Day and Graduation next week, this is the last time they will all be together as a class. It's hard to believe that we have just about a week of classes left for grades 9, 10, and 11 before finals. Our students and staff are working hard during these last days as we conclude another successful school year together.

We had a great week celebrating our fantastic BVNW teachers! Thanks again to our fabulous Parent Booster Club, NHS, admin team, and all others who supported Teacher Appreciation this week! Our staff is most grateful for the unparalleled community support.

Congratulations to Sydney Kohart and our entire BVNW theatre department for another outstanding year! Our latest show, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, was a tremendous success! Also, seeing outstanding student musical performances at our Husky Showcase tonight at 7 p.m. is still possible! More information is provided below!

Congratulations to our state journalism competition team for their outstanding performance, which secured second place in Kansas 6A. Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring! BVNW crowned nine individual state champions, and many other student journalists placed in their respective competitions. Finally, best of luck to each of our sports teams as they enter state and regional competitions this next week! It's been a fantastic spring season! Good luck, and go, Huskies!

Your partner in education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

End of the Year Events

DATE	EVENTS
May 6th-17th	Advanced Placement Exams
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 Duel 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

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 - MAY

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

	Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
				1	2	3
May	6	7	8	9	10	11
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	20	21	22	23	24	25
	27	28	29	30	31	

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

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Bell Schedule 2023-24

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2nd semester finals schedule for 2024

2nd Semester Finals Schedule - Below and also linked [here](#) (it includes seniors and students in grades 9-11).

Students are not allowed to take their finals early due to concerns regarding test security. If a student is missing a final or finals, they should go to Student Services and request an alternate date finals exam form. Students will need to have their teachers sign the form prior to finals.

We will be offering two final exam make-up dates over the summer: **June 3rd or August 5th**. Students should indicate their make-up date on the form. The form must be turned in prior to the student missing their final(s).

BVNW Spring 2024 Finals Schedule

Senior Schedule- Week of May 13th:	Grades 9-11 Finals Schedule:
<p>Monday, May 13th: Normal class hours: 1 & 3 Senior finals hours: 5 & 7</p> <p>Tuesday, May 14th: Normal class hour: 2 Senior finals hours: 4 & 6</p> <p>Wednesday, May 15th: Senior finals hours: 1 & 3 <i>Seniors dismissed after 3rd hour</i></p> <p>Thursday, May 16th: Senior final hour: 2 <i>Class Day Rehearsal following</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, May 22nd: 1st block - 7:40 - 9:00 2nd block - 9:10 - 10:30</p> <p>Thursday, May 23rd: 3rd block - 7:40 - 9:00 4th block - 9:10 - 10:30 5th block - 10:40 - 12:00</p> <p>Friday, May 24: 6th block 7:40 - 9:00 7th block 9:10 - 10:30</p>

Grade reporting & end of semester information

Husky Families,

The end of the second semester is nearly here. Our students have had a great semester of learning and we continue to see the positive impacts of our learning management system, Canvas, in our classrooms. 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.

LAST DAY for senior email or Google/One Drive access - Aug. 2

Attention Seniors

The last day any 2024 senior can login to email or Google Drive/OneDrive is **August 2nd**. Here is the link to full [PowerDown Info](#).

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

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 were 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. 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. See Mr. McCrossen if you have any questions.

Husky Showcase is tonight - May 10



Getting to and from school safely

As spring weather arrives, many students enjoy walking or biking to school. Please review pedestrian safety information with your children to ensure they arrive safely to and from school.

- Use designated crosswalks when crossing a street
- Wear a helmet when riding a bike
- Stay alert for drivers
- Increase driver awareness around school zones

There are more tips, including ideas for parents of walkers and riders at [healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org). Thank you for prioritizing safety to make this spring season a safe and enjoyable one for everyone.

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.

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 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.
- 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

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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



- May 10 - Husky Showcase
- 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



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
*Checkout sheet must be completed to receive cap & gown

5/17 Class Day, 8am in the New Main Gym

5/18 Graduation, 10am at the DAC
*Arrive at 9:15am

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?

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 - May 10

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>

Seniors- New information for AFTER graduation

Transferring College Credits: Did you take a class for college credit through Baker U or JCCC? You will need to have your official transcript sent from those schools to get those credits transferred to your new university. To request [Baker transcript requests click here](#). for [JCCC transcript requests click here](#). (if you are currently taking a college now course through JCCC wait until June 1 to make your request)

College Orientation Tips: If you took classes for college credit, your orientation appointment may arrive before your college transcript does. Just to be safe, log into your JCCC account & print your course history or print a copy of your completed credits through Baker U and take that unofficial print out with you. It will not be enough for the college to issue your credits, but it will help your academic advisor know what courses you will not need to take when you get there.

Final Transcripts: You should have already confirmed where you want your final transcript sent in the Senior Forms Packet. If you are unsure you have completed this step, please see Mrs. Fromm, in Student Services. Colleges will not receive your transcript until **mid-June**. They are aware of this

timeline with high schools! Calling the BVNW office after graduation, will not change the timeframe in which they are sent.

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 [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](#)

Parent Booster Club News - May 10

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!

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](#)



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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.

BVNW RANKED IN THE

TOP 6%

NATIONALLY



Blue Valley Northwest High