

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - February 23, 2024

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Huskies!

As we approach the end of February, I am grateful for your continued support and commitment to creating a safe and purposeful environment for our students. As spring approaches, we will see a vibrant increase in student car and pedestrian traffic on our campus. Now is a great time to remind everyone about adhering to our driving, drop-off, parking, and safety protocols. Our top priority is the safety of our students, staff, and families.



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

- **Designated Drop-off and Pick-up Areas:** Please use only the designated areas for dropping off and picking up students. Avoid stopping or parking in undesignated zones, which can create congestion and pose a safety risk.
- **No Double Parking:** Double parking blocks traffic flow and creates hazards for pedestrians and drivers. Please park in designated spots and wait patiently if needed.
- **Cell Phone Usage:** Please avoid using your cell phone while driving through the parking area. Distractions can compromise everyone's safety.
- **Pedestrian Safety:** Please utilize our designated crosswalks and look both ways before crossing any roadways. We encourage all to be aware of their surroundings.
- **Speed Limits:** Please adhere to posted speed limits within the school zone. Slower speeds help create a safer environment for everyone.
- **Designated Parking:** Students, please park in your designated area. We have ample student parking. Please do not park in visitor spaces, staff spaces, or undesignated student parking zones. Please see the student handbook for more information, or see your administrator.

BVNW is a bustling and vibrant campus. Safety is a shared responsibility, and by working together, we can ensure a secure and efficient process for all. **Also, remember that Tuesday, February 27th, is our ACT Testing Day. Only Juniors will be on campus this day.**

We have several exciting events and activities planned for our students. Please stay tuned for announcements and details regarding upcoming school functions and other important dates.

Your partner in Education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

Week of February 26th- March 2nd - 2024

- Monday, February 26th - Traditional schedule
- Tuesday, February 27th - Testing Day/PL - JUNIORS ONLY
---Juniors will start school at 7:35 AM on Tuesday, February 27th and will be dismissed after testing (roughly until 11:30 or Noon).
---9th, 10th, 12th graders do not have school on Feb. 27
- Wednesday, February 28th - Odd block
- Thursday, February 29th - Even block
- Friday, March 1st - Traditional schedule

Weekly Schedule - FEBRUARY / MARCH

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

	Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
February					1	2
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29		
March						1
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

2023-2024		 <h1>BVNW BELL SCHEDULE</h1>	
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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ACT Testing Day is Tuesday, Feb. 27



High School ACT Testing Day 2024

The ACT District Testing program provides students the opportunity to earn college-reportable ACT scores by taking the test in their own classrooms during the regularly-scheduled school day. In support of this opportunity, the Kansas State Department of Education is once again paying for a full ACT for all juniors. In Blue Valley, the ACT will be administered on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024.

Please note that freshmen, sophomores and seniors will not attend school on February 27th.

Accelerated middle school students and CAPS students will also not have class on February 27th.

Kansas State Assessment dates are coming in April

Kansas State Assessments are coming up!

Tenth graders will take the math assessment starting **April 2nd**, and they will begin the reading assessment on **April 8th**.

Eleventh graders will take the science assessment starting **April 8th**.

This is a great opportunity for our students to show what they know! More details to come!

Battle of the Bands- Saturday, Feb. 24, 7-11 p.m.



Proceeds from this annual fundraiser support music and performing arts programs throughout the district, and YOU can be part of the fun! Don't delay- event tickets have nearly sold out- and you won't want to miss a chance to dance the night away at RC's in Martin City for a great over-21 night out. [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of the Bands 2024 \(bidpal.net\)](https://bidpal.net)

Can't make it to the event itself? No worries! Just visit [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of the Bands 2024 \(bidpal.net\)](https://bidpal.net) to

bid on incredible auction packages and see what your school submitted! You can also vote by donation for your favorite adult school-affiliated band! Band names and school representations are as follows:

Young Medicine- Lakewood Elementary

Modern Thieves- Mission Trail Elementary, Leawood Middle, Blue Valley North

4-Track Mind- Blue River Elementary

Wednesdays at Herman's- Cedar Hills Elementary, Prairie Star Middle, BV North, BV West, BV Northwest

This auction will **close Saturday, February 24 at 9:30 p.m.** and you do not have to be present to win!



**12TH ANNUAL
BATTLE
OF THE
BANDS**

**BLUE VALLEY
EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

Invite your friends
and join us for an
incredible night...

**Saturday
FEB. 24
2024**
RC's Back Door | Martin City

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Bands start at 7:30 PM

**Who will be named
BEST BAND IN
BLUE VALLEY?**

4-Track Mind
Young Medicine
Modern Thieves
Wednesdays at Herman's

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, & MORE!

SAVE THE DATE

Raffle for a Reason- Tickets only available until March 5

Want Taylor Swift concert tix? How about a trip to Disneyland or Washington DC?

BVEF is selling ONLY 300 raffle tickets at \$100/ticket and the lucky winner has their choice of one of eight amazing packages! See them all at [Welcome! \(onecause.com\)](https://onecause.com).

Proceeds support our students and educators; **winner drawn March 6 so don't delay!**



		
<p>Taylor Swift in Ontario 2 Tickets + \$750 Towards Travel</p>	<p>CMA Awards in Nashville 2 Tickets + Lodging</p>	<p>Washington DC Tours + Lodging for 4 + \$1K Towards Travel</p>
 <p>Sports Experience 2 Tickets, Travel and Hotel</p>	<h2>RAFFLE FOR A REASON!</h2> <p>Only 300 Tickets will be sold. Drawing March 5 1 Winner Winner selects from 8 incredible experiences!</p> 	 <p>Las Vegas Car Racing + Culinary Experience for 2</p>
		
<p>Disneyland 4 Park Passes + Lodging +\$1K Towards Travel</p>	<p>Alaska's Frontier 7 Day Cruise for 2 + \$500 Towards Travel</p>	<p>Monterey, CA Golf at Del Monte + Lodging for 4 + \$1K Towards Travel</p>

Nominations are officially open for BVEF's annual Innovative Educator Award



Applications are due March 1

Do you know an educator who goes above and beyond to inspire, engage, and innovate in the classroom? Now is your chance to recognize their outstanding contributions! Nominations are officially open for BVEF's annual Innovative Educator Award. This prestigious honor celebrates two classroom teachers (one elementary and one secondary) who creatively apply innovative teaching methods, foster critical thinking skills, and ignite a passion for learning in their students.

Each innovative educator will receive a \$1,250 grant for their classroom. **Applications are due March 1st.** Click [HERE](#) to learn more and nominate a deserving educator. Thank you!

Community Celebrations and Observances

Some February Celebrations & Observances:

- **Black History Month** - created to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and rich cultural heritages of African Americans. Black History Month highlights the triumphs and adversities that have helped shape the United States.
- **Magha Puja Day** - February 24 - an important Buddhist festival celebrating the gathering between Buddha and his first disciples. Some families will attend temple, meditate, listen to teachings, perform giving alms, and hold candlelight processions.



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.
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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



- Feb 24 - Battle of the Bands
- Feb. 26 - Traditional schedule
- Senior Class Photo - 10:45-new gym
- Feb. 27 - Junior ACT
Juniors only (7:35-noon)
No school for 9th, 10th, 12th grade



- Feb. 28 - Odd block schedule
- Feb. 29 - Even block schedule
- March 1 - Traditional schedule
- March 8 - No School/Prof Learning
- March 11-15 - SPRING BREAK
- March 18 - No School/Prof Learning



- April 2-5 - 10th grade KS State math assessment
- April 8-11 - 10th grade KS State reading assessment
- April 8-11 - 11th grade KS State science assessment
- April 6 - PBC Fundraiser Denim & Diamonds



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.

Counseling News - February 23

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>

College Board AP Exam Registration – opens January 29

Students who are taking a **2nd-semester-only** AP course and plan to take the AP exam(s) must register and pay for exams by **February 29, 2024**. There are 2 parts to registering for an AP exam:

1. Confirming exam registration in AP Classroom (through student's [College Board](#) account)
2. Paying for the exam through [Total Registration](#).

AP exam cost is \$108. Detailed instructions on how to register and pay can be found on [BVNW Counseling Canvas Course](#).

**Students who missed the 1st semester registration deadline (for 1st semester and/or yearlong AP classes) and would like to take an AP exam, may register during this window. College Board charges a \$40 late registration fee. Student needs to pay for the AP exam through [Total Registration](#), and then Mrs. Hadley, counselor, will update student's registration/exam order on College Board side.

Check out our Counseling Canvas by grade level!

Our most popular requests are linked below.

Juniors

Shown in October Advisory - [5 common questions 11th graders typically ask](#),

[BVNW Junior Checklist](#).

[BVNW Counseling Canvas Juniors link](#)

Sophomores –

Shown in October advisory- "[10th grade common questions](#)"

[BVNW Sophomore Checklist](#)

[BVNW Counseling Sophomores link](#)

Freshmen

Shown in October Advisory - [5 questions Freshmen ask at BVNW](#).

[BVNW Counseling Freshmen link](#)

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 starting back up 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.

The Air Force Academy visit that was to be Wednesday 2/7 at 9:30 will be rescheduled for a later time. Please keep checking for updates and it will be communicated when a new date has been scheduled.

The Iowa State University visit scheduled for 2/15 will be rescheduled at a later date.

ARMY ROTC at KU will be here for a visit on Friday 2/16 during lunch (11:27-12:49). You can find their table by the nurse's office and no sign-up is required.

Texas Tech

Tuesday 3/5 at 9:00

Location: Commons

UMKC

Thursday 3/21 at 1:30

Location: TBD

Pittsburg State University

Wednesday 2/21 at 9:30

Parent Booster Club News - February 23

We've been busy the last few weeks with Grants, Senior Parent Reception, Staff Appreciation, Hospitality and Denim & Diamonds! Night Out Fundraiser. Please read this letter all the way!

* **SPRING GRANTS** – We are extremely grateful that we were able to provide grants to all those that applied! They should be able to get their grant money this week. If you applied for one, please contact the school bookkeeper, Denise Hughes. The Spring Grants Support: Choir, Band, Swim, Golf, Volleyball, The Muse Magazine, Psi Alpha (Psychology Honor Society), Dance, Cheer, Football and Theater. All together this year, we gave \$15,000+ in grant money that will benefit a lot of our students!

* **DENIM & DIAMONDS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER** – As you probably heard, we rescheduled this fun evening and the new date is Saturday, April 6th at the Museum of Prairiefire. All proceeds from this event go towards supporting our students, clubs, activities and staff. 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!



DENIM
and Diamonds
BVNW 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	SCHEELS 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](#)



AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE

Overnight Stays
Weekend Away Stays
Various Sport Event Tickets with
Parking
Dinner for six at Jasper's
Drivers Education Class
College Admission Consultation
Theme Baskets
Reserved School Parking Spots
And more!

READY TO PARTY FOR A GOOD CAUSE?

[Get your tickets now!](#)

* 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://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**

**BEST
HIGH SCHOOLS
USNews
RANKINGS**

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

