



# LMS Eagle News

March 30

## FROM THE DESK OF RYAN COLBURN

Welcome back to the final stretch! I'm not sure about you but I find it hard to believe we are at this point in the year already. I think because our third quarter was so disjointed, things feel different than in the usual ways. But, as it stands now, our fourth quarter is set to be continual days of school and two consecutive months. I am sure we will all appreciate that routine and predictability.

One major event that takes place in the fourth quarter is our **state testing**. While this is one data point that helps us determine where kids are currently and how we can make plans to adjust to meet student needs, it is a vital and important one. This is also our chance to show the community how amazing our students are and how awesome **Leawood Middle School** is. And, frankly, the best way to do that is to encourage our students to just do their best. Furthermore, we have created a schedule, as well, to spread the tests out to avoid testing fatigue and help our students do their best, and we could use your help.

1. Please **avoid appointments and generally missing school** on the following days. This helps us ensure students are present and ready to test and also helps us from pulling kids from classes other days for makeups.

April 2nd and 3rd: **8th grade science** test given during students' classes.

April 8th and 9th: **All grades math** test given in an all school block 7:51 - 9:00 AM.

April 15th and 16th: **All grades ELA** test given in an all school block 7:51 - 9:00 AM.

- **Encourage your students to do their best.** They are so bright and have worked so hard all year. We don't want them to stress out, but we hope they will do their best. A simple word of encouragement from you could go a long way.
- **Breakfast is a great thing!** I think breakfast is important every day, but especially on these testing days to get those brain cells going.
- We have a **narrow window** to get all our tests completed. Please be sure to have students at school early these days. We will begin testing right at 7:51! So, it is vital that students are in

school and ready to go by 7:51. This is actually good advice for every day. Truthfully, it just really helps students get off on the right foot.

These are just a few pieces of advice that would help your students do their absolute best on our state assessments. Thank you and welcome back again.

Sincerely,

Ryan Colburn

## TRACK INFORMATION

For 7th grade and 8th grade students interested in track:

- Events include: Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Sprints, Hurdles, Relays, and Long-Distance Running.
- Practice starts Wednesday, March 26th.
- All athletes must have the necessary rSchool documents completed prior, including a current physical since May 1st, 2024 with a [KSHSAA Physical Form](#) completed and uploaded into the [rSchool website](#).
- Any questions on rSchool or physicals please contact the Assistant Principal, Reese Sperflage, at [rsperflage@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:rsperflage@bluevalleyk12.org)
- Practice goes from 3:15 - 4:30 Monday through Thursdays.
- Athletes will have the opportunity to try multiple events every practice day.
- First Meet: April 16th
  
- Also, we are looking for managers from any grade levels to assist with practice and meets. Interested? Reach out to Lisa Everhart at [leverhart@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:leverhart@bluevalleyk12.org)
- More information, check out our [Padlet Website](#) for all things Track!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



**SCHOLASTIC**  
*It's* **BOOK FAIR** *time!*

**APRIL 1-3**  
**7:30-3:30**  
**LMS LIBRARY**

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/leawoodmiddleschool>

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The graphic features a large red speech bubble with a scalloped border containing the event details. The background is white with scattered purple and red starburst and lightning bolt icons. A red speech bubble on the right contains the text 'COME TO THE FAIR CHOOSE BOOKS YOU LOVE'. At the bottom, there is a red 'e' icon in a white square followed by the text 'Shop with Book Fair eWallet for cash-free purchases'.

## TARDIES

We are seeing an increase in the number of students who get to school after 7:51 AM. This puts a stress on our students and teachers when they miss important instructional time. We know with the change in time adjustments can be difficult. Please make every effort to get your students to school on time each morning. If you are running late and your student will arrive after 7:51, please call our front office to let us know. We will get a pass ready for students so they can get to class quickly. Students who we do not hear from and are regularly late may begin to receive detentions for lost school time. Thank you for your support.

## END OF QUARTER, VIEWING CANVAS COURSES AND GRADES

At the end of each quarter, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app. However, a concluded course remains visible through the Canvas website by selecting ALL COURSES and then PAST ENROLLMENTS.

### How do I view my child's report card?

- Log in on [ParentVue](#).
- Select the student's name
- In the left navigation bar, choose *Report Card*

Each new quarter, classroom teachers will publish the next quarter's Canvas course. As courses are published, students and families will again be able to see current courses on the Canvas app and Canvas website. For Canvas parent resources, visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas).

## BORN TO SOAR

Please use this form to nominate a staff member (teacher, paraprofessional, front office, support staff, etc....) who you feel is going above and beyond this year. We will recognize one staff member each week for the entire school year by presenting the award to them during a time they work with students. Staff will also be given an awesome picture of two eagles to keep in the classroom for the week to generate discussion and celebration around their award. This award will be presented each Thursday at some point during the day.

[Born to Soar Nomination Form](#)

## KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE

Ensuring our students' and staff's safety and well-being remains our highest priority. As we near the end of the school year, we want to take a moment to thank our families for their partnership. Your support and conversations at home have made a meaningful impact on student behaviors, reinforcing the importance of making good choices and reporting concerns appropriately.

### How We Address Threats

We take every report of a threat seriously—whether that threat is made on social media, in person or through another means. Our administrators work closely with our Safety and Security team and local law enforcement to investigate each case thoroughly. This process includes reviewing past behavior, gathering input from families, and conducting interviews. If a credible threat is identified, we will immediately notify staff and families. You can learn more about our safety protocols and threat assessment process on our [district website](#).



## Partnering to Keep Schools Safe

This spring, we will continue our informational graphics through Canvas for grades 6-12 about the real consequences of making threats. Even offhand comments or social media posts can have serious repercussions, including school disciplinary action or legal consequences. It's important for students to think before they post or speak.

We encourage families to listen to our fall 2024 [BV Unmuted podcast episode: Understanding Threats and Their Consequences](#). In this episode, former Interim Chief Simon Happer (Overland Park Police Department), Dan Carney (Director of Safety & Security), and Dr. Katie Collier (Deputy Superintendent for Learning) discuss how Blue Valley ensures a safe and secure learning environment.

🔊 Listen here: [BV Unmuted: Understanding Threats and Their Consequences](#)

### How You Can Help

- Report Concerns: Please remind your student to report any concerning behavior to school staff or use our [online reporting system](#).
- Avoid Spreading Rumors: Social media can spread misinformation and create unnecessary anxiety. Instead of sharing posts, report them directly to school administrators or law enforcement with as much detail as possible.

Your partnership plays a vital role in maintaining a safe school environment. Thank you for your ongoing trust and support.

## RESTAURANT NIGHT

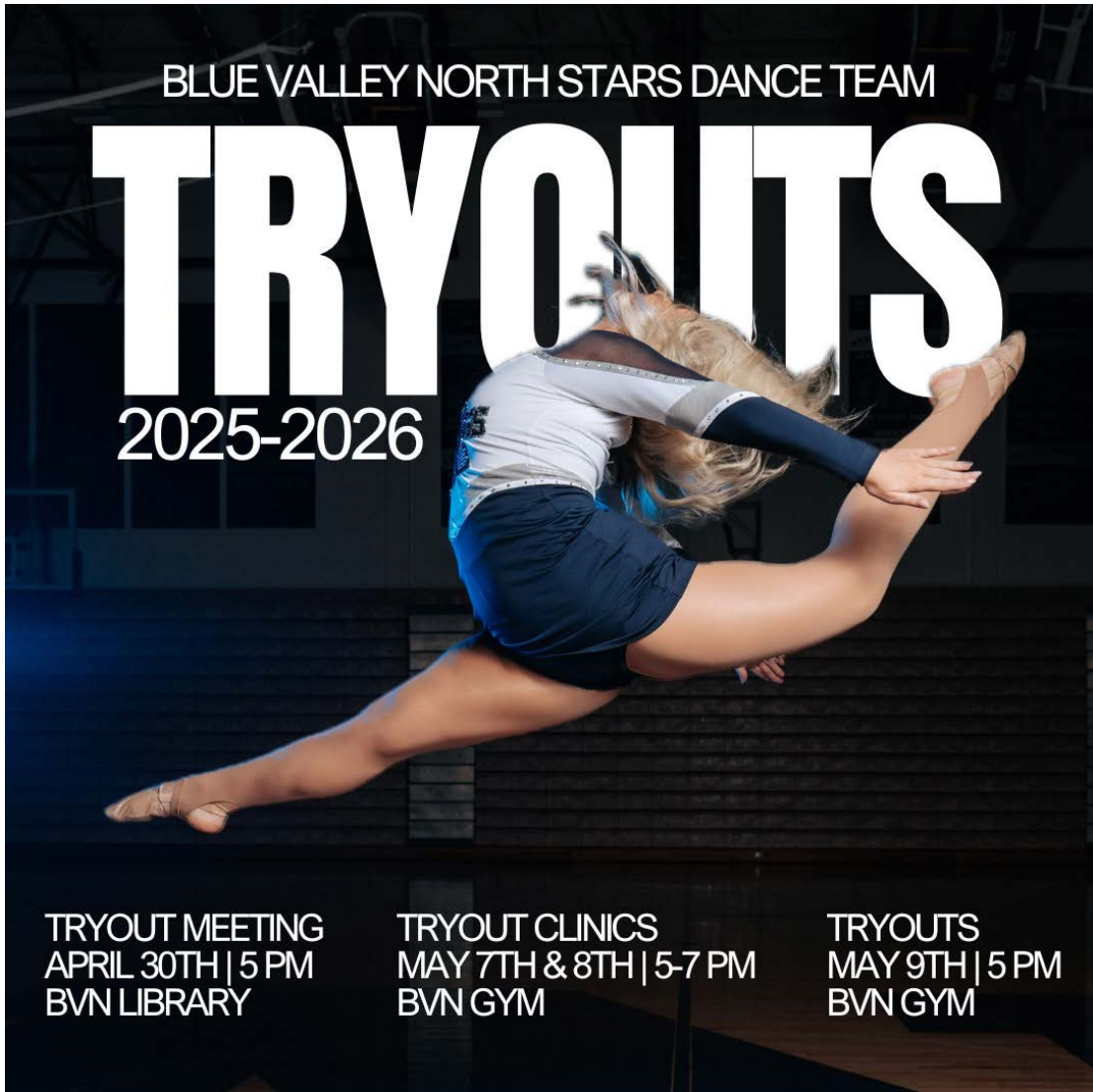
# LMS Restaurant Night

**April 3rd**  
**FROM 11am to 8pm**


**CACTUS  GRILL**

**Leawood OR BlueHawk Location**  
**Remember to Print The Coupon**

**BVN NORTH STARS**




## DANGERS OF FENTANYL IN OUR COMMUNITY

 **DAPT Event April 8 2025.pdf** [Download](#)  
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## BVN COLORGUARD

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