

# T-Bird Times

March 28, 2025



## Calendar

### April:

- 1 - BVNW Color Guard Clinic - 3:15 pm
- 4 - Track Pictures, 7:00 am
- 8 - KAP testing ELA
- 9 - 8th grade One Acts, 12:50 pm
- 10 - KAP testing Math
- 14 - Track Meet @ LKMS - 3:25 pm
- 15 - 8th grade only KAP Science testing
- 15 - 7th grade Band rehearsal - 3:00 pm
- 16 - 6th & 8th grade FastBridge Testing

16 - Track Meet @ HMS vs OMS - 3:25 pm  
17 - 7th grade Band Festival @ BVNW - 9:30am  
21 - 6th grade iReady testing Math  
21 - District 7th grade Choir Festival - 9:30 am  
22 - District 8th grade Band Festival @ BVSW - 9:30 am  
22 - 7th grade FastBridge testing  
23 - District 8th grade Choir Festival at MNU - 9:30 am  
24 - Track Meet @ BVMS - 3:25 pm  
28 - 8th grade iReady testing Math  
29 - 7th grade iReady testing Math

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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

HMS Families,

Thank you for your continued support this week and as we move into April next week. This was a difficult week for our school community, but we made the most of it. Track practice started and over 150 students enjoyed the nice weather and exercise. We also had a large chunk of 8th grade students perform in the Blue Valley middle school theater festival. The atmosphere was electric as our students had the last performance of the festival and shut the place down. The resolve of our students and how they came together this week was nothing short of amazing!

Below this note you will find the following information:

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As always, thank you for your support of HMS. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Nate Winslow

## End of Quarter Information

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.

**Important dates for families:**

	<b>Courses Conclude on Canvas</b>	<b>Grades Viewable on ParentVue (after 4pm)</b>
<b>Quarter 1</b>	Friday, October 11	Friday, October 18
<b>Quarter 2</b>	Friday, December 20	Friday, January 10
<b>Quarter 3</b>	Thursday, March 13	Friday, March 28
<b>Quarter 4</b>	Thursday, May 22	Wednesday, June 4

**Please note:** The dates are subject to change based upon calendar updates or technology needs.

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).

## HMS Spring Testing Information

We are kicking off our state and district testing next week and will have testing sessions throughout April until the beginning of May. See the testing schedule below to ensure that your TBird is present and ready to show what they know!

**KAP ELA (6-8th)- Tuesday, April 8th;** testing block 7:51-10:00am

**KAP Math (6-8th)- Thursday, April 10th;** testing block 7:51-10:00am

**KAP Science (8th Only)- Tuesday, April 15th;** testing block 7:51-10:00am

**iReady (aMath if Alg) (6-8th)-** taken during math class period

**6th grade- 4/21-4/23**

7th grade- 4/29-5/2

8th grade- 4/28-5/1

Fastbridge- taken during ELA class period

6th grade- April 16th

7th grade- April 22nd

8th grade- April 16th

## PTO Spirit Night



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## Construction Update

We have our precast cement walls up! Also, plumbing for the restroom inside the new gym was connected over spring break as well. It is very cool to see how quickly it went from a dirt hill to looking like an addition to our school.

## DAPT Community Event

PLEASE REGISTER USING THIS QR CODE.  
  
[bit.ly/bvthedrugtalk](https://bit.ly/bvthedrugtalk)

**BV DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION TEAM**  
BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

**THE DRUG TALK**  
*Keeping Our Kids Safe*

**APRIL 8, 2025**

**6:00-7:30 PM**  
**Hilltop Conference Center**  
**7700 W. 143rd St.**

Learn about fentanyl & educate your kids.  
A panel will follow the presentation.

**THE NEW DRUG TALK**  
CONNECT TO PROTECT

Movie Screening  
**THE NEW DRUG TALK**

  
Guest speaker  
**LIBBY DAVIS**  
"FIGHTING FENTANYL...  
KNOW IS THE NEW NO"

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## Attendance/Tardies

Students should be in the building by 7:45am, as classes start at 7:51am.

If your student is running late, we will always work with you, you just need to communicate with us each day that they are late. As indicated in our handbook and website, make sure to let us know that your student is arriving late before 8:10am or it will be unexcused/marked as an absence. Students are allowed three (3) tardies each quarter and on the fourth tardy, will receive a lunch detention. Teachers will use the same tardy policy for class periods two-nine. This is a BV district policy.

There are several ways to communicate with us to make it easy to report an absence or late arrival:

\*Call our office (913) 239-5200

\*Send an email to our office attendance account- [AttendanceHMS@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:AttendanceHMS@bluevalleyk12.org)

\*Use the ParentVue app/website (click 'Report an Absence')

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## Athletics/Activities

7th/8th Grade Track has started! Stay tuned for information regarding our first track meet @ LKMS on April 14th.

Shout out to our 8th grade choir and theater students for an amazing performance at the MS Theater Festival!

Our 7th/8th grade orchestra students did an incredible job at the BVNW Feeder Orchestra Festival.

We are so proud of our talented TBirds!

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## Blue Valley Volunteer Service Award

Please log your community service hours on the attached service log. **All volunteer service hours must be submitted by April 18, 2025. Please email the tracking form to [eswilson@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:eswilson@bluevalleyk12.org) or bring a hard copy to the front office.** Service hours, as well as the names of students who have completed the top number of credible community service hours will be sent to the district office for recommendation to receive the Blue Valley Volunteer Service Award.

Blank Logs for Printing [HERE](#)

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## HMS HONOR Code



# Harmony Middle School

A Community of Honorable Thunderbirds

	<b>H</b> Honesty	<b>O</b> Optimistic	<b>N</b> Neighborhoodly	<b>O</b> Ownership	<b>R</b> Respectful & Responsible
<b>Passing Periods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report behaviors that are not honorable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Speak kindly and positively</b> to and with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Treat others with care and kindness</b></li> <li>If something does not belong to you, please let it be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Be on time and prepared</b></li> <li>Get to your class using the most direct route.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Keep hands and feet to yourself</b></li> <li>Use an inside voices</li> <li>Walk to class</li> </ul>
<b>Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make <b>positive</b> choices inside and outside of the classroom</li> <li>Complete your own work</li> <li><b>Be ethical</b> with computer programs</li> <li>Follow personal device policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Model ways that are safe, legal, and ethical</b></li> <li>Communicate positively</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Be mindful</b> of what you say</li> <li>Treat others with care and kindness, in person and online</li> <li>Use headphones when around others at an appropriate volume</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use device when prompted</li> <li><b>Being engaged</b> in classroom learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep track of device, charger, and case by labeling items with name (first and last)</li> <li>Chromebook should be charged</li> <li>Handle your chromebook with care</li> </ul>
<b>Before/After School &amp; Assemblies/Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay in assigned areas</li> <li>Get permission to go to library and/or breakfast</li> <li>Sit with your assigned group (assemblies/shows)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show compassion to others, especially visiting teams and spectators</li> <li><b>Speak positively</b> about yourself and others</li> <li>Accept and celebrate growth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be <b>inclusive</b> of others</li> <li>Communicate positively</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow adult directions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use <b>appropriate volume</b> while walking the hallways</li> <li>Keep hands &amp; feet to yourself</li> <li>Contribute positively to school community</li> <li>Positively support the activity</li> </ul>
<b>Cafeteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eat only my food</li> <li>Only purchase what you will consume/use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taking <b>pride in ourselves and school</b>. (Clean up after yourself)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be inclusive of others</li> <li>Clean your table/floor with cleaning tools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay seated while eating</li> <li>Ask for adult permission to leave the table</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use appropriate volume</li> <li>Treating others with care and kindness</li> <li><b>Leave the area better than you found it</b></li> <li>Wait patiently in line</li> </ul>
<b>Classrooms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete your own <b>original work</b></li> <li>Take accountability for your actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain positive attitude</li> <li><b>Encourage yourself and others</b></li> <li>Practice a 'growth mindset'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Advocate for needs</b> of ourselves and others</li> <li>Accept and celebrate differences</li> <li>Leave learning areas ready for the next class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be on time for class</li> <li><b>Actively listen and participate</b></li> <li>Give your best effort 100% of the time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use appropriate volume</li> <li>Be on time and prepared for class with materials</li> <li><b>Follow rules and routines</b></li> </ul>

## Carline Reminders

Please remember to follow our carline rules at all times to ensure efficiency for all.

- Use the east entrance to the front circle. The west entrance is for buses only.
- Pull forward all the way before allowing your student to exit the car.
  - This is extremely important. Do not stop until you have pulled all the way up as far as you can in front of the school.
  - Please have your student exit the car quickly. One slow car can back up the entire carline.
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## Do you have a question or concern? We want to help.

If you have a question or concerns, we want to help! Many times by starting at the building level, you will work with the person who is closest to the situation and will usually have the most information. If you feel further discussion is warranted, the following chart can be used as a guide for whom to call when questions arise on the most common topics.

### ADDRESSING QUESTIONS & CONCERNS

Families and patrons should use the matrix below to address questions or concerns. Topics should be addressed beginning at Level 1. If the matter cannot be resolved, it is appropriate to move to the next level with the inquiry.



AREAS OF CONCERN	1	2	3	4	5	6
	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6
Academics, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Exec. Director Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
Activities & Athletics	Coach/Sponsor	Activities/ Athletic Director or Asst. Principal	Principal	Director of School Administration	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
Discipline	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Executive Director of School Administration	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
Facilities, Grounds & Maintenance	Assistant Principal	Principal	Coordinator Facilities & Operations	Director Facilities & Operations	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Food Service	School Kitchen Manager	Principal	Coordinator Food & Nutrition Services	Director Food & Nutrition Services	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
General Concerns	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	District Level Directors	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
SEL & Mental Health	Teacher	School Counselor, Social Worker or Psychologist	Principal	Exec. Director Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Special Education	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Assistant Superintendent Special Education	Superintendent	Board of Education
Transportation	Assistant Principal	Principal	Transportation Coordinator	Director Business Operations	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education

## Community Observances and Celebrations



Community Celebrations and Observances - to promote awareness and appreciation of our Blue Valley families.

Some March Celebrations & Observances:



- **The Nineteen Day Fast** - March 1-19 - a time of prayer, meditation, and fasting, some adult members of the Bahá'í faith refrain from food and water from sunrise to sunset each day. This practice might include prayers of spiritual preparation for the new year.
  - **Ramadan** - evening of March 1-30 - 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.
  - **Ash Wednesday** - March 5 - a Christian holiday signifying the first day of the Lenten season, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading to Easter. Some families will attend religious services and receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their forehead.
  - **Holi** - March 14 - 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.
  - **Eid al Fitr** - March 31 - marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting. Some families will celebrate the "Festival of Breaking the Fast" by joining in communal prayer and meals, visiting family, gift-giving, and charity.
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## Proactive School Safety

Proactive School Safety: How Blue Valley Addresses and Assesses Threats

At Blue Valley Schools, student safety is our top priority. Our approach to safety blends proactive prevention, fostering strong adult-student relationships and maintaining robust physical security measures. Central to our strategy is understanding and addressing potential threats.

What Constitutes a Threat?

A threat includes any expression of intent to harm, whether spoken or written. Identifying and responding to these expressions is crucial to the safety of our school community.

The Role of Threat Assessments

Blue Valley's comprehensive threat assessment process has two primary objectives:

- **Preventing Violence:** We work to intervene before potential threats escalate.
- **Resolving Underlying Issues:** By understanding the reasons behind a threat, we can resolve conflicts and provide necessary support.

Structured, Evidence-Based Approach

Blue Valley Schools follows the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG), a nationally recognized, evidence-based program. This approach ensures that we not only prevent violence but also support individuals in need.

Since the fall of 2023, Blue Valley building leaders have been trained in and actively using this Threat Assessment approach. This consistent use of CSTAG has equipped leaders with a common vocabulary and protocol, enabling them to resolve situations more effectively when threats arise.

By staying committed to this structured and compassionate approach, Blue Valley Schools ensures that students and staff are supported, safe and able to focus on what truly matters—

learning through extraordinary educational opportunities.

More information about Blue Valley's threat assessment process is available on the [district website](#).

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## Harmony Middle School Handbook

Please use this link to view the [HMS Student Handbook](#). This handbook will be available for students through our All School Canvas page and can be found at the beginning of the student planner.

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## PTO

### Track Concessions

We need 3 - 4 parent volunteers to work at the outdoor track concession stand for each track meet held at HMS. Meet starts at 3:30 and we like to have the stand open 15 minutes prior so please arrive to set up at 3:00 PM. Track parents will be able to watch their student's events and races. Please contact Erin Albright at [Erin.albright@hotmail.com](mailto:Erin.albright@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.



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[📅 signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com)

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## Student Services Update

### Harmony Middle School Family Resources:

Catholic Charities of Johnson County - Northeast Kansas  
Address: 9806 W. 87th Street  
Overland Park, Kansas 66212  
Phone: 913-384-6608  
Hours of operation: Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:00

Salvation Army in Olathe  
Address: 420 E. Santa Fe Olathe, Kansas 66061  
Phone: 913-782-3640

Hours of operation: Monday - Friday 9:00-12:00; 1:00-4:00

Village Church Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

Address: 9900 Mission Road Overland Park, KS 66206

Phone: 913-671-2315

Energy Assistance: DCF office: 1-888-369-4777, or [www.dcf.ks.gov](http://www.dcf.ks.gov).



## Harmony Middle School

Website:

<https://district.bluevalleyk12.org/schools/middle/hms/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

Location: [10101 West 141st Street, Overland Park, KS, USA](#)

Phone: [913-239-5200](tel:913-239-5200)

Twitter: [@HMSTBirds](https://twitter.com/HMSTBirds)



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