

# T-Bird Times

April 18, 2025



## Calendar

### April:

- 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

## May:

- 1 - 7th grade iReady testing (Math)
- 1 - Track Meet @ HOME vs PSMS - 3:25 pm
- 5 - Track Meet @ HOME vs LMS - 3:25 pm
- 5 - Orchestra Rehearsal - 6:00 pm
- 5 - Northwest Area Percussion show case (6th, 7th & 8th) @ BVNW 7:00 pm
- 5 - 6th grade Stax of Wax Choir performance - 7:30 pm
- 6 - Career Day - 8:00 am
- 7 - 6th grade Band Rehearsal - 3:00 pm
- 7 - Track Meet @ OTMS - 3:25 pm
- 8 - Husky Showcase School Day @ BVNW - 9:00 am
- 8 - 8th grade Community Service field trip - 9:00 am
- 8 - 6th grade Band Festival @ OMS - 10:00 am
- 9 - 5th grade visit - 9:50
- 10 - Orchestra Worlds of Fun Trip
- 12 - 7th grade after school rehearsal - 3:00 pm
- 13 - 8th grade Theater/Choir Elementary Tour - 1:00 pm
- 13 - 25/26 Cheer Meeting (Rm 135)- 3:00 pm
- 13 - Spring Band Concert (6th, 7th & 8th) - 7:00 pm
- 14 - 8th grade Track Meet (TBD)
- 15 - 7th grade Musical - 8:30 am
- 15 - MS/ES Spring Orchestra Concert @ HMS - 7:00 pm
- 16 - Band Main Event trip (7th & 8th)
- 16 - 8th grade Theater/Choir Elementary Tour - 9:00 am
- 19 - 8th grade musical - 1:00 pm
- 20 - Marching Band (8th graders only)
- 21 - 8th grade PTO lunch
- 21 - 8th grade class picture - 1:00 pm
- 21 - 8th grade formal ceremony rehearsal - 2:00 pm
- 22 - 8th grade formal ceremony - 8:00 am
- 22 - 8th grade trip to Dave and Busters - 9:45 am
- 22 - 8th grade Track procession - 1:30 pm
- 23 - Last Day of School - students will be released at 10:50 am

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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

HMS Families,

We enjoyed a busy week with our first two track meets of the season. It is always nice to see so many of our students competing and having fun. The weather was also beautiful for both meets, which we do not take for granted. Please continue to look ahead at our testing information below and support us by making sure your student(s) get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast. Standardized testing is a major way our school is evaluated. Lastly, registration for next school year is open. Please take the time to register your student(s). We are allocated staffing based on registered students. It really helps us get the best possible teacher to student ratio when we have our most accurate numbers.

Below this note you will find the following information:

- Last Day Announced for 2024-25 School Year
- HMS Spring Testing Information
- Register for the 25-26 School Year
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As always, thank you for your support of HMS. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Nate Winslow  
Principal  
Harmony Middle School

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## Last day Announced for 2024-25 School Year

With the fourth quarter underway, the district has determined the last day of the 2024-25 school year for students. Assuming no unforeseen circumstances cause us to cancel school, the last day for students at HMS will be May 23 with a dismissal time of 10:50 AM.

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## HMS Spring Testing Information

See the remaining testing schedule below to ensure that your TBird is present and ready to show what they know!

**\*\*Please make sure that your student charges their chromebook the night before testing\*\***

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

\*These dates may change\*

6th grade- 4/28-5/1

7th grade- 5/6-5/12

8th grade- 4/28-5/1

Fastbridge- taken during ELA class period

\*These dates may change\*

7th grade- April 22nd

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## Register for the 25-26 School Year

[Middle school registration](#) for the 2025-26 school year is now open for current students. At this time, you can also pay all required fees except course fees, which will be assigned in September. Registration is required annually and is the time to update your child's information (phone, email, emergency contacts, health information, etc.). Beginning in 2025-26, all 6th and 9th graders will be required to provide proof of residency (a current purchase contract, lease or utility bill, within the attendance area for your address) as part of the transition to a new level .

Completing registration confirms your child's attendance in August and helps the district appropriately staff classrooms. Thank you for providing this important information as part of the registration process. For more registration information, visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration).

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## 2025-2026 EPI School Supply Sale





## HARMONY MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 2025-2026 School Supply Sale

Save Over 40% on Supplies Compared to Other Online Retailers

Grade Level 2025-2026	Cost
6th	\$97.00
7th	\$90.00
8th	\$58.00

Order Securely Online Until  
Tuesday, May 20th

[www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks](http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks)

Enter the school ID

**HAR784**

(3 letters /3 numbers)

Supply packs can be picked up  
during Locker/Picture Day on  
August 4th from 2-5pm.



Scan QR code  
and  
Order Today!

For questions, please contact  
Lori Younger - [younger@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:younger@bluevalleyk12.org)  
Angela Milliren - [amilliren@hotmail.com](mailto:amilliren@hotmail.com)

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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.

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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')

## Athletics/Activities

7th/8th Grade Track has started!

Our track meets are up and running 🏃🏃🏃!

Check out next week's events:

**April 24th @ BVMS**

## 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>Being <b>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><b>Taking 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.
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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 LEVEL 1	2 LEVEL 2	3 LEVEL 3	4 LEVEL 4	5 LEVEL 5	6 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 April Celebrations & Observances:

- National Arab American Heritage Month -recognizes the achievements and contributions of Arab Americans to society, culture, and American history.
- Deaf History Month - celebrates the history, culture, and accomplishments of deaf and hard of hearing individuals.
- Day of Silence - April 11 - a national, student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+ students and allies take a vow of silence to protest the silencing and discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools.



- Passover - evening of April 12-20 - a Jewish holiday commemorating the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. Some families will observe the holiday with a special meal, called a Seder, eating foods of symbolic significance and reciting traditional prayers.
  - **Holy Week and Easter Sunday** - April 13-20 - includes the Christian holidays of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Some families will attend church services to commemorate the week leading to the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.
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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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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

If you haven't seen the powerful Netflix show Adolescence, our mental health team recommends it. To read more about the show and lessons for parents, this article is a great resource!



### Screenagers Blog | What Parents Can Learn from Netflix's Adolescence About Teens and Tech

Recently, the Netflix series Adolescence became one of the platform's most-watched limited series. It tells the fictional story of a 13-year-old boy whose descent into online misogyny and emotional isolation ends in tragedy. I've heard from many parents who watched it in one sitting - and others who said, "I can't bear to watch, but I want to understand what it's about."

[🔗 screenagersmovie.com](https://screenagersmovie.com)

### DEI Rx Take Back

Save the Date: April 26 Is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is just around the corner. On Saturday, April 26 , 2025, individuals will have the opportunity to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs at locations in communities throughout the country in a safe, convenient, and responsible way.

📄 [content.govdelivery.com](https://content.govdelivery.com)

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### 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)

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