

T-Bird Times

April 4, 2025



Calendar

April:

- 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

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 - 7th grade Musical - 8:30 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 Elementar Tour - 9:00 am
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 - MS/ES Spring Orchestra Concert @ HMS - 7:00 pm
16 - Band Worlds of Fun trip (7th & 8th)
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

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

HMS Families,

It is hard to believe we are in the month of April. If we blink, the end of the school year will be here before we know it. We are encouraging all of our students to work hard and finish off the school year in the best way possible. The 4th quarter is always a busy time of the year where students and families have so much going on. Keep an eye on the calendar of events up above and let us know if you need anything.

We also start our very important standardized testing. This is one way our school success is measured and we encourage all of our students to give each test they take their absolute best effort. Please help us out at home and make sure your student gets a good night's rest and eats a good breakfast. Thank you!

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
Principal
Harmony Middle School

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.

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!

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

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

Summer Explorations Enrollment

Looking for engaging summer learning opportunities for your child? Time is running out to sign up for Blue Valley's Summer Explorations program! With a variety of one-week, hands-on experiences, there's something to spark every child's interest. Enrollment closes 4 p.m. April 7. For more information about the Summer Explorations program visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms.

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



BV DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION TEAM

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

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

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!

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 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](#)

HMS HONOR Code



Harmony Middle School

A Community of Honorable Thunderbirds

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

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 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](#).

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.

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 if you have any questions.



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Student Services Update

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.

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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.



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Website:

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

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

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