# T-Bird Times May 9, 2025



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#### Calendar

#### May:

- 10 Orchestra Worlds of Fun Trip
- 12 Track Meet @ OTMS 3:25 pm
- 13 8th grade Theater/Choir Elementary Tour 1:00 pm
- 13 7th grade after school rehearsal 3:00 pm
- 13 25/26 Cheer Meeting (Students only-Rm 135)- 3:00 pm
- 13 STUCO end of the year party 3:00 pm
- 13 Spring Band Concert (6th, 7th & 8th) 7:00 pm
- 14 8th grade Track Meet @ BVNW 2:00 pm
- 14 Volleyball Meeting in gym (Students only) 3:00 pm

- 15 7th grade Musical 8:30 am
- 15 Football Meeting -8th grade pod (Students only) 3:00 pm
- 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 (for 8th graders participating in Marching band only) kick off party 4:45 pm
- 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 processional 1:30 pm
- 23 Last Day of School students will be released at 10:50 am

# PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

HMS Families,

We only have two more weeks of school left. Please encourage your student(s) to follow the Honor Code and finish the school year successfully. We want all students to head into summer break in two weeks in the most positive way.

Below this note you will find the following information:

- Last Day Announced for 2024-25 School Year
- End of Quarter Information
- Register for the 25-26 School Year
- 2025-2026 EPI School Supply Sale
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As always, thank you for your support of HMS. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

# 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.

# End of Quarter Information - Viewing Canvas Courses and Quarter 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.

Important dates for families:

	Courses Conclude on Canvas	Grades Viewable on ParentVue (after 4pm)		
Quarter 1	Friday, October 11	Friday, October 18		
Quarter 2	Friday, December 20	December 20 Friday, January 10		
Quarter 3	Thursday, March 13	Friday, March 28		
Quarter 4	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 <u>www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas</u>.

### Register for the 25-26 School Year

<u>Middle school registration</u> 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 <u>www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration</u>.

### 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	

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

For questions, please contact Lori Younger - <u>lyounger@bluevalleyk12.org</u> Angela Milliren - <u>amilliren@hotmail.com</u> Order Securely Online Until Tuesday, May 20th

www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks

Enter the school ID HAR784 (3 letters /3 numbers)



Scan QR code and Order Today!

Teacher Approved 

No Crowds

No Guesswork

School-Year Product Quality Guarantee

# Food and Nutrition Meal Payments

Blue Valley's Food and Nutrition Services team has shared an important update regarding changes to meal payments.

Beginning May 1, ACH/e-check payments will no longer be accepted as our payment processing system offers limited support for this payment method. Any ACH or e-check recurring payments will be disabled after April 30.

Families still have multiple payment options:

- Cash or check— Your child can bring cash or a check to school. Please make checks payable to "BVFNS" and include your child's full name and student ID number on the memo line.
- Credit Card via LinqConnect If you haven't already, visit <u>https://linqconnect.com/main</u> to set up an account and make payments via credit card. A \$3 transaction fee applies each time you use a credit card.

If you have questions, please contact <a href="mailto:studentnutrition@bluevalleyk12.org">studentnutrition@bluevalleyk12.org</a>.

To ensure you continue receiving important Food and Nutrition Services updates, please add <u>noreply@linqconnect.com</u> and <u>noreply@titank12.com</u> to your email contacts to prevent messages from going to your junk or spam folder.

# New School Year Medication Reminder

#### From the Nurse's office Prescription and Over-the Counter Medication

#### Dear Parent or Legal Guardian of HMS student,

If your student requires prescription medication at HMS, please remember, a physician's order for medication must be reviewed and updated at the <u>beginning of each school year</u>. Over-the-counter medications that are not available in the health room (i.e. eye drops, couph/decongestant, allery medications), may be stored in the health room with parent/guardian's consent for such medication (forms available in the health room.)

Ensure the "Health" tab is completed during online registration to provide consent for the administration of over-the-counter medications available at school, including Advil/Tylenol, cough drops, and antacids.

#### Prescription medication:

 Written authorization from a primary care provider or specialist (M.D., D.O., D.D.S., A.R.N.P. or P.A.) <u>must accompany any prescription medication to be administered at school. A provider's</u> authorization must be obtained for each school year.

#### The authorization form must be dated and include:

- a) Student name and birth dateb) Medication
- c) Dosage
- d) Reason/indication for administration of medication
  e) Time(s) to be administered
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   f) Duration of administration, i.e., entire year, 5 days, 1 month, etc.

#### Prescription medication must be brought to school in its <u>original container/package</u> dispensed by the pharmacist with the following information clearly stated on the label: Name of student

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- 2. Medication
- 3. Dosage
- 4. Time(s)/frequency of administered
- 5. Expiration date

#### Emergency Action Plans signed by physician/guardian for conditions such as life-threatening allergies/asthma must be included with the medication/prescription.

Consent to "Self-Administer" Prescription Medications must include signature of physician and parent/guardian. The physician's office may use their own form if details outlined above are included and must include a statement from physician stating, "Student has demonstrated knowledge of self-administration, and that school incurs no liability for any injury resulting from self-administration."

Students may not self-carry prescription or over the counter medication such as Advil/Tylenol without a written consent from a physician.

Consent for Administration/Self-Administration forms for students with prescribed medications can be downloaded and printed from the HMS website under "Nurse" link.

If your student is advancing into 7th grade, Tdap and MCV4 (meningitis) vaccines are required by the state of Kansas.

#### Gigi Touslee, BSBA, BSN RN Harmony Middle School <u>atousleomhluovalleyh12 ora</u> 913-239-5213

### Lost and Found

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Our lost and found is over flowing. Please have your student stop and look at our lost and found table to claim their items.



### **Construction Update**

The new gym is coming along! There is a roof and they have poured cement floors. We can see many things happening as construction starts to look like a usable space more and more!

### 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- <u>AttendanceHMS@bluevalleyk12.org</u> \*Use the ParentVue app/website (click 'Report an Absence')

# Athletics/Activities

PR's have been met and races have been won! Come out and support our TBird Track Stars ∞∞ ≪ 
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Check out next week's events:

May 12th @ OTMS- 3:25pm

May 14th- 8th Grade Meet @ BVNW- 2:00pm

**Important Update on Physicals and Paperwork for the 2025–26 School Year** Each year on May 1, Blue Valley begins collecting physicals and required paperwork for the upcoming school year. For 2025–26, we're transitioning to a new system to manage this process– but it won't be available until **June 1, 2025**.

\*\*Please wait until June 1 to submit physicals and paperwork through our new system. We'll send out detailed instructions once it's live.

Please note: to be eligible for any **KSHSAA activity** during the 2025–26 school year, physicals must be dated **after May 1, 2025**.

# **HMS HONOR Code**

# Harmony Middle School

A Community of Honorable Thunderbirds

	H Honesty	O Optimistic	N Neighborly	O Ownership	R Respectful & Responsible
Passing Periods	Report behaviors that     are not honorable	<ul> <li>Speak kindly and positively to and with others</li> </ul>	Treat others with care and kindness     if something does not belong to you, please lef it be	Be on time and prepared     Get to your class using the most direct route.	Keep hands and feet to yourself     Use an inside voices     Walk to class
Technology	Make positive choices inside and outside of the classroom     Complete your own work     Be ethical with computer programs     Follow personal device policy	<ul> <li>Model ways that are safe, legal, and ethical</li> <li>Communicate positively</li> </ul>	Be mindful of what you sity     Treat others with care and kindness, in person and online     Use headptones when around others at an appropriate volume.	<ul> <li>Use device when prompted</li> <li>Being engaged in classroom learning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reep track of device, charger, and case by labeling items with name thirst and last!</li> <li>Chromebook should be charged</li> <li>Handle your chromebook with care</li> </ul>
Before/After School & Assemblies/ Events	<ul> <li>Stay in assigned areas</li> <li>Get permission to go to library and/or breakfast</li> <li>Sit with your assigned group lassemblies/shows)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Show comparison to others, especially visiting beams and spectators</li> <li>Speak positively about yournel and others</li> <li>Accept and celebrate growth</li> </ul>	Be inclusive of others     Communicate     positively	Follow adult directions	Use appropriate volume while walking the holtways     Keep hands & feet to yourself     Contribute positively to school community     Positively support the activity
Cafeteria	Eat only my food     Only purchase what     you will consume/use	Toking pride in ourselves and school (Clean up after yourself)	Be inclusive of others     Clean your table/floor     with cleaning tools	Stay seated while eating     Ask for adult permission to leave the table	Use appropriate volume     Treating others with care     and kindness     Leave the area better     than you found it     Wait patiently in line
Classrooms	Complete your own original work     Take accountability for your actions	Maintain positive attitude     Encourage yourself and     others     Practice a 'growth     mindset'	Advocate for needs of ourselves and others     Accept and celebrate differences     Leave learning areas ready for the next class	Be on time for class     Actively listen and     porticipate     Give your best effort     tools of the time	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.
- Pull to the left after your student exits your car. (this is extremely important to ensure traffic continues to flow)

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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.



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AREAS OF CONCERN	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 Educati
Facilities, Grounds & Maintenance	Assistant Principal	Principal	Coordinator Facilities & Operations	Director Facilities & Operations	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Educat
Food Service	School Kitchen Manager	Principal	Coordinator Food & Nutrition Services	Director Food & Nutrition Services	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Educati
General Concerna	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	District Level Directors	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Educati
SEL & Mental Health	Teacher	School Counselor, Social Worker or Psychologist	Principal	Exec. Director Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Educati
Special Education	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Assistant Superintendent Special Education	Superintendent	Board of Educati
Transportation	Assistant Principal	Principal	Transportation Coordinator	Director Business Operations	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Educati

**Community Observances and Celebrations** 



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

Some May Celebrations & Observances:

- Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month recognizes the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to American society, culture, and history.
- Jewish American Heritage Month celebrates the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans to American society, culture, and history.
- Mental Health Awareness Month aims to raise awareness about mental health by fighting the stigma, providing support, and advocating for policies that support people affected by mental illness.
- Vesak May 12 one of the most important Buddhist festivals celebrates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Gautama Buddha. A time of joy, peace, and reflection, some Buddhists will wear special white clothing, attend temple, and perform charitable acts.
- Memorial Day May 26 a national day of remembrance to honor the more than one million military veterans who have died in service to the United States.

# **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 <u>district</u> <u>website</u>.

### Harmony Middle School Handbook

Please use this link to view the <u>HMS Student Handbook</u>. This handbook will be available for students through our All School Canvas page and can be found at the beginning of the student planner.

# Student Services Update

**Career Fair:** 

HMS Student Services Department hosted the 2025 Career Fair this week with 7th and 8th grade students with 22 presenters from a variety of career paths. Students heard about what inspired presenters to pursue their careers, education required, salary levels, skills and personality traits needed, challenges, technology and what the future of their career may look like!

Below is a list of presenters...if you patronize their business or know them personally, please let them know we appreciate their support of this amazing event! If you have a 6th grader and would like to come to our 2027 Career Fair or come next fall to our more casual Career Café during 7th and 8th grade lunch, please let us know.

McKenzie Lueders Teacher Mike Sutton Insurance Agent Christina Ryan Interior Design Don Hubener Cyber Security Pat Ryan Chief Retail Officer FitLife Adam Hepker College Coach-Basketball Kevin Wardlaw College Coach-Soccer Bianca Miller Influencer/Author Trevor Lister Firefighter Shay McNeal Nurse Practitioner Abigail Gray Therapist Nathan Kim Special Agent Trisha DeWet Special Agent Shon Plack Royals Baseball Scout Coach David Sheldon Rapper/Author/Influencer Gregory Shuey Military Daniel Buller Lawyer Jeff Lenius Orthodontist Brandon Classen College Athletic Director Mandira Kansakar Family Physician Judd Smith Al Director Nathan Bachert General Contractor Garrett Senestraro Automotive Technician





















### Parenting Skills Class

An nine-week class to make you a more confident, empowered parent



This class, created by parents and mental health professionals, is designed to empower caregivers to feel more confident in their parenting journey. Parenting can be a mix of joy, challenges, and exhaustion, and we're here to help. In this class, you'll gain practical skills and effective strategies to support your children and strengthen your family as a whole.

Are you navigating the complexities of parenting strong-willed children or children facing challenges such as:

- Managing screen time and behavioral outbursts
- Defiance or refusal to help with tasks at home
- Feeling disconnected from γour child
- Screaming, profanity, or physical aggression
- Impulsive or unsafe behaviors
- Concerns about drug or alcohol use

Join us for a 9-week class to connect with fellow caregivers going through similar experiences and creating a safe space to learn ways to better connect with your child and become confident in areas like parent-child attachment, establishing expectations, parent burnout and self-care, managing crises, and much more.

#### Class Information:

In-Person Option Sessions will be held **In-Person** on Mondays from 6 - 7:30 p.m starting **June 2** 

#### Virtual Option:

Sessions will be held on Zoom on Wednesdays from 12 - 1:30 p.m. starting June 4

For more information or to register, visit <u>connect.jocogov.org/mental-health-training</u> or scan the QR code below:



For more information or questions, please contact JCMHCevents@jocogov.org or 913-715-7880.

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

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.



#### Twitter: <u>@HMSTBirds</u>

#### Harmony Middle School

Website: https://district.bluevalleyk12.org/schools/middle/hms/Pages/Cale ndar.aspx Location: 10101 West 141st Street, Overland Park, KS, USA Phone: 913-239-5200



#### Lori Younger

Lori is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

