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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Back To School Night

On Monday August 26th, from 6-8pm, Blue Valley West will host the annual "Back to School" night. This evening provides an opportunity for parents to connect with teachers and learn more about the classes your student is taking this year. We look forward to seeing you in the JUNGLE! Here is the [schedule for the night](#). [View a BVW map here](#).

Jungle Jam

Kick off the school year with JPCo at our annual Jungle Jam pizza dance in the Commons on August 30. The dance will begin immediately after the soccer game (approximately 8:30pm) and end at 9:45pm. For \$8, enjoy pizza, soda, and music with the Jags. Dress is casual and tickets must be purchased online! You don't want to miss it! See you there! [Purchase tickets here](#)

National Honor Society Applications now available - Due Sept. 6

Applications to join the Blue Valley West National Honor Society are now available at [this link](#). Membership is open to juniors and seniors with a 3.500 or above GPA (weighted or unweighted) and 25 hours of community service completed during their high school career. Applying is not a guarantee of acceptance. All NHS members inducted last year who were in good standing at the end of last school year are still considered members for this school year and do not need to reapply.

Important Travel Outside of the USA Information - To Do

This important message is for any family or staff that will travel out of the United States during the school year. Please [click here](#) to read the restrictions and recommendations for Out of the Country travel. Blue Valley resources such as Canvas, Classlink, and school email are not accessible out of the country unless you have a personal device with a VPN on it.

Attendance Notifications

Every day Blue Valley West opens its doors to students for a day filled with learning. When a student does not arrive at school, or unexpectedly misses a portion of the school day, we are concerned and want to make sure you are aware that your child is absent. Beginning Thursday, August 17, BVW will be notifying families of unexpected absences through email, phone, text and optional push notifications. Jaguar families can expect automated attendance messages by email, phone and text at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. if a child is absent and his/her absence has not already been reported by a parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to call the school to report an absence, report the absence online or reply to the automated email or phone message. Families who would also like a push notification can download the ParentVUE app and manage their notifications. If a child has an unreported absence when a teacher submits attendance, then a push notification will immediately be sent to the parent/guardian's mobile device. Push notifications will continue throughout the day until the child's absence is reported/excused, meaning a family could receive multiple push notifications as attendance is typically taken with each class period.

Interested in push notifications? Simply download the ParentVUE app ([iTunes app store](#) or [Google Play](#)), enable push notifications in device settings and select attendance notifications through in-app settings.

Guide to high school attendance messages

- 10:30 a.m.**  **Automated Attendance Message**
Families will receive automated attendance messages via email, phone and text message at 10:30 a.m. If a child is absent and his/her absence has not been reported by a parent/guardian. Forget to report an absence? No worries, reply directly to the phone call or email.
- 2:30 p.m.**  **Automated Attendance Message**
Families will receive automated attendance messages via email, phone and text message at 2:30 p.m. If a child is absent and his/her absence has not been reported by a parent/guardian. Forget to report an absence? No worries, reply directly to the phone call or email.
- Optional**  **Push Notifications**
Families who would also like a push notification can download the ParentVUE app and manage their notifications. If a child has an unreported absence when a teacher submits attendance, then a push notification will immediately be sent to the parent/guardian's mobile device. Families could receive multiple push notifications each day as attendance is typically taken during each class period.

Student Parking Passes

Click [here](#) for information regarding Student Parking.

PSAT Registration - Sophomores and Juniors

Registration for the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT, National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is now open. The PSAT will be administered on Friday, October 11. This is a non-school day for all students who have not signed up for the PSAT. Please click [here](#) for more information.

ACTION NEEDED- If desired, sign up and pay (\$22 fee) for PSAT in Total Registration by August 29, 2024, at 11:59 PM. (<https://totalregistration.net/PSAT/172821>) **If your student receives a testing accommodation through an IEP/504, you must register & pay by 8/19 to request accommodations through the College Board.

Who typically takes the PSAT?

PSAT NMSQT (Preliminary SAT, National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)—This is a digital test for 10th graders who want to practice for the PSAT NMSQT in preparation for the high-stakes opportunity in 11th grade.

PSAT NMSQT - for juniors is high-stakes, as students who score exceptionally well (typically in the top 3%) can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship competition. The PSAT NMSQT is digital.

**Bus transportation will pick up and drop off any student already accessing district transportation.

BVW Crimson Cats Kitty Clinic

All K-8th graders are invited to join the BVW Dance Team on Friday, September 20 for the Kitty Clinic and pre-game performance. [Click here for more information.](#)

Kitty Clinic
Friday, Sept. 20
 Blue Valley West High School
 4:30 - 6 p.m. Dance Clinic
 6 p.m. Jag Walk
 6:40 p.m. Performance

\$45
 Includes: Bag, T-shirt, Bow, Face Tattoos, Snacks, Entry to Game!

K-8
 K-8th graders are invited to learn a dance with the BVW Crimson Cats and perform during pre-game of the BVW Varsity football game on Sept. 20.

Scan QR code and register by Aug. 30 to secure your spot!

BlueValleyWestBoysBasketball@gmail.com

BVW Little Jags Cheer Clinic

All K-5th graders are invited to participate in the cheer clinic and pre-game performance on September 9th. [Click here for more information](#)

Football game:
September 27, 2024

CLINIC AND PERFORMANCE ARE THE SAME NIGHT!
 CLINIC: 4-6 PM
 DINNER: 6-6:30 PM
 GAME: 7 PM. GIRLS WILL CHEER BEFORE THE GAME AND DURING THE 1ST QUARTER
 REGISTER: FOLLOW THE QR CODE TO REGISTER. REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 200 PARTICIPANTS OR ON SEPTEMBER 9TH.

Register now to guarantee your spot!

BVW LITTLE JAGS CHEER CLINIC

WHO: K-5TH GRADERS

2024-2025
JAGUAR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
 BLUE VALLEY WEST BOYS BASKETBALL

JYDP

Registration is open

Jaguar Youth Development Basketball Program

This program is open to all 4th-8th Grade Boys attending BVW feeder schools. Registration is open now through Tuesday September 3. Questions: email coachrehintz@gmail.com
[Information Packet](#)
[Registration](#)

SENIOR NEWS Class of 2025

Need an Unofficial Transcript?

Applying to colleges and universities?

You can download your unofficial transcript by navigating to your ParentVue or StudentVue account. Unofficial transcripts can be downloaded from Course History.

Please be aware that current unofficial transcripts do not contain senior schedules, an updated copy will be available next week when schedules are released for the 2024-2025 academic year. All transcript requests should be made through Xello.

Senior Yearbook Photos-Last Chance Date

October 16, 2024 from 11 am to 1:15 pm is the last chance date for seniors to have their photos taken for the yearbook. Photo location will be in the Commons Faculty room. Please do not miss this opportunity. The yearbook will not be the same without you!

Senior Yearbook Ads

Click [here](#) for information on submitting a Yearbook Ad for your Class of 2025 student. **Please note that the early bird deadline for a \$50 discount on your ad is Friday September 13th. The final deadline to purchase a senior ad is Friday November 1st.**

ATHLETICS NEWS

Letter to Our Families

Blue Valley Families,

We are excited to have your families come to support our high school activities and athletics this school year. It is great to see the entire community at these events. It is imperative that our parent community partner with us as we work to encourage a positive atmosphere for our high school games or events.

- **Sportsmanship/officials:** We want to give our student athletes the opportunity to play as many games as possible and we need officials to make those games happen. With a local and national shortage of officials, we want to make sure officials continue to choose to work Blue Valley events. The number one way we can create a welcoming environment is for spectators, coaches and student athletes to be courteous and respect the official's decisions.
- **Tailgating:** Tailgating before games has become a tradition for many students and families. We love to see our community gathering together to enjoy food and tailgate games in our parking lots. As a reminder, alcohol and tobacco are not allowed on district property including parking lots. Outside food and drink is not permitted inside the gates except for unopened water bottles. Please visit the concession stands and support our school groups!

Thank you for your help in making our district events a great experience for all who attend. We hope to see your family cheering for our Blue Valley teams this school year.

Matt Ortman
Director of School Administration, Athletics and Activities
Blue Valley School District

Purchase a 2024-25 Athletics Pass

[2024-25 Athletics Pass](#)

[BVW Athletic website](#) / [Eastern Kansas League](#)

College Visits

It is never too early to start checking out the BVW Counseling Page. There are already college visits on the calendar - don't miss the chance to sign up! There are also College Presentations coming to the KC area.

To learn more: Go to the College/Career Planning Tile where you will be able to access the google doc to sign up for college visits as well as any College Open Houses/Presentations coming to the KC area.

Counseling canvas page

PTO NEWS

PTO will be at Back to School Night on August 26!

Come by our table in the Commons to check out the BVW gear, get some Nothing Bundt Cakes, and sign up to volunteer!



Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser

On Back to School Night only! Nothing Bundt Cakes will be selling bundtlets for \$7 and certificates for 8" cakes (\$20 instead of the normal \$31) The PTO will be receiving 20% of the sales.

BVW Blankets

Swing by our table in the Commons and check out the BVW swag! Pre-orders for the new blankets will be available as well as yard signs orders. You can also [purchase online](#).

Yardsigns

All of these items directly support staff appreciation, grants for staff, and all of our student events so plan to stop by the commons on Monday!



Blue Valley West

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