

# Jaguar Journal

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## ALLSCHOOLNEWS

### Second Semester Course Fee Payment is Now Open!

High school course fee payment for the second semester is open and [online now](#). Your ParentVUE login and password are required to pay course fees.

- Course fees are assigned based on the master schedule and your student's enrollment.
- Course fees are assigned for the second semester only.

Questions regarding fee payment should be directed to the bookkeeper, Ann Oades at [AWOades@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:AWOades@bluevalleyk12.org)

### JPCo 25-26

Interested in leadership development or school service? Apply for next year's JPCo team! **The informational meeting will be March 3 after school in 152 and March 4 during AST in the 152 flex space.** Students must attend at least one of those meetings. Open to all rising Juniors and Seniors.

### Testing Day is April 8th

We are excited to share that the Kansas State Department of Education is again paying for an ACT for all juniors. This year's exam is on **Tuesday, April 8th, 2025**. If you have already registered your student for the April 5th national exam through ACT, you may want to consider contacting ACT to reschedule for a later date.

This is an **opt-out** testing event, meaning that unless you tell us otherwise, we will plan on testing your student. All students test at their home school, and Blue Valley Academy students test at BVA.

We also understand that the ACT might not be applicable to students as many schools are moving to a test-optional format. Other programs, such as JCCC and trade schools, do not require an ACT score for admission.

While it is your decision whether to have your student take the ACT, below is a brief overview to help you and your student determine whether the ACT is the correct standardized assessment for your student's future plans.

Furthermore, we strongly encourage you to contact the college, university, or trade school your student is considering attending after high school to receive the most current information. The

Blue Valley West counselors are also a great resource to help you navigate these decisions. [Click here](#) to learn why taking the ACT can help you in college.

**KANSAS CITY MONARCHS**

**HIGH FIVE FOR TEACHERS!**  
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

Your school is invited to join the Kansas City Monarchs for Teacher Appreciation Night!

\*Stick around after the game for post-game player autographs!

FOR EVERY TICKET YOUR SCHOOL SELLS, THE MONARCHS WILL DONATE **\$5** BACK TO THE SCHOOL!

SCAN THE QR CODE

USE THIS CODE AT CHECKOUT: **BVW25**

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

**KANSAS CITY MONARCHS**

BONUS: IF YOUR SCHOOL SELLS 200+ TICKETS BY MAY 6TH, YOU CAN NOMINATE SOMEONE TO THROW OUT A CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH

## Monarchs Baseball - Teacher Appreciation Night

[Purchase Teacher Appreciation Night Tickets here!](#)

After clicking the link above, type in the code "BVW25" in the "Promo Codes" dialogue box located in the left-middle portion of the page

- After entering the code, Two Options will appear to get your seats
- Under "Option 1: Choose Your Seats" Click "Find Tickets"

## LA Wildfires Fundraiser

*My name is Harlowe Persaud and as a member of BVW's JPCo, I am currently fundraising for the victims of the LA Wildfires. The Red Cross is working to provide safe shelter, food, emotional support and other critical services to those in need and is focused on making sure everyone has a safe place to stay. Please donate today to help people recover from this disaster so no one faces this heartbreaking crisis alone.*

Here is the link to donate:

<https://americanredcross.donordrive.com/campaign/BVW-Wildfire-Relief>

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## SENIOR NEWS Class of 2025

### Senior Fees

Parents of seniors are asked to contribute a \$40 fee toward their senior activity fund and annual senior class gift that is donated to the school.

Senior Fees help to offset graduation celebration and rehearsal activities that happen throughout the year. Help us make our seniors' final year a great one! [Pay Senior Fee now.](#)

### Senior Countdown

Here are all the [upcoming events and dates](#) seniors need to know about. Check back often for updates and additions.

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## ATHLETICS NEWS

### Register for Spring Sports

Spring Sports start on March 3rd! You must complete online registration prior to participating in a sport. To begin, Go to [bvwestjags.com](http://bvwestjags.com). Click on "Athlete Registration" at the top of the page. You will need to upload completed and signed [physical forms](#).

## Tryouts for Cheer 25-26 Season

BVW Cheer Tryouts start soon! Pre-tryout meeting is March 4. [See the entire schedule here](#)

## Baseball Tryouts

2025 Spring Baseball Tryouts are March 3rd – March 7th. Email Coach Allison with any questions: [jballison@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:jballison@bluevalleyk12.org)

## Boys Tennis

Tryouts for Boys Tennis start on March 3rd. [Go here for more information](#)

## Boys Golf

Any boys interested in trying out for the boy's golf team please fill out this Google Form (link below). If you have any questions, please contact Coach Anderson at [aanderson@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:aanderson@bluevalleyk12.org)  
<https://forms.gle/saXUkoPXWRB6S2kp9>

## Purchase a 2024-25 Athletics Pass

### [2024-25 Athletics Pass](#)

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# COUNSELING

## Scholarships

Don't miss out! Check XELLO for more information on local scholarship opportunities.



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## BVUnmuted Legislative Podcast

Our #BVUnmuted series continues with a focus on the impact of our teachers in the Blue Valley Schools. Blue Valley Superintendent Dr. Tonya Merrigan is joined by three Blue Valley Schools students, Caroline, Arianna and Maverick to discuss the positive impact that our teachers have on their students.

🔊 [To listen to the podcast episode.](#)



## Community Celebrations and Observances

### 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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