

# Jaguar Journal

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## ALL SCHOOL NEWS

### 4th Quarter Update

Dear BVW Families,

Good morning! I hope this message finds you well and excited for the fourth quarter at BVW. I want to apologize for the delay in sending this email. It was my intention to send it before spring break, and it wasn't until several of you reached out asking for the fourth-quarter document (which is attached [HERE](#)) that I realized it had not been sent.

As we begin to wrap up the school year, I want to inform you that due to construction projects scheduled throughout the summer, our administrative, counseling, and office staff will be relocating to the district's CAPS building. While our phone extensions will remain the same, please note that if you need to meet with us in person or come to the building, we will not be at BVW this summer. Our summer athletics programs will still have access to the existing weight room and the newly constructed South Gymnasium for workouts, but all other areas of the building will be off-limits to staff and students.

I strongly encourage all families, especially those with senior students, to regularly check the Jag Journal emails for important updates related to BVW. This will include updated information about senior activities and graduation as details become available.

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student.

Best regards,

Katie Bonnema

Principal, BVW

### Prom Tickets

Juniors and Seniors, get your tickets for Prom 2025 - All that Jazz. April 12 at the Museum at Prairiefire. [Tickets are \\$35](#) - online only.

If you are bringing an Outside Guest to Prom, please review and complete [this form](#).



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - COAT CHECK AT THE PROM

Saturday, April 12th 7:45-10:45PM

Museum at Prairie Fire

The 2025 BVWest Prom is just around the corner! Join us and get a sneak peek of our students coming to the dance while you check-in suit coat jackets, shoes, and handbags. Thank you for volunteering! [SIGN UP HERE](#)



**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!

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"

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## SENIOR NEWS Class of 2025

### BVW Class of 2025 Fundraiser

Celebrate your Senior JAG with a personalized class of 2025 yard sign. Cost per sign is \$30 to be [paid via GoFan](#). **Order deadline is April 18th 2025.** Students or parents who purchase a yard sign can pick them up at Blue Valley West on Friday May 9th at the end of school behind the front office. Any questions can be emailed to [dmkirchmer@gmail.com](mailto:dmkirchmer@gmail.com). Please see a photo attached of the yard sign that will include a stake. Congratulations BVW Class of 2025!



### Senior Slideshow

Last Call to Submit your [Senior Slideshow](#)! Due date is April 13.

### 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

### Jaguar Hoops Boys Basketball Summer Camps

Happy to announce summer basketball opportunities! We cannot wait to get back in there to Have Fun & Get Better with current and future Jaguars. You will find all the information needed in the two links below

High School: Grades 9th-12th [High School information & registration](#)

Youth: Grades 3rd-8th [Youth information & registration](#)

### BOYS Summer Volleyball Camp

Hey Jags! We are gathering info on interest for a BOYS volleyball camp this July! Please fill out the form linked below if interested and stay tuned for more info!

[Boys Volleyball Camp Interest Form](#)

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

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## COUNSELING

### Scholarships

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



[Counseling canvas page](#)

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### Partnering for a Safe School Community

Ensuring our students' and staff's safety and well-being remains our highest priority. As we near the end of the school year, we want to take a moment to thank our families for their partnership. Your



support and conversations at home have made a meaningful impact on student behaviors, reinforcing the importance of making good choices and reporting concerns appropriately.

### **How We Address Threats**

We take every report of a threat seriously—whether that threat is made on social media, in person or through another means. Our administrators work closely with our Safety and Security team and local law enforcement to investigate each case thoroughly. This process includes reviewing past behavior, gathering input from families, and conducting interviews. If a credible threat is identified, we will immediately notify staff and families. You can learn more about our safety protocols and threat assessment process on our [district website](#).

### **Partnering to Keep Schools Safe**

This spring, we will continue our informational graphics through Canvas for grades 6-12 about the real consequences of making threats. Even offhand comments or social media posts can have serious repercussions, including school disciplinary action or legal consequences. It's important for students to think before they post or speak.

We encourage families to listen to our fall 2024 [BV Unmuted podcast episode: Understanding Threats and Their Consequences](#). In this episode, former Interim Chief Simon Happer (Overland Park Police Department), Dan Carney (Director of Safety & Security), and Dr. Katie Collier (Deputy Superintendent for Learning) discuss how Blue Valley ensures a safe and secure learning environment.

🔊 Listen here: [BV Unmuted: Understanding Threats and Their Consequences](#)

### **How You Can Help**

- **Report Concerns:** Please remind your student to report any concerning behavior to school staff or use our [online reporting system](#).
- **Avoid Spreading Rumors:** Social media can spread misinformation and create unnecessary anxiety. Instead of sharing posts, report them directly to school administrators or law enforcement with as much detail as possible.

Your partnership plays a vital role in maintaining a safe school environment. Thank you for your ongoing trust and support.



**Blue Valley West**

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