

# Jaguar Journal

April 4, 2025

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# ALL SCHOOL NEWS

## Rep Theatre Show

Don't miss the BVW Repertory Theater class's heartfelt production of Little Women, a play adapted by Gary Peterson from the beloved novel by Louisa May Alcott.

Join us on **April 4 and 5 at 7:00pm in the BVW Little Theatre** for an unforgettable journey through the lives of the March sisters as they navigate love, loss, and the pursuit of their dreams. This timeless story is brought to life with passion and dedication by our talented cast, offering an inspiring experience for audiences of all ages.

All seats are general admission, \$5 for students and \$10 for Adults cash/check at the door. Presale tickets are available through the school's [GoFan online portal](#) as well.



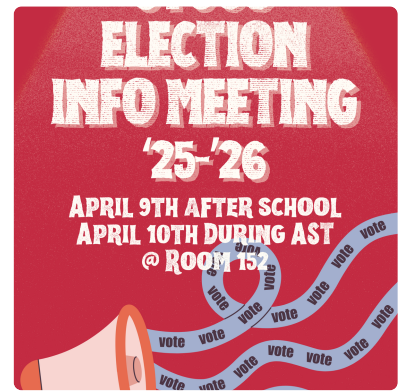
## Virtual Summer Course Enrollment

### Enrollment for virtual summer courses opens March 25

Enrollment for Blue Valley Summer Programs opens 8 a.m. March 25 and closes 4 p.m. April 7. These programs include virtual courses for credit, such as Business Essentials or Physical Education. Additional information about Summer Programs, including a high school virtual course catalog, can be found at [www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms).

## Student Council Elections

Student Council Elections for the 2025-26 academic year are approaching! If you'd like to run for a Student Council position, please plan to attend one of the following meetings: April 9 @ 2:50 in Room 152 OR April 10 during AST in 152. Come learn about Student Council leadership and how elections work!



## NHS Blood Drive

After several years away, the National Honor Society blood drive is back at Blue Valley West! We will be hosting our drive on **April 8 from 10-3** in the Aux Gym. Students ages 16 and over can sign up during lunch next week (and grab a parental permission slip if they are 16 years old). Interested parents/community members can sign up [here](#). Please remember to bring ID when you check in to donate.

## 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](#)

## Upcoming closure at 167th Street, U.S. 69 Interchange

As part of the U.S. 69 Expansion Project (69Express)—a major initiative to improve traffic flow and safety—construction work will soon impact travel near 167th Street.

From March 6-9, one lane in both directions on U.S. 69 will be closed from 159th Street to just before 179th Street for bridge demolition at the 167th Street interchange.

From April-October, 167th Street at U.S. 69, including ramps, will be closed. U.S. 69 over 167th Street will be reduced to one lane each way. Additional information can be found on [69Express' Road Closure Update webpage](#).

While not a school district project, this may affect travel for families. Any impacts to school transportation will be communicated by Durham School Services and All Point Transportation. Please plan ahead and consider alternate routes as needed.

## Testing Day is April 8th

Tuesday, April 8th, is our school-wide testing day for 9th-11th grade students.

[Here](#) is a link for more information about the tests that will be administered that day.

**Bus Transportation:** Durham will run morning routes at standard pick-up times and will pick students up at noon once testing concludes. If your student receives testing accommodations extending their test, you will need to make alternate transportation arrangements for them to be picked up once their test concludes.



## 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

### Senior Assassins Game - Important Information

[Click here](#) to view a letter from Dr. Bonnema regarding the Senior Assassins game.

### 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](#)

## Cheer Tryouts

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# BVW CHEER TRYOUTS



**PRE-TRYOUT CLINIC**  
OPEN TO ALL  
CURRENT 8TH GRADERS  
AND BVW STUDENTS

 **APRIL 2ND**  
 **6:30-8PM**  
 **BVW AUX GYM**

 **← ATHLETE  
WAIVER**

**TRYOUT  
APPLICATION  
DUE APRIL 8TH**





**MANDATORY  
TRYOUT CLINICS**  
 **APRIL 9TH-10TH**  
 **6:00-8:30PM**  
 **BVW AUX GYM**

**TRYOUTS**  
 **APRIL 11TH**  
 **4:30-8:30PM**  
 **BVW AUX GYM**

## 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](#)

## COUNSELING

### Scholarships

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

### Father's Club Scholarship

Apply Today!  
Deadline: April 12, 2025

**FATHER'S CLUB**

**BVW Father's Club Scholarships**  
2025 Application Portal Now Open!

Open to all BVW Seniors:  
<https://tinyurl.com/BVWScholarship2025>





**YOU MATTER**  
Text, Call, Chat  
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### DISTRICT NEWS

#### Join Us for the Blue Valley CAPS Open House!

Attention students, parents, and community members! The Blue Valley Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) Open House is happening on Tuesday, April 8th, from 12:00–2:00 PM, right after high school testing. This is the perfect opportunity for students to wrap up their testing and explore the incredible real-world learning experiences available at CAPS.

During the event, you'll have the chance to tour our state-of-the-art facility, meet our expert instructors, and hear from current students about how CAPS is shaping their future. Whether you're interested in healthcare, engineering, business, entrepreneurship, food science, technology, law, teacher education, or creative industries, CAPS offers hands-on, professional experiences that prepare students for success beyond high school.

This event is open to the public, so bring your friends and family! We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information, visit [www.bvcaps.org](http://www.bvcaps.org).

#### DAPT Event on April 8

Blue Valley's Drug and Alcohol Prevention Team, in collaboration with BV Well and BVEF, will host a community event for all district parents and staff. The keynote speaker, Libby Davis, from Keepin' It Clean for Coop Foundation, will be offering information to parents on Fentanyl Awareness "Know is the New No". The New Drug Talk is a short informative film about present dangers related to teen substance abuse. And, our own BV DAPT committee will serve as panelist, along with Libby Davis to engage with participants following the program. [View the Flyer](#)



#### 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.



### Community Celebrations and Observances

*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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