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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Jungle Jam

Kick off the school year with JPCo at our annual Jungle Jam pizza dance in the Commons on August 29. The dance will begin immediately after the soccer game (approximately 8:30pm) and end at 10pm. 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

Applications are now open for juniors and seniors interested in joining the National Honor Society. Click [here](#) for eligibility requirements and application instructions. Applying does not guarantee acceptance. All applications will be reviewed by the NHS Faculty Council. **Submissions are due September 5 at 4:00 PM.**

Members inducted last fall do not need to reapply; membership continues if you remained in good standing at the end of last school year.

If you have any questions, please email the NHS sponsor, Dr. Heather Hall, at hehall@bluevalleyk12.org.

Back To School Night

Mark your calendar for Monday, August 25th for our Back to School Night. On this evening you'll have the chance to go through your students schedule hour-by-hour to hear from each of their teachers. Our hope is that you enjoy a brief experience with the amazing professionals working with your student, learn how to access information related to your student's courses and understand how to support them academically throughout the year. The evening will begin at 6:00pm and conclude by 8:00pm. Whether this is your student's first or last year at BVW, we hope you will take the time to attend!

Parking Permit Information

Please see [this message](#) from our School Resource Officer, Officer Stock, regarding Parking Permits and Parking Lot Information.

Student Names in the 2025-2026 Yearbook

If a parent or guardian has requested a preferred first name for their student, that will be the first name printed in the yearbook. If a student or guardian has questions about the student's name as it reflects in our student information system, they can log into Student or Parent Vue, navigate to "Student Info" on the left menu and then review the student's preferred name listed. If a student does not show a preferred name, then their first name will appear.

Examples:

Ex1: Katherine Bonnema - logs into Parent Vue and it reflects preferred name: Katie. This student would show as "Katie Bonnema" in the yearbook

Ex2: Bryan Brutto - logs into Parent Vue and sees nothing in the section for preferred name. This student would be shown as "Bryan Brutto" in the yearbook.

Updates to the student's preferred name must be emailed directly to our registrar, Madison Burch at MLBurch@bluevalleyk12.org by September 30. Any questions can be directed to our yearbook advisor, Mrs. Sinclair-King at csinclairking@bluevalleyk12.org.

PSAT/NMSQT Registration - Sophomores & Juniors

Registration for the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT, National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is now open. The PSAT will be administered on Friday, October 10. 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 September 5, 2025, 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 8/15/25 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 high-stakes 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. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mrs. Petty at CPPetty@bluevalleyk12.org**

Food Pack Program

The Food Pack Program is set up to provide supplemental food for students in need. For more information contact [Hayley Murphy](mailto:HayleyMurphy).



Fathers' Club 2025-2026 Launch

The Father's Club Info Night Wednesday, September 3, at 6:00pm in the BVW Commons. You won't want to miss it!

The Father's Club is a dad-led, grassroots effort creating simple ways for dads to be intentional with their KIDS, with other DADS and within their COMMUNITY. With resolve, humility, and love, our mission is to be a catalyst for positive influence.

The BV West Father's Club is one of the most active chapters (out of 28+ and growing) across the entire KC metro. We have a lot of fun passing out free donuts and chicken biscuits in the mornings ("Fist Bumps for Food"); staffing concessions during home football games with our kids; grilling out for teachers, staff, and students; conducting Mental Health First Aid training for dads; and participating in the Mission Cup golf tournament, where 100% of funds raised go to benefit Father's Club. In 2022, we also launched an inaugural BVW Father's Club Scholarship Program to provide

financial support and recognition to select students who have endured and persevered through mental-health struggles and are willing to share that experience to help others, and/or have made significant contributions toward improving mental health in their community.

At this meeting, you will learn more about upcoming opportunities to meet other BV West dads and make a difference this school year. There is no cost to join! Go to FathersClub.org to sign up and get on our email list. Questions? Email bvwest@fathersclub.org

PTO NEWS

Hearing and Vision Screening Volunteers Needed

Nurse Rylie Stone needs our help during the Hearing and Vision Screenings on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27th from 7:30-11:30am. Sophomores are going to be tested that morning and you will help Nurse Rylie with crowd control as students wait.

SIGN UP HERE - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948ACA72CA5FAC07-58070763-vision>

Join and Support

The PTO has open positions for the 2025-2026 school year. If you're interested in helping or want to learn more visit our [website](#) or send us an email: ptobvw@gmail.com

Co-Treasurer (work alongside the current Treasurer)

2 Senior Class Coordinators (grab a friend and coordinate activities that will take place in May)

There are many ways to be involved and support our BVW students and staff! For information on volunteering or on the many other ways to support our programs and activities check out [our website](#).

FOLLOW THE PTO | INSTAGRAM [@ptobvwest](#) & FACEBOOK | [BVWPTO](#)

If you ever have questions about the PTO send us an email: ptobvw@gmail.com or visit our website: <https://bluevalleywestpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>

SENIOR NEWS CLASS OF 2026

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.

All requests for an **official transcript** should be made through Xello.

Senior Yearbook Photos - Last Chance Date

Did you miss Senior Yearbook pictures over the summer? No worries!

October 15, 2025 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 Library Flex Space. Please do not miss this opportunity. The yearbook will not be the same without you!

Senior Yearbook Ads

Hey Class of 2026, this is your year!! Get your Yearbook Ad submitted ASAP! **Early Bird deadline is September 12 and FINAL deadline is November 7.**

Click [here](#) for details on submitting a Yearbook Ad for your Class of 2026 student.

ATHLETICS NEWS

Game Atmosphere

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!
- **Motorized Scooters & Electric Bikes:** As we see more students using motorized scooters and electric bikes to get to and from school, we want to ensure these devices are used responsibly, especially during busy events. Students are allowed to ride these devices to Blue Valley athletic and activity events, but they must dismount, turn off and secure their device in designated areas once on campus. This includes sidewalks, parking lots and other areas on campus. We appreciate your partnership in keeping our events safe and welcoming for all attendees.

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

EKL Ticket Pricing Update

Starting in the 2025-26 school year, all schools in the Eastern Kansas League (EKL)* will adopt new standard ticket prices for Varsity Athletic competition; this change is intended to provide a consistent experience for families and fans across all EKL events. These changes impact: Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Soccer, Track and Field, Baseball, Softball. On nights

with a Varsity competition, all subvarsity events connected to that event will also have to purchase a ticket.

- \$6 for students and seniors (60+)
- \$8 for adults

*The **Eastern Kansas League** includes the five Blue Valley high schools—Blue Valley, Blue Valley North, Blue Valley Northwest, Blue Valley West, and Blue Valley Southwest—as well as Bishop Miege, Saint Thomas Aquinas, and Saint James Academy.

We encourage everyone to pre-purchase their tickets when attending games to avoid lines. Single game tickets can be purchased at the [Eastern Kansas League Site](#) for any EKL game home or away. When BVW is the visiting school, select the opposing schools page and click on tickets.

Athletic Passes

The Blue Valley School District also offers three types of passes to home athletic events.

Student Pass - Good for one student 9-12 to attend BVW **home** games.

Individual Pass - Good for one adult to attend BVW **home** games.

Family Pass - Good for two adults and accompanying students K-8 to BVW **home** games.

[Blue Valley West Athletic Pass Link](#)

Transition to Cashless Tickets

In addition to the EKL ticket changes, Blue Valley School District will utilize a cashless system for all athletic and performing arts events throughout the 2025-26 school year. Please plan accordingly and purchase tickets online in advance, or plan to do so electronically at the gate upon arrival.

Away Game Considerations - Events hosted at non-EKL schools or outside the Blue Valley School District may have different ticket pricing and payment options. Some locations may not accept cash and others may not accept credit card at the gate.

We strongly encourage families to check the host school's website before traveling to away games to confirm ticketing information or to have both payment options prepared.



Crimson Cats Dance Team Kitty Clinic

Attention all dance lovers! The Blue Valley West Dance Team is hosting a dance clinic for all kiddos in grades K-8!

September 12 at BVW, 4pm clinic and 7pm game time.

Participants will have the chance to learn a fun routine from the high-school dancers, perform their routine at the BVW Football Game, and will get fun gifts/merch during the evening! The Crimson Cats would love to share their love of dance with the community and look forward to seeing you there!

3x3 Basketball League

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Little Jag Cheer Clinic

Calling all girls Kindergarten through 5th Grade...the Blue Valley West Cheerleaders invite you to join them Friday, September 5th at 4:00 p.m. for a Cheer Clinic, dinner and a BVW Varsity Football Game Performance!

Clinic: 4:00-6:30pm Blue Valley West Gymnasium (16200 Antioch - enter through the commons doors East of the new Auxiliary Gym entrance)

Dinner: 6:00-6:30pm in the Blue Valley West Commons

6:30-6:45pm BVW Cheerleaders walk Little Jag cheerleaders to BVW football field

Game: 7:00pm at the BVW football field - girls will cheer before the game and during the first quarter

Cost: Cost is \$50 and includes t-shirt, bow, pom poms and dinner

Register: The QR code can be found on the attached flier.

*Spectator tickets must be purchased separately through Bound app or at the gate. See link when registering

<https://manager.gobound.com/camps/h20250731114937676ed398af7169847/register>

We hope you can join us for a FUN night of cheering on the BVW JAGS and THANK YOU for your support!



COUNSELING

Upcoming College Visits

College representatives will be visiting our school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during AST in September and October.

👉 More details and sign-ups are available on the Counseling Canvas page. Be sure to check back often—new colleges are added regularly!

The first visits will take place on Wednesday, September 4, and include:

- *Denison University*
- *Tufts University*
- *Baylor University*
- *Miami University (Oxford)*
- *Butler University*
- *Purdue University*
- *Vanderbilt University*
- *Tulane University*

AP Testing & Fees

As our AP coordinator begins to visit AP courses to discuss AP testing opportunities with students for the 2025-26 school year, we wanted to let you know of a change to our AP fee collection processes. We will not be collecting fee payments for AP tests until Wednesday, September 10th. Please be on the lookout for more communication from us around this date!

DISTRICT NEWS

Code of Conduct

As we begin the school year, we would like to remind you to review the Blue Valley Student Code of Conduct. It can be found on www.bluevalleyk12.org under the "Student Quick Links" section at the bottom main home page. It can also be found on our school website home page as well.

Understanding Payments in Blue Valley

Blue Valley Schools uses several secure systems to manage school-related payments. Each system the district uses is designed for a specific purpose and specific items or fees. This [quick guide](#) can be found on the BV Website to provide guidance for making payments.

[District Calendar](#)



Blue Valley West

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