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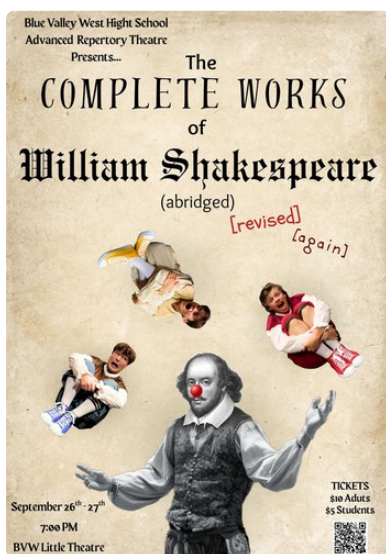
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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Middle School to High School World Language Credit Transfer

9th grade students and families only - This information is only for students who have completed the full MS world language sequence in a BV middle school and will seek to transfer two (2) world language credits to their HS transcript. To apply for the credit transfer, please fill out the [FORM FOUND HERE](#) by October 10, 2025. This link was also sent to all 9th graders and their parents/guardians via email during the week of September 8, 2025.



Advanced Rep Theatre Show

BVW's Advanced Rep Theatre presents The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) (Revised) (Again)

Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27 at 7 pm in the BVW Little Theatre

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults and can be purchased [here](#).

PAR-TEE at Smiley's Golf - A BVW Theatre fundraiser

Need to get one last afternoon in the summer sun? This Saturday, September 13th, BVW Theater Department is excited to host a "PAR-TEE at Smiley's Golf" Fundraiser at [Smiley's Golf Complex](#) (10195 Monticello Terrace, Lenexa, KS 66227) from 3-6pm. (It's been a while since you've been to Smiley's, hasn't it?!)

For the discounted price of \$10 per person, students and adults can play both of the mini-golf courses. Adults have the option to purchase a bucket of driving range balls for \$10. Drinks will also be available for purchase. Simply let Smiley's front desk know that you are there for BVW Theater when you arrive, and you'll not only get the discount price, but 50% of the golfing proceeds will come back to the BVW Theatre department to help pay for Thespian activities and Repertory theater productions! Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of fun!



Homecoming Dance

Join us for a night In Rio! The BVW Homecoming Dance is **October 11, 8-10:00 pm**. Tickets are \$17 and can be [purchased here](#). If your student is bringing a guest who does not go to Blue Valley West, the [outside guest form](#) is due October 9.



Homecoming Carnival

The BVW Homecoming Carnival will be on October 8 from 4-6 pm at the bus loop on the East side of the building. Come for an evening of games, good and fun! Wristbands are \$10. Scan the QR code to purchase



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.

U.S. News names BVW to 2025 Best High Schools list

The 2025 U.S. News and World Report rankings are in, and BVW has secured the #3 spot among Kansas high schools and placed in the top 4% nationwide.

These rankings highlight key metrics such as college readiness, state assessment performance and graduation rate. This recognition showcases the district's commitment to preparing students to navigate their future with purpose. With all five Blue Valley high schools ranking among the top 10 in Kansas and the top 10% nationwide, it reflects the academic excellence of the entire district.

Way to go, Jaguars!

PTO NEWS

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

Graduation Date Announced

The official date for BVW graduation is May 17, 2026 at 7:00pm.

The [senior event guide](#) has been updated to reflect the announced date.

Senior Yearbook Photos - Last Chance Date

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

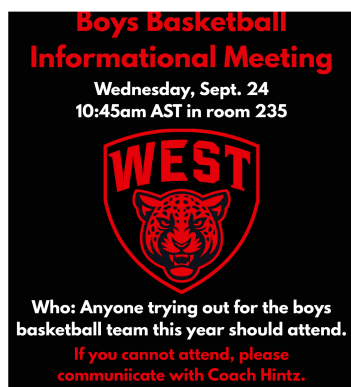
October 15, 2025 from 11 am to 1:15 pm is the last chance date for seniors to have their photos taken for the yearbook. Photo location will be in the Library Flex Space. [You can book your session now!](#) Please do not miss this opportunity. The yearbook will not be the same without you!

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



Boys Basketball Information Meeting

Interested in playing boys' basketball? Come to the Informational Meeting on Wednesday 9/24 during AST, in room 235

-Communicate with Coach Hintz if you cannot attend

Jaguar Youth Development Program

Future Jaguars 4th-8th Grade Boys

[Registration](#)

[Information Packet](#)

Begins Oct. 1

Email Havefungetbetter@gmail.com with questions



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.

COUNSELING

Concurrent Enrollment

Baker Concurrent Enrollment

- Enrollment Ends September 9th. More info [here](#) and our [counseling canvas page](#).

JCCC Concurrent Enrollment

- Enrollment Ends September 22nd. More info [here](#) and our [counseling canvas page](#).

JCCC Quick Step College Algebra

- Enrollment Ends September 22nd. More info [here](#) and our [counseling canvas page](#).

Upcoming College Visits

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[Counseling canvas page](#)

DISTRICT NEWS

Do you have a question or concern? We want to help.

If you have a question or concerns, we want to help! Many times by starting at the building level, you will work with the person who is closest to the situation and will usually have the most information. If you feel further discussion is warranted, the following chart can be used as a guide for whom to call when questions arise on the most common topics.

Proactive School Safety: How Blue Valley Addresses and Assesses Threats

At Blue Valley Schools, student safety is our top priority. Our approach to safety blends proactive prevention, fostering strong adult-student relationships and maintaining robust physical security measures. Central to our strategy is understanding and addressing potential threats.

What Constitutes a Threat?

A threat includes any expression of intent to harm, whether spoken or written. Identifying and responding to these expressions is crucial to the safety of our school community.

The Role of Threat Assessments

Blue Valley's comprehensive threat assessment process has two primary objectives:

- Preventing Violence: We work to intervene before potential threats escalate.
- Resolving Underlying Issues: By understanding the reasons behind a threat, we can resolve conflicts and provide necessary support.

Structured, Evidence-Based Approach

Blue Valley Schools follows the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG), a nationally recognized, evidence-based program. This approach ensures that we not only prevent violence but also support individuals in need.

Since the fall of 2023, Blue Valley building leaders have been trained in and actively using this Threat Assessment approach. This consistent use of CSTAG has equipped leaders with a common vocabulary and protocol, enabling them to resolve situations more effectively when threats arise.

By staying committed to this structured and compassionate approach, Blue Valley Schools ensures that students and staff are supported, safe and able to focus on what truly matters—learning through extraordinary educational opportunities.

More information about Blue Valley's threat assessment process is available on the [district website](#).

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.

[District Calendar](#)



Blue Valley West

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