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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

The Spot will be open for home football games!

BVW Apparel Store, The Spot, will be open during the home football games this fall! Hours are from 5:45 to 7:15 pm. Our entrance is next to the common's doors near the tailgating area! Make sure to stop by and check out our new apparel.

Our outside door will be propped open with plenty of signage to guide you. See you at The Spot! We are a cashless store but do take all credit cards, mobile pay and cash apps. [Check out more news from The Spot!](#)

Boys Basketball Information Meeting

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BLUE VALLEY WEST JAGUARS BOYS BASKETBALL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPT 26
BEFORE SCHOOL
7:45AM MAIN GYM

ANYONE INTERESTED IN
TRYING OUT FOR
BASKETBALL THIS YEAR

IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND,
CONTACT COACH HINTZ



TEAM24



Homecoming Dance

Join us for a night Down by the Bayou! The BVW Homecoming Dance is October 5, 8-10:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 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 2.

Homecoming Carnival



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.

ADDRESSING QUESTIONS & CONCERNS
Families and patrons should use the matrix below to address questions or concerns. Topics should be addressed beginning at Level 1. If the matter cannot be resolved, it is appropriate to move to the next level with the inquiry.

AREAS OF CONCERN	1	2	3	4	5	6
Academic, Curriculum, Instructional & Assessment	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Activities & Athletics	Counselor/Sponsor	Activities/Athletic Director or Assistant Principal	Principal	Director of School Administration	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Discipline	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Principal/Deputy Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Facilities, Grounds & Maintenance	Assistant Principal	Principal	Superintendent	Director Facilities & Operations	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Food Service	School Kitchen Manager	Principal	Coordinator Food & Nutrition Services	Director Food & Nutrition Services	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
General Concerns	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	District Level Director	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
SEL & Mental Health	School Counselor, Social Worker or Psychologist	Principal	Principal	Team Director, Counselor, Instruction & Services	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Special Education	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Assistant Special Education Director	Superintendent	Board of Education
Transportation	Assistant Principal	Principal	Transportation Coordinator	Director Business Operations	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education

Safe School Reporting

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all our schools. We are continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from a wide range of situations. Please check out [available ways to report safety concerns](#).

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](#).

Team Smile - Free Dental Care Event

The flyer features a red background with white and green text. At the top left is the TeamSmile logo. To its right is a white arrowhead shape containing the letters 'KC' in red. Below the logo is the text 'FREE DENTAL CARE' in large white letters, and 'Humana.' in green. The flyer is divided into several sections: 'ABOUT US' with a paragraph about TeamSmile's mission; 'PROGRAM INFO' with details on date, location, and time; 'DENTAL SERVICES' listing exams, X-rays, hygiene, fillings, and extractions; '100% FREE' indicating no insurance requirement; 'ENTERTAINMENT' listing music, face painting, and mascots; and 'CONTACT' with the name Bobby Casey, phone number 816-500-1888, and email bobby@teamsmile.org.

Free Community Event - Parenting Teens Struggling with Mental Health

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bold-parenting-adolescent-adhd-anxiety-depression-tickets-925932347577>

The Anxiety Center Presents

BOLD

PARENTING

Adolescents

FREE EVENT

BREATHE DEEPLY & SLOWING DOWN
OBSERVE MY FEELINGS & THOUGHTS
LISTEN TO MY VALUES
DECIDE ON ACTIONS & DO THEM

ANXIETYCENTERKC.COM



ADHD, Anxiety & Depression

Wednesday, October 2nd

6:00-7:45 PM

PRESENTATION BY JASON BOHN, MA, LCPC
DIRECTOR OF ADOLESCENT SERVICES
INFORMATION/RESOURCE TABLES
RESURRECTION: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOCATION: THE FOUNDRY
5001 W 137TH ST. OVERLAND PARK, KS



SENIOR NEWS Class of 2025

Graduation Date

Graduations will be held at the Blue Valley West High School Football Stadium, referred to as ANTDAC (Antioch District Athletic Complex) located at 162nd and Antioch.

The schools affected by inclement weather will move inside to the BVW Gymnasium at their regularly scheduled time.

BVW will graduate at 7:00pm on May 18

Senior Fees

Parents of seniors are asked to contribute a \$35 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 T-shirt

Attention all seniors! Your senior shirt is ready to order. Cost is \$18. [Print off](#) or pick up the order form and bring a check or cash to Mrs. LeGrotte in room 366. This is due on September 27th!!! Order forms will be in your senior advisory, front office and in Mrs. LeGrotte's room.



Senior Yearbook Photos-Last Chance Date

October 16, 2024 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 Commons Faculty room. Please do not miss this opportunity. The yearbook will not be the same without you!

Senior Yearbook Ads

Click [here](#) for information on submitting a Yearbook Ad for your Class of 2025 student. **Please note that the early bird deadline for a \$50 discount on your ad is Friday September 13th. The final deadline to purchase a senior ad is Friday November 1st.**

ATHLETICS NEWS

Letter to Our Families

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!

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

Purchase a 2024-25 Athletics Pass

[2024-25 Athletics Pass](#)

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

COUNSELING

College Visits

Please go to the Counseling Canvas page (link below) and click on the College and Career Planning Tile to sign up today!

Want to see a college campus in person? Check out our College Open House tab also located on the College and Career Planning Tile for more information.



Fall Semester Deadlines

Information about Concurrent Enrollment classes can be found [here](#).

Fall 2024 Deadlines

9/20/24	JCCC Enrollment
9/26/24	Level Change
10/25/24	Withdraw from a class
11/1/24	AP Exam Sign up (Fall Semester and year-long AP Classes)

[Counseling canvas page](#)

PTO NEWS

Homecoming Coat Check Volunteers Needed!

Please consider volunteering on Saturday, October 5th (7:45-10:30) at BVW checking in suit jackets, shoes and handbags during the dance.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Show your School Pride

BVW Yard Signs and BVW themed blankets are available for [purchase online](#).



Blue Valley West

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