

# Jaguar Journal

September 27, 2024

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## ALL SCHOOL NEWS

### Military Night at Tonight's home football game

Come join us tonight, September 27th, for Military Appreciation Night. **Get in free with your Military ID.** JPCo is supporting our veterans and current servicemen by having a 50/50 raffle and a Silent Auction for an American flag which is currently flying at the Capitol Building in DC. Big thanks to Mr. Gerfen for donating this flag! The 50/50 raffle proceeds will go to Folds Of Honor in Kansas City. Can't wait to see you tonight for a very special night!

### MS-HS World Language Credit Transfers

**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 11, 2024**. This link was also sent to all 9th graders and their parents/guardians via email.

### Student Names in the 2024-2025 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 student's preferred name must be emailed directly to our registrar, Terri Chee at [thchee@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:thchee@bluevalleyk12.org) by February 1st, 2025. Any questions can be directed to our yearbook advisor, Mrs. Sinclair-King at [csinclairking@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:csinclairking@bluevalleyk12.org).

## Volleyball Booster Club Restaurant Night

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WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY.  
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE. 25% TASTE: MADE WITH FRESH INGREDIENTS EVERY DAY.  
FOIL-WRAP BURRITOS. GOODNESS. GENEROUS. HELPING. BURRITOS. CAUSE. EFFECT. BETTER. WORLD.

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**BLUE VALLEY WEST VOLLEYBALL BOOSTER CLUB**  
25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH | 4-8PM**  
8301 W 151ST ST, OVERLAND PARK, KS, 66223

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **8JPQBPP**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

## 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!](#)

## 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!](#)



## 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



## 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 graduation will be 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 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. **The final deadline to purchase a senior ad is Friday November 1st.**

## 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](#)

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## 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.

**OCTOBER 1ST**  
**COLLEGE VISITS**  
IMC Flex Space next to the Library Media Center  
12:40 PM

Sign up through Google Docs located on the Counseling Canvas Page Under the College and Career Planning Title

**OCTOBER 2ND**  
**COLLEGE VISITS**  
IMC Flex Space next to the Library Media Center  
10:40 AM

Sign up through Google Docs located on the Counseling Canvas Page Under the College and Career Planning Title

**OCTOBER 3RD**  
**COLLEGE VISITS**  
IMC Flex Space next to the Library Media Center  
12:40 PM

Sign up through Google Docs located on the Counseling Canvas Page Under the College and Career Planning Title

# Shawnee Mission COLLEGE CLINIC

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

All high school students invited!

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Shawnee Mission East High School**

**7500 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS**

The largest COLLEGE FAIR in the Kansas City area.  
Colleges & universities from across the country.  
Talk to college representatives in person.  
Ask questions & get answers first hand!  
**OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS.**

More info & list of colleges registered:  
**[THECOLLEGECLINIC.COM](http://THECOLLEGECLINIC.COM)**

**Free Admission. Free Parking. Free Shuttle.**

*Sponsored by: Shawnee Mission East PTSA & Shawnee Mission East High School*

## Fall Semester Deadlines

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# Fall 2024 Deadlines

10/25/24

Withdraw from a class

11/1/24

AP Exam Sign up & Payment  
(Fall Semester and year-long AP Classes)

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.

**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, Instruction & Assessment	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Exec. Director Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Activities & Athletics	Couch/Sponsor	Activities/Athletic Director or Asst. Principal	Principal	Director of School Activities	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Discipline	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Executive Director of School Administration	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Facilities, Grounds & Maintenance	Assistant Principal	Principal	Coordinator Director of Capital Construction	Director Facilities & Operations	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Food Service	School Kitchen Manager	Principal	Coordinated Food & Nutrition Services	Director Food & Nutrition Services	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
General Concerns	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Regional Level Directors	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
SEL & Mental Health	Teacher	School Counselor, School Behavior/ Psychological	Principal	Exec. Director Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Special Education	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Assistant Executive Director Special Education	Deputy 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](#).

## **Community Celebrations and Observances**

Some October Celebrations & Observances:

- **Down Syndrome Awareness Month** - celebrates those with Down syndrome and raises awareness of their abilities and accomplishments. The colors blue and yellow symbolize support for the Down syndrome community.
  - **National Bullying Prevention Month and Bullying Prevention Day (October 2nd)** raise awareness about the harmful effects of bullying and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.
  - **Filipino-American Month** - celebrates the heritage and achievements of the second-largest Asian American population in the U.S.
  - **Rosh Hashanah** - the Jewish New Year. The observance begins at sundown on Wednesday, October 2, and continues through the evening of October 4. Some families will attend synagogue services, eat apples and honey for a sweet new year, and/or abstain from work, school, activities, and technology use.
  - **Yom Kippur** - the Jewish day of Atonement (Forgiveness). The holiest day of the year starts at sundown on October 11. For some, families may fast for 24 hours, attend services at synagogue, and/or abstain from work, school, activities, and technology use.
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**Blue Valley West**

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