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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

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!

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.

Food Pack Program

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



PTO NEWS

Volunteers Needed

Friday, Sept 12th 6-8PM @BVW Football Stadium

Hand out White Out T-shirts to BVW students as they enter the game.

[SIGN UP HERE](#) to volunteer to set up, hand out shirts and clean up on Friday, Sept 12th from 6-8PM at the BVW football stadium.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948ACA72CA5FAC07-58377967-white#

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.

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.

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

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!

Tuesday, September 9:

- Kansas State University
- St. Olaf College
- University of Chicago
- UMKC
- Yale University
- US Marine Corps
- Graceland University

Thursday, September 11:

- Missouri University of Science and Technology

[Counseling canvas page](#)

Community Celebrations and Observances

Some September Celebrations & Observances:

- **Hunger Action Month** - dedicated to taking action to end hunger. The BV Food Pantry, located at Hilltop Conference Center, is available to all Blue Valley community members. Click this [LINK](#) to make an appointment.
- **Milad Un-Nabi, also known as Mawlid** - the evening of September 4th through September 5, is an Islamic holiday to commemorate the birth of Prophet Muhammad. Some Muslim families will gather to recite the Prophet's teachings, decorate their homes with lights, and/or prepare a feast which is served to guests and the poor.
- **National Hispanic Heritage Month** - September 15 to October 15 celebrates the history, diverse cultures, achievements, and contributions of individuals with Hispanic and Latino heritage.
- **Constitution Day** - The United States commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.
- **Rosh Hashanah** - the Jewish New Year. Observance begins at sundown on September 22 and continues through the evening of September 24. For some, families will attend services at synagogue, eat apples and honey for a sweet new year, and/or abstain from work, school, activities, and technology use.

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.

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

Lauren is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters