

Jaguar Journal

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ALLSCHOOLNEWS

Homecoming Carnival



Blue Valley West High School

CARNIVAL

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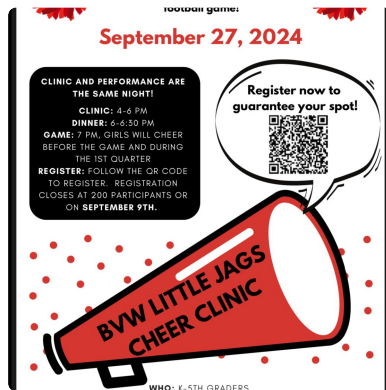
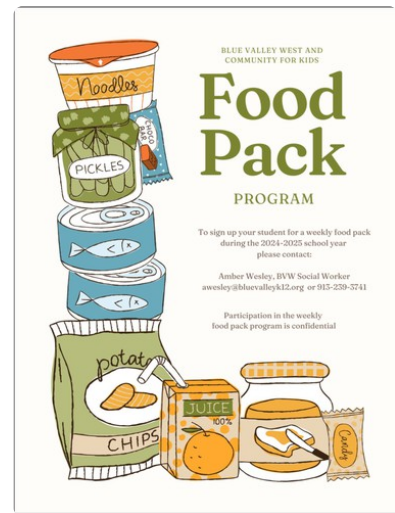
WED, OCT 2ND, 4-6:30 PM



Join us for an evening filled with fun games, food, and exciting competitions!

TICKETS

Sign Up for the Food Pack Program



BVW Little Jags Cheer Clinic

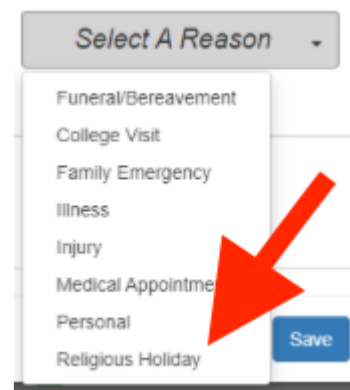
All K-5th graders are invited to participate in the cheer clinic and pre-game performance on September 27th. Registration ends on September 9th. [Click here for more information](#)

Important Travel Outside of the USA Information - To Do

This important message is for any family or staff that will travel out of the United States during the school year. Please [click here](#) to read the restrictions and recommendations for Out of the Country travel. Blue Valley resources such as Canvas, Classlink, and school email are not accessible out of the country unless you have a personal device with a VPN on it.

Reporting Religious Absences

Did you know? Families can select "Religious Holiday" as an option for a child's absence in ParentVue, when applicable. This notation could be helpful to our school staff so they can plan accordingly for your student's absence.



Student Code of Conduct

As we begin the school year, we would like to remind you to review the updated Blue Valley Student Code of Conduct. It can be found on our 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.

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](#).

SENIOR NEWS Class of 2025

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

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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.



Concurrent Enrollment

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

The deadline to sign up for Baker classes is September 6th.

The deadline to sign up for JCCC classes is September 20th.

[Counseling canvas page](#)

PTO NEWS

Support the PTO

Yard signs and the new blankets are available to [purchase online](#).

The sale of these items directly support staff appreciation, grants for staff, and all of our student events so plan to stop by the commons on Monday!

[PTO website](#)



Blue Valley West

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