

BLUE VALLEY NORTHWEST

Principal's Newsletter - April 4, 2025

Dear Husky Families,

This Tuesday, April 8th is Spring Testing Day for students in grades 9-11. Most students will be taking a standardized test unless a parent or guardian has opted them out. Below, Mr. Aman provides more details about the day. As a reminder, getting a good night's sleep and eating breakfast can help students perform their best!

Also, please note that Monday and Friday will follow a traditional schedule, and there will be no late arrival on Tuesday—testing will begin promptly at 7:35 AM.

Wishing all our Husky families a wonderful weekend! Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Leah Vomhof

BVNW Principal



New Information:

Spring Testing Day - April 8th

9th-11th Grade Parents [please review this chart regarding testing plan for the day](#). Also, students will be dismissed from their testing locations from 11:30-11:45. PM buses will run students home at this time. We will not be serving lunch that day.

**If your student is taking an extended time test families will need to make their own transportation plan. These tests will finish after buses have left. Please plan accordingly.

12th Grade Parents have the option of excusing their students from school [to explore future options using this form.](#)

Attendance Matters: In-Class Learning Can't Be Replaced

High school teachers carefully plan lessons that build on each other. When students miss class, they not only miss key information but also disrupt the flow of learning. While makeup assignments are helpful, they can't fully replicate the in-class experience of discussions, labs or group projects. These activities provide students with hands-on learning, collaboration and the opportunity to ask questions in real time.

Encourage your student to attend every class so they don't miss out on these critical experiences. Being present allows them to participate fully in lessons, ask questions and collaborate with their peers.

Last day announced for 2024-25 school year

With the fourth quarter underway, the district has determined the last day of the 2024-25 school year for students. Assuming no unforeseen circumstances cause us to cancel school, the last day for students in grades K-11 will be May 23. Students in the early childhood programs will have their last day on May 22. High school finals will occur May 21-23, with building principals communicating the specific schedules to their school families and students at a later date. For more information or to subscribe to the district calendar, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/calendar.

AP Exams: May 5-16

Testing begins May 5th and runs through May 16th, according to the College Board's AP exam [calendar](#). Most AP exams will be administered at the Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center, except for the AP Chemistry exam, which will be administered at BV West. Students should plan to arrive by **7:30 a.m.** for morning exams and **11:45 a.m.** for afternoon exams. Students recently received their AP exam schedule via email from Total Registration. Please contact Mrs. Hadley if there are any scheduling conflicts. Other important testing information will be emailed later in April. Please see Mrs. Hadley with questions.

SAVE THE DATE: CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR PICNIC:

Friday, May 9th from 11:30 AM - 1 PM in the old main gym. This event is for senior students only! Seniors - wear your future college or Husky t-shirt, pick up your yearbook and enjoy your last lunch at BVNW. The Parent Booster Club (PBC) is providing FREE lunch - Chick-fil-A chicken sandwiches, chips, drinks, Blue Chip Cookies and Andy's Custard. Gluten free and vegetarian options available. If you have any questions - please contact Katie Scheibel at katie_scheibel@hotmail.com.

Parents of Incoming 11th Grade Students:

Please be aware that you will be receiving communication in the mail soon from BVNW Nurse regarding your student's immunizations. The state of Kansas requires all 11th grade students to receive a dose of MCV4 (meningococcal) vaccine to prevent against Meningitis, a potentially fatal brain and spinal cord infection. All students must receive after their 16th birthday. Please have your

student receive this required vaccination before the start of their 11th grade year, beginning on August 13th, 2025. If their 16th birthday falls after this date, please note the altered exclusion date on the communication from the school nurse.

Alternative options to vaccination are detailed in the mailed communication you will be receiving soon. If we have already been notified that your student has had this vaccination, you will not receive any communication in the mail or by email. Reach out to the nurse, Haley Murkin, with any questions via email: hnmurkin@bluevalleyk12.org

April Odd/Even/Traditional Calendar

April

7	8 Testing Day	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	1 May	2

KEY:

Odd	Even	All	9-11 Testing Day	
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Important Dates:

- April 3/4 and 9/10 - State ELA Assessment (sophomores)
- April 8 - Spring Test Day: PreACT (freshmen), State Math Assessment (sophomores), ACT (juniors), Senior Exploration Day off-campus
- May 5-16- AP Testing
- May 8 - Fly Up Assembly
- May 9 - Yearbook Distribution

BVNW Spring 2025 Finals Schedule

Senior Schedule- Week of May 13th:

Monday, May 12th:

Normal class hours: 1 & 3
Senior finals hours: 5 & 7

Tuesday, May 13th:

Normal class hour: 2
Senior finals hours: 4 & 6

Wednesday, May 14th:

Senior finals hours: 1 & 3
Seniors dismissed after 3rd hour

Thursday, May 15th:

Senior final hour: 2
Class Day Rehearsal following

Grades 9-11 Finals Schedule:

Wednesday, May 21st:

1st block - 7:35 - 8:55
2nd block - 9:05 - 10:25

Thursday, May 22nd:

3rd block - 7:35 - 8:55
4th block - 9:05 - 10:25
5th block - 10:35 - 11:55

Friday, May 23rd:

6th block 7:35 - 8:55
7th block 9:05 - 10:25



GRADUATION SIGNS



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Celebrate your graduating senior
with a yard sign!

\$35 each

**Orders due April 9th @
noon.**

Link in bio to order.

Venmo - @packbooster



Class of 2025

SENIOR PICNIC

Friday, May 9th

11:30 AM in old main gym

FREE Chick-fil-A lunch, Blue Chip Cookie and Andy's Custard provided by PBC (gluten free & vegetarian options available)

****Wear your future college or Husky t-shirt and pick up your yearbook!***

*****This event is for students only!***



Athletics/Activites:

Message from the AD

The Dawgs are HOT! Tennis is off to a 3-0 start, beating SMNW, BVH, and Pembroke. The girls soccer team is playing for 3rd/4th in the Mo-Kan tournament at STA today. Softball went 1-1 vs SJA this week. JV girls soccer is playing for the championship in the JV Mo-Kan tournament at BVNW today. Joe Honn, Tate Stevens, and Dylan Harsch all broke 80 in their 1st golf competition of the year. Our swim and track and field teams had successful meets this week. Results below.

1st Place Finishes. Swim @ SMS:

Aahana Basak – 200 Freestyle

Maggie Dahl – 50 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle

Natalie Churchill – 200 IM and 100 Freestyle

200 Freestyle Relay – Churchill, Basak, Nika Makarov, Izzy Makarov

400 Freestyle Relay – Izzy Makarov, Janelle Rutherford, Basak, Dahl

1st Place Finishes at Ottawa HS Track Meet:

Jacob D'souza 1st Place 1600m

Jey Durham 1st Place 3200m

Kaleb Peterson 1st Place Discus

Amelia Nyp 1st Place Pole vault

Other Top 3 Finishers Ottawa:

Rowan Juhl 2nd Place High Jump

Logan Nelson 2nd Place Discus

Traven Niehues 2nd Place Shot Put

Madison Kraft 2nd Place Long Jump

Julie Conrad 2nd Place Pole Vault

Nadia Daney 3rd Place Long Jump

Ava Grosdidier 3rd Place Shot Put

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Isabella Miller 3rd Place 100 m Dash

4x100 Team 3rd Place

Morgan Sears 3rd Place High Jump

Be sure to check out the EKL Schedule for all the specifics:

<https://www.easternkansasleague.org/public/genie/997/school/9/>

Repeat:

Winter signing day has been postponed to Thursday, May 1st. We are going to combine our winter and spring signing. Save the date! More specific information will be sent out closer to May 1st.

KSHSAA Physical Packet and Registration Instructions:

[Instructions on submitting a completed physical exam](#) (click).

[Athletic Registration](#) (click).

[KSHSAA Physical Packet](#) (click).



BLUE VALLEY NORTHWEST

COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS

Perform with the Howling Husky Marching Band at every home football game, as well as travel to band competitions. No previous dance or music experience is required, just a good attitude and a willingness to learn!!



AUDITION INFO

- April 14-18 in the BVNW New Main Gym
- New Members- Choose 3 Sessions
Returning Members - Choose 2 Sessions
- Session Times
 - Session 1 | NEW MEMBERS ONLY | Monday afternoon (3:30-4:15 pm) OR Tuesday morning (6:45-7:30 am)
 - Session 2 | NEW MEMBERS & VETS | Wednesday afternoon (3:30-4:15 pm) OR Thursday morning (6:45-7:30 am)
 - Session 3 | AUDITION DAY | Friday morning (6:45-7:30 am) or afternoon (3:30-4:15 pm)

QUESTIONS?

Contact Head Coach Spencer Smith at
SpencerCatherine616@gmail.com



For more information,
scan here!

Message from the Activities Department

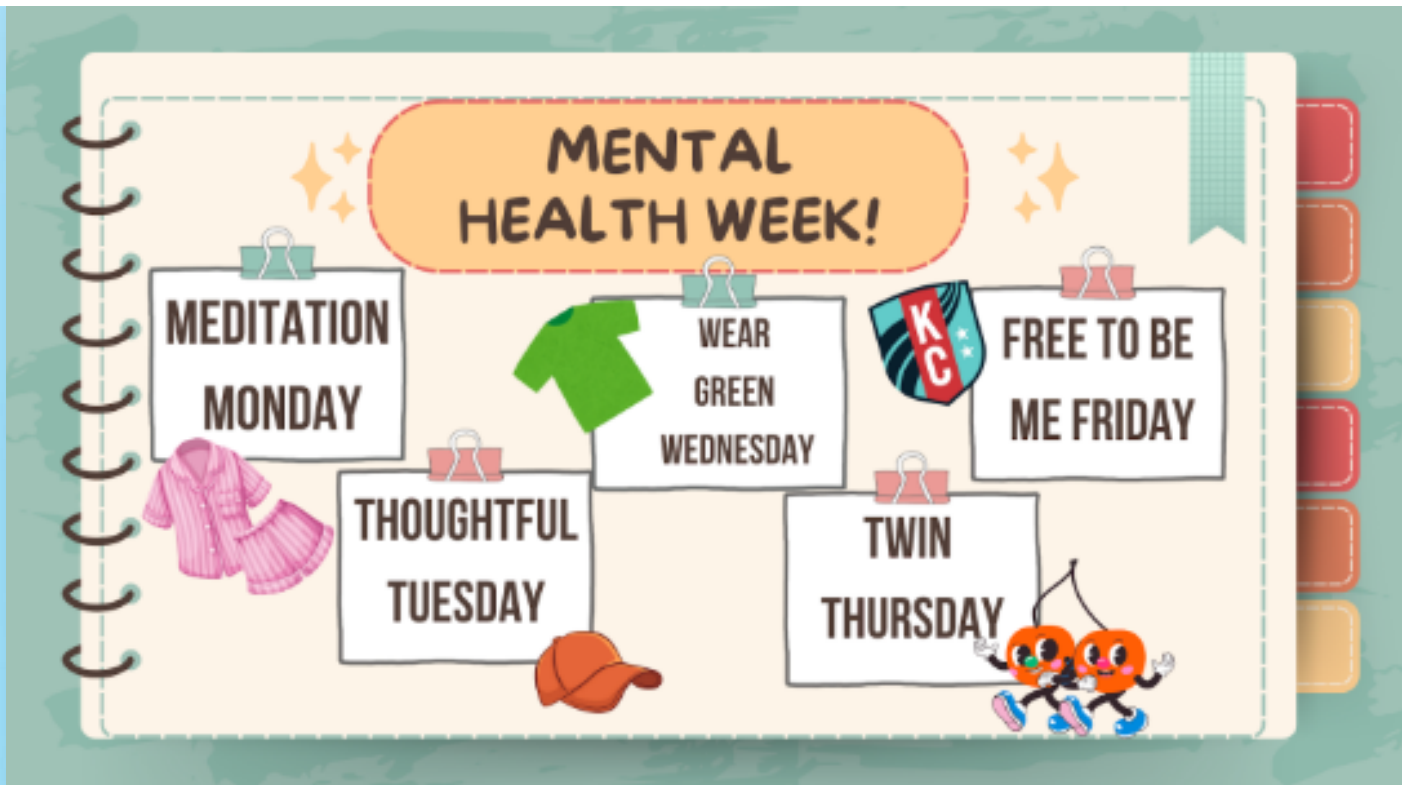
Our Junior Prom Committee successfully hosted a memorable prom last weekend! We were thrilled to welcome 465 attendees who purchased tickets through GoFan, along with additional cash sales—representing 61% of our junior and senior classes. Your generous contributions directly funded essential elements of the event, including the DJ, dance floor, and photo booth. Looking ahead, our freshmen and sophomore classes have already begun their fundraising efforts to ensure a well-prepared and enjoyable prom experience in the coming years. Thank you for your support!

Celebrations: (We realize this is not a comprehensive list of everything going on around Husky Nation, but we'll try to share some highlights each week!)

🎉 Congratulations to our Model UN group on their performance at the JCCC Model UN Conference!

🎉 Our FBLA students did awesome at state! We had 9 national qualifiers. Way to go!

The week of April 14, Stugo will host a celebration of Mental Health Week! See image below for more info!



Upcoming Events: [Click here to view all athletic/activity schedules](#)

Once you click the link, you can select specific schedules under the “view schedules” tab on the right side of the screen.

Repeating Information (already shared):

KAP Testing Starts Next Week (Sophomores and Juniors)

State testing begins next week for our sophomores and juniors! Please review the schedule below and ensure students are present and prepared on their testing days.

📅 Testing Schedule:

- ◆ 10th Grade Math (KAP) – April 8 (Standardized Testing Day)
- ◆ 10th Grade ELA (KAP) – April 2-3 & April 9-10
- ◆ 11th Grade Science (KAP) – April 2-3

2025 Class Day/Graduation Interpretation Services

If you or a guest plan to attend class day or graduation and need an ASL interpreter, please email Grace Rich (GERich02@bluevalleyk12.org) by April 18th. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning.

Reminders about Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up: We ask that students don't get dropped off at school in the mornings until after 6:30 AM, when our front doors are unlocked. We ask that all students are picked up from school by 3:15, unless they're under the direct supervision of a teacher or coach.

Join Us for the Blue Valley CAPS Open House!

Attention students, parents, and community members! The **Blue Valley Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) Open House** is happening on **Tuesday, April 8th, from 12:00–2:00**

PM, right after high school testing. This is the perfect opportunity for students to wrap up their testing and explore the incredible real-world learning experiences available at CAPS. During the event, you'll have the chance to tour our state-of-the-art facility, meet our expert instructors, and hear from current students about how CAPS is shaping their future. Whether you're interested in healthcare, engineering, business, entrepreneurship, food science, technology, law, teacher education, or creative industries, CAPS offers hands-on, professional experiences that prepare students for success beyond high school.

This event is **open to the public**, so bring your friends and family! We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information, visit www.bvcaps.org.



**HIGH FIVE
FOR TEACHERS!**
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

Your school is invited to join the Kansas City Monarchs for *Teacher Appreciation Night!*

*Stick around after the game for post-game player autographs!

FOR EVERY TICKET YOUR SCHOOL SELLS,
THE MONARCHS WILL DONATE \$5 BACK TO THE SCHOOL!

SCAN THE QR CODE



USE THIS CODE AT CHECKOUT: **BVNW25**

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!



BONUS: IF YOUR SCHOOL SELLS 200+ TICKETS BY MAY 6TH, YOU CAN NOMINATE SOMEONE TO THROW OUT A CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH

Reminder - We have school on Friday, April 25th

This is a reminder about calendar adjustments in and April:

- **Friday, April 25** – This is now a school day for all students.

Husky Heroes

The Husky Hero Award is designed to honor the exceptional contributions and dedication of our educators at Blue Valley Northwest High School. This recognition seeks to spotlight educators who consistently go above and beyond in fostering a positive and impactful learning environment.

Don't forget to [nominate a Husky Hero](#)! This is a great way to recognize staff members who go above and beyond to make a difference at BVNW. If you know someone deserving, be sure to submit a nomination.

End of Semester Information - Viewing Canvas Courses and Semester Grades

At the end of each semester, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app. However, a concluded course remains visible through the Canvas website by selecting ALL COURSES and then PAST ENROLLMENTS.

	Courses Conclude on Canvas	Grades Viewable on ParentVue (after 4pm)
Semester 1	Friday, Dec 20	Friday, January 10
Semester 2	Friday, May 23	Wednesday, June 4

Please note: The dates are subject to change based upon calendar updates or technology needs.

How do I view my child's report card?

- Log in on [ParentVue](#).
- Select the student's name
- In the left navigation bar, choose Report Card

Each new semester, classroom teachers will publish their next semester's Canvas course. As courses are published, students and families will again be able to see current courses on the Canvas app and Canvas website. For Canvas parent resources, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas.



Community Celebrations and Observances - to promote awareness and appreciation of our Blue Valley families.

- **The Nineteen Day Fast** - March 1-19 - a time of prayer, meditation, and fasting, some adult members of the Bahá'í faith refrain from food and water from sunrise to sunset each day. This practice might include prayers of spiritual preparation for the new year.
- **Ramadan** - evening of March 1-30 - the holy month of fasting for the Islamic faith. For some Muslim families, it is a time for introspection, communal prayer, reading the Qur'an, and fasting between sunrise and sunset.
- **Ash Wednesday** - March 5 - a Christian holiday signifying the first day of the Lenten season, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading to Easter. Some families will attend religious services and receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their forehead.
- **Holi** - March 14 - known as the Hindu festival of colors, Holi honors the triumph of good over evil and marks the beginning of Spring. Some families will light bonfires, throw colorful powder called *gula*, eat sweets, and dance to traditional music.
- **Eid al Fitr** - March 31 - marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting. Some families will celebrate the "Festival of Breaking the Fast" by joining in communal prayer and meals, visiting family, gift-giving, and charity.



PLEASE REGISTER USING THIS QR CODE.
bit.ly/bvthedrugtalk



THE DRUG TALK
Keeping Our Kids Safe

APRIL 8, 2025

6:00-7:30 PM
Hilltop Conference Center
7700 W. 143rd St.

Learn about fentanyl & educate your kids.
A panel will follow the presentation.



Movie Screening
THE NEW DRUG TALK



Guest speaker
LIBBY DAVIS
"FIGHTING FENTANYL...
KNOW IS THE NEW NO"

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Safety Reminders

With the nicer weather, if your student walks to school, please remind them to use the designated crosswalks and to put their phone down and be aware of their surroundings when crossing the street. We also ask all drivers to drive with caution, with phones down and aware of walkers, as they navigate the roads and parking lots around our school.



"Communication from the School Nurse and Athletic Trainer:

We have a new fax number for any and all medical records and documents. Please send these to our new fax number: (913) 239-3434



BVNW Attendance Office Important Appointment Information

Did You Know?



Passing Period & Leaving School: Students don't need a pass from the attendance office if they're leaving during a passing period. It's less disruptive to class time if they are able to leave during passing period. Students do need to sign out through the attendance office before leaving and sign back in when they return.



Appointments-Scheduled in Advance: If you know your student has an appointment, you're welcome to call the attendance office up to a week in advance. The earlier we know, the smoother the process for your student to leave school.



Appointments-Last-Minute: If it's a last-minute appointment, please give us at least 15 minutes to prepare a pass and get it to your student. Keep in mind that there may be other messages ahead of yours, so calling ahead is always helpful.



ParentVue: ParentVue is for reporting all-day absences only. Messages left in ParentVue are not monitored, so please call the office directly for any other attendance-related needs.



Student Illness @ School: If a student grows ill while at school, they should go to the school nurse. The nurse will contact a parent & issue a pass to leave school.

Attendance Office Contact Information:

Mrs. Carol Hess - Attendance Clerk
Email: AttendanceBVNW@bluevalleyk12.org
Call: 913-239-3401 or 239-3400 and select option 1

PURPOSE

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Blue Valley Northwest High School

Leah Vomhof - Principal

Website: <https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/bvnw>

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Phone: [\(913\) 239-3400](tel:(913)239-3400)



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