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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Quarter 4 News

Welcome to Quarter 3, Jags! Take a look at our Quarter 3 news [here](#).

Prom-Meet Me at the Met Gala!

Junior-Senior Prom

Date: April 15, 2023

Time: 8:30-10:30 pm

Location: Prairie Fire Museum

5801 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS 66223

Ticket Link: <https://bvwestjags.com/event-tickets>

Outside Guest Form [here](#): Due Wednesday, April 12, 2023.



Freshman Mentor Application

Freshmen Mentor Applications now open and due April 14, 2023.

Are you interested in applying to serve in the Freshmen Mentor Program for next year? New applicants are invited to complete an online form which will also secure an invitation to group panel interviews. <https://forms.gle/4NTCqNxy5fU5NSB49>

Prospective NHS Members

Prospective NHS members have an upcoming volunteer opportunity!

Lakewood Elementary is looking for help with their Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 15th from 5:15-8p.m. This is a great opportunity for current freshmen/sophomores who are interested in joining NHS their junior or senior year to earn some of the 25 hours of community service required for application to the organization. If interested, please sign up using [this link](#).



Swim and Dive Fundraiser

The BVW girls' swim & dive team welcomes all members of the community to come and support them at their home meet on Friday, April 7th! The meet will begin at 4:00pm and is the team's annual charity fundraiser, raising donations for the Swim Cambodia foundation. This foundation works toward educating youth of the importance of swimming and water safety in order to prevent child drownings. We will be taking donations at the door or, if you are local business owner and would like to be a sponsor for this event, you may reach out to head coach Jordan Jacobs (jrjacobs@bluevalleyk12.org) to sponsor a swim or dive event of the meet! The meet's theme is "Hawaiian", so dust off your grass skirt and dress in your favorite luau or beach gear! See flyer below for more information on how to donate if you cannot attend.



Crimson Cats Spring Show

One night only! Come support your talented Crimson Cats Dance Team in their Spring Show on Saturday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Dancers will be showcasing both group and solo routines and celebrating a terrific season. Tickets are \$7 cash. Purchase tickets in advance from a Crimson Cat or at the door.

BLUE VALLEY WEST *Crimson Cats Dance Team*



SPRING SHOW
BVW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER • \$7 CASH ONLY

**APRIL 8
6:30 PM**

Doughnuts for a Great Cause!

Doughnuts for a great cause!! BVW BPA (Business Professionals of America) is giving you the best reason to indulge in a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Until April 2, 50% of your order will be donated back to BVW BPA when you purchase via our fundraising sales page! Simply buy online, visit your local store & redeem using your code. Treat yourself, friends and family here:

<https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/9224>



Order Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens
Supporting BVW BPA!

Help BVW BPA fundraise by ordering
delicious Krispy Kreme Digital
Dozens today! Enjoy mouth-watering
dozens & share to support their
Krispy Kreme Fundraiser!

www.groupraise.com

Connect to Prevent Event

2023

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME
TO LEARN ABOUT THE
DANGERS RELATED TO
DRUGS/ALCOHOL/VAPING?

THE TIME IS NOW
LEARN HOW TO CONNECT
WITH YOUR CHILD AND
HAVE CRUCIAL
CONVERSATIONS
RELATED TO
PREVENTION

**FENTANYL
ONE PILL CAN KILL**

**APRIL 4, 2023
6 PM - 7:30PM**

HILLTOP CONFERENCE
CENTER
ROOM A
7710 W. 143RD STREET
OVERLAND PARK, KS
66223

**PLEASE REGISTER USING THIS
QR CODE**



CONNECT TO PREVENT

Calling all BV Parents and Guardians:

Become more aware of the culture of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products or vape that your teen may be exposed to every day in our community. Speakers will share information on current drug, alcohol and tobacco products and use in youth.

What are we seeing and how can parents prevent their teens from initiating or continuing their use? Find ways to connect, learn and prevent. Panel Q & A following speakers.



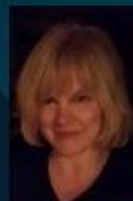
KEVIN KUFELDT

LCPC, LCAC
Director of Addiction and
Residential Services
Johnson County Mental Health
"Adolescent Drug Trends"



JAMIE KATZ

MPH, CPP
Prevention Coordinator
Johnson County Mental Health
"Vaping-More Than Just A Trend"



MICHELENE KRUEGER

M.A.
Community Health Educator
Johnson County Department of
Health and Environment
"Vape-Emerging Products"

Sponsored by the BV Drug & Alcohol Education and
Prevention Committee and BV Well

Relay for Life Event

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest peer-to-peer fundraising event dedicated to saving lives from cancer. For over 35 years, communities across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and take action for lifesaving change. Funds raised through Relay For Life directly support breakthrough research, 24/7 support for cancer patients, access to lifesaving screenings, and much more.

The Blue Valley Relay for Life will be March 31st from 5 PM - 5 AM. Participants interested can use this link to register -

https://secure.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY23NOR?pg=entry&fr_id=104098. To join communications for BVW Relay, join the group chat below -

https://groupme.com/join_group/88998237/AjMPZA1R

Anyone willing to donate towards our fundraising towards the American Cancer Society may donate using the link below -

https://secure.acsevents.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=relay_donate_now&FR_ID=104098&fr_id=104098.

RELAY FOR LIFE AT BVW

MARCH 31ST

Join the GroupMe using the QR Code
All funds support the American Cancer Society



Summer Programs Enrollment closes April 3

Time is running out to sign your student up for Blue Valley's Summer Programs. Enrollment closes at 4 p.m. April 3. These programs include virtual courses for credit, such as Business Essentials or Physical Education. Additional information about the summer programs can be found at www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms.



BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS
2023 Summer Programs
Enrollment open March 20 - April 3

www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms

2nd Semester Course Fees

Course Fees for 2nd Semester

High school course fee payment for second semester is open and [online now](#). Your ParentVUE login and password are required to pay course fees.

Course fees are assigned based on the master schedule and your student's enrollment.

Course fees are assigned for the second semester only.

If your student dropped a course after the course drop deadline, they are responsible for paying any fees associated with that course.

Questions regarding fee payment should be directed to the bookkeeper.

JOCO Resource Numbers


Numbers you need to know

Last July, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255 or 1-800-273-TALK) transitioned to a three-digit dialing code, 988. The three-digit dialing code routes calls to the Lifeline network and provides a connection to local support and services for those experiencing a mental health crisis. Johnson County Mental Health Center began answering Lifeline calls as a part of the national network in August of 2021.

In its first five months, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline received over 1.7 million calls, texts and chats. Federal government data shows a significant increase in calls, texts and chats from December 2021 to December 2022. To learn more about the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, check out our Mental Health Moment—a weekly newsletter that opens dialogue, increases understanding, and removes some of the stigmas surrounding mental health issues where we've prepared hot, warm and crisis lines for you to add to your contact list. We all need some help sometimes, and it's okay to reach out.

Sign up for other e-newsletters from Johnson County Mental Health Center!

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HOTLINES?



988
Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Crisis Lifeline
Call, text, or chat (988lifeline.org/chat)
Free, confidential, and available 24/7/365

**913-268-0156
741-741**
Johnson County Mental Health Center
Crisis Line & Crisis Text Line
Crisis and non-crisis mental health support and resources
Free, confidential, and available 24/7/365

911
Medical & Public Safety Emergencies
Free and available 24/7/365

211
United Way 2-1-1 / uwgkc.org/211
Connect to local agencies and resources (food, housing, utility assistance, tax preparation, transportation, etc.)
Free, confidential, and available 24/7/365

**913-281-2251
1-866-927-6327**
Compassionate Ear Warmline
Non-crisis, peer-operated, supportive listening service
Free and available 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. every day of the year

JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS
Mental Health

Activities and Athletics Message

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.

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.

Fostering a Safe Environment

As we move into a new semester please share the following message in your upcoming family newsletters:

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all of our schools. Through the convergence of physical and intellectual security measures, we are continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from a wide range of emergencies. Please check out [available ways to report safety concerns](#).

SENIOR NEWS Class of 2023

Senior Graduation Yard Signs

Order form link click [here](#) or use the following QR Code.



CELEBRATE YOUR BVW SENIOR

ORDER A PERSONALIZED 24 X 18
ONE SIDED YARD SIGN THAT
INCLUDES THE FIRST NAME OF YOUR
STUDENT AND A METAL STAKE.



Click on the order form link below and fill out the information by Monday April 10th and mail in your \$30 check. Signs ready for pick up at BVW 4/28.

ASL Interpreter for Graduation Ceremonies

If you or a guest plan to attend this year's Class Day or Graduation and need an ASL interpreter, please email Laura Lynn Kono at LKono@bluevalleyk12.org by April 3, 2023. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning. Thank you!

Library Announcement for Seniors

Hi Seniors! Graduation is quickly approaching and your library books will be due before you graduate! You will periodically be receiving notices in your Canvas accounts if you have overdue library books with the cost of replacing these materials. Please return these books before May graduation or let us know if you need us to bill you for them in StudentVue! Thank you!

Cap and Gown Payments Due

Seniors, please complete your purchase for your cap and gowns at this [link](#). Once your order is complete, please save your receipt to refer to once Graduation season arrives. Cap and gowns will be distributed at Class Day rehearsal on May 18, 2023.



You still have the opportunity to order your Caps & Gowns, Custom Graduation Announcements, Class of 2023 Apparel and Class Rings! Don't miss the chance to celebrate your accomplishments and commemorate your upcoming graduation. Congratulations Class of 2023!

SHOP NOW »

Order today at herffjones.com or call 866-238-5336

HERFF JONES.

Class of 2023 Senior Year Events & Checklist

[Click here to view](#) deadlines, important information, upcoming events, and your to do list.

ATHLETICS NEWS

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

The Parent Seat: Beyond the Scoreboard

<https://nfhslearn.com/library/videos/the-parent-seat-beyond-the-scoreboard>

COUNSELING

[Counseling canvas page](#)

College Fair Coming to KC

[Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling](#) is hosting a Spring College Fair at the Blue Valley Hilltop Learning Center (7700 W 143rd Street - Overland Park, KS 66223) on April 6, from 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

All students and families are invited. Attached is a graphic to share in your newsletters, websites, emails, and social media platforms.

This event is free and open to the public. Student registration using Strive Scan in advance of the fair is encouraged.

More details, a list of participating colleges/universities, registration, and more can be found on our website: <https://gpacac.net/college-fairs>



The graphic features a yellow and blue diagonal design. In the top left is the Great Plains ACAC logo, which includes a stylized sun and the text "GREAT PLAINS ACAC ASSOCIATION for COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING OKLAHOMA | KANSAS | NEBRASKA". In the top right is a QR code with the text "Get your barcode today!". The main text in the center reads "KANSAS CITY AREA COLLEGE FAIR" in large orange letters, followed by "April 6, 6:00-7:30 pm" in blue. Below this, the location is listed: "Hilltop Learning Center", "7700 W 143rd St", and "Overland Park, KS 66223". At the bottom right is the "STRIVE SCAN" logo with a purple arrow pointing right.

GREAT PLAINS ACAC
ASSOCIATION for COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING
OKLAHOMA | KANSAS | NEBRASKA

KANSAS CITY AREA COLLEGE FAIR
April 6, 6:00-7:30 pm
Hilltop Learning Center
7700 W 143rd St
Overland Park, KS 66223

STRIVE  SCAN

Scholarship Opportunities

Important upcoming dates for scholarships!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!

Due March 31st

Aubry Bend Middle School PTO Scholarship
Morse Elementary PTO Scholarship

Due April 4th

Prairie Star Elementary PTO Scholarship

Due April 10th

BVW PTO Scholarship

Due April 21st

Lakewood Middle School PTO Scholarship
Sunset Ridge Elementary PTO Scholarship

CHECK NAVIANCE

For More Information and
Additional Scholarship Opportunities

College Visits to BVW

Students have an opportunity to visit with college representatives at BVW during AST in the Commons Faculty Dining Room! If interested, please have your student sign up in Naviance.



BV WEST WELCOMES

Week of April 3rd - 7th

4-4 University of Missouri - Columbia
@ 12:45 pm

4-5 University of Arizona
@ 10:40 am

**ROOM 505
STAFF DINING LOUNGE
NEXT TO THE COMMONS**

Sign Up in Naviance Today!

Social Media Updates

The BVW Counseling Department is now on social media! Please follow us to stay up to date on important information.

Facebook - [Blue Valley West Counseling \(Links to an external site.\)](#) –

Instagram - [@BVW_Counseling \(Links to an external site.\)](#) -

Twitter - [@BVWCounseling](#)

PTO NEWS

Please consider joining our PTO - we have open positions and will be needing to fill many key leadership roles next year. Get involved now so you are poised to help us in future years!

[Join our PTO!](#)

Sunflower Bank ABC Program

BVW PTO is excited to announce our participation in Sunflower Bank's ABC Program!


Our students get a chance to earn \$10 for every "A" on their report card, with a matching gift to BVW PTO!

How? Help your student drop a copy of their report card at either or both branches by APRIL 28! Each branch will draw five winners from participating schools' entries.

Local Sunflower Bank Branches:

- o Overland Park - 7400 W 135th St. (next to Chick-fil-A)
- o Leawood - 15100 Rosewood St. - DRIVE THRU ONLY

No Sunflower Bank account or purchase is required to participate. And students do not have to have "perfect" report cards to participate!



Sunflower Bank

SUNFLOWER BANK IS SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL WITH ABC PROGRAM DONATIONS!

Our school and students will benefit when customers participate in one of three ways.

The program supports education in our community and helps our school by providing money to purchase supplies, new technology, equipment and more. It also encourages students to get good grades.

2¢ PER SWIPE - YEAR ROUND!
If you're a bank customer, be sure to register your debit card and choose our school. When you use your card, our school will earn 2¢ for qualifying purchases all year long. Register your debit card online at SunflowerBank.com/ABC or call 888.827.5564. The more you use your card throughout the year, the more money our school will earn. Not a bank customer? Stop by a branch near you to learn more.

A's GET PAID FOR A's!
Bring a copy of your student's most recent report card to a branch near you March 1 - April 28, 2023 to enter a drawing. Five winners per branch will get paid up to \$100 for their A's. If a student from our school wins, our school will receive a matching donation!

EARN \$ - NEW CHECKING!
The bank will donate \$5 for new Education Checking accounts opened with a qualifying school code November 15, 2022 - August 31, 2023.

Visit SunflowerBank.com/ABC for details or call 888.827.5564 to learn more.

ABC DONATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023!

School selected by customer must be participating in the ABC Program to receive payment. The 2¢ donation offer is valid 1/1/2023-8/31/2023. Offer may be extended without notice. Banked school payments will be paid on or before 7/31/2023. Signature-based debit card transactions, credits only, a participating school registered debit card used solely for school donations. Resending debit card payments. The bank and our insurance will not reimburse any cashing debit card payments not included from payment eligible. The maximum amount to enter report card drawing. Available for students in grades K-12. Drop off report cards 1/1/2023-8/31/2023 at any branch location. Drawing will take place 1/1/2023. \$100 maximum payment per report card. Offer valid 1/1/2023-8/31/2023. Participating schools will receive a \$100 donation when a new Education Checking account is opened with a qualifying ABC School code submitted by the school before 8/31/2023. Offer may be changed or extended without prior notice. Member 1002. © 2022 Sunflower Bank

Purchase a BVW Yard Sign for your student

Celebrate your student's sport, club or activity with a BVW Yard Sign! Check out the BVW PTO Website for all of the details to order!