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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Solar Eclipse on April 8

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will take place, with those in the Overland Park area having the opportunity to experience a partial solar eclipse, making this a memorable educational experience for our students. The eclipse will last from 12:54-3:11 p.m., with the maximum eclipse occurring at 1:54 p.m.

Because this event will take place during the school day, we want to provide our students with a safe and fun experience. Students will be provided the opportunity to view the solar eclipse and order solar filter safety glasses that meet NASA's specifications, ensuring every student's eyes are protected throughout the event.

We ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of eye safety with your child ahead of the eclipse. NASA's website offers a wealth of resources on this topic, which you can find [here](#).

If you prefer your child NOT to participate in the solar eclipse viewing, please let your principal know.

Last day of school for the 2023-24 School Year

Assuming no unforeseen circumstances cause us to cancel school, staff and families can plan on **May 24 as the last day for students in grades K-11**. Students in the early childhood programs will have their last day on May 23.

High school finals will occur May 22–24, 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.

BVEF Champion of Students Award



Do you know an educator who cultivates a learning environment where relationships are the cornerstone, where kindness and compassion are guiding principles, and making a profound difference in the lives of young people is not just a goal but a lived reality? Now is your chance to recognize those educators whose impact extends far beyond their role, shaping the trajectory of our students' journeys and leaving an enduring legacy of excellence.

Nominations are officially open for BVEF's new Champion for Students Award. Anyone in the Blue Valley Schools' community is welcome to nominate an educator (any staff member, e.g., teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, kitchen manager, etc.) for this prestigious honor. [Nominate](#) a Champion for Students today!

Class of 2026 T-shirts

\$15 C/O 2026 T-SHIRTS

BUY NOW-APRIL 15TH



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Class of 2026 T-shirts for sale for \$15! Orders are due by April 15th. Proceeds from this class fundraiser will go to the Class of 2026 prom as well as future class events. Here is the link to purchase: [Click here to purchase](#)

Prom Tickets



Juniors and Seniors! You're invited to this year's Prehistoric Prom on April 13 from 8:30-10:30pm, at the Museum at Prairiefire. Join us for a night to remember. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

If you are bringing an outside guest, [click here](#) to download the Guest Form.

Prom Coat-Check Parent Volunteers

The PTO is looking for parent volunteers to work the coat check during Prom. [Sign up here](#)

Run for Student Council

Are you interested in leadership, school service, and fundraising? Do you like to solve problems with creative solutions? Run for Student Council! Students interested in Student Council should plan to attend one of two informational meetings on April 14 ([see attachment](#)).

SENIOR NEWS Class of 2024

Class of 2024 Graduation Yard Signs

Celebrate....and order a 24x18 yard sign that includes your students first name and a metal yard stake.



Click on the order form QR code below and fill out the information by **Monday April 15th**.

Payment is due via Venmo listed on form and signs should be ready to pick up at BVW by May 3rd.

Email with pick up details to follow.



Class Day/Graduation Interpretation Services

If you or a guest plan to attend class day or graduation, and need an ASL interpreter, please email Lauren Botticella at lbotticella@bluevalleyk12.org by May 1, 2024. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning.

Senior Slideshow Submissions - due today

Dear Parents of the Class of 2024,

We are so excited to say that graduation is soon! As graduation nears, there are some traditions that your Blue Valley West Student Council is seeking to uphold, one of these being the Class Day Slideshow!

The Class Day Slideshow typically features pictures of the graduating class and one slide for each student containing their name, a current photo, a baby photo, and their future plans! In order to

accurately collect this information, we are sending out a form to the seniors and their parents to fill out.

The only way to fill out the form is through a Blue Valley email so we are asking that parents sit down with their students and fill this out together! **We are asking that all forms be submitted by April 5th, 2024** so that we have ample time to compile the pictures! We look forward to seeing all of the submissions! [Here is a link to the form!](#)

-Blue Valley West Student Council

Senior Class Day Performer and Speaker Auditions

Auditions are April 9 and 11. [Speaker Audition Sign-up](#). [Performer Audition Sign-up](#).

Pay Senior Activity Fee

Click [here](#) to pay senior fees. The PTO uses these fees for the Senior Picnic and the Senior luncheon/Class Day Rehearsal.

Father's Club Scholarship

Applications are due by April 22. [Click here to access the Application Portal](#).



Cap and Gown Orders

[Click here to order your cap and gown, announcements and all other graduation essentials!](#)

Orders Due NOW!

- Class of 2024 Apparel and Accessories will be available for pick up in the office, 1-2 weeks after order is placed.
- Grad Announcements are available for pick-up in the Main Office.
- Cap, Gown & Tassel will be handed out in May, prior to Graduation Rehearsal
- Class Rings will be available for pick up in the main office 10-12 weeks after order is placed.

Senior Event Guide

Spring Semester is a busy time for seniors! Check out the [Senior Event Guide](#) for all the upcoming dates and deadlines.

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COUNSELING

KC Area College Fair



KANSAS CITY AREA COLLEGE FAIR

WHEN

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
6:00 - 7:30 PM

WHERE

HILLTOP LEARNING CENTER
7700 W 143RD ST
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66223

HOW

STUDENTS CAN REGISTER AT
WWW.STRIVEFAIR.COM



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Scholarship Opportunities



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Community Celebrations and Observances

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

Some April Celebrations and Observances

- **World Autism Awareness Month** - aims to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism.
- **National Arab American Heritage Month** - recognizes the achievements and contributions of Arab Americans to society, culture, and American history.
- **Eid al Fitr** - April 10th - 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.
- **Day of Silence** - April 14 - a national, student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+

students and allies take a vow of silence to protest the silencing and discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools.

- **Passover** - evening of April 22-30 - a Jewish holiday commemorating the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. Some families will observe the holiday with a special meal, called a Seder, eating foods of symbolic significance and reciting traditional prayers.