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All-school News

- **Wednesday, Oct. 14th EVEN B Day is a DISTANCE LEARNING DAY from home**
- Students who **did not** register to take the PSAT Test scheduled for October 14th, you will be distance LEARNING FROM **HOME** on Wednesday, Oct. 14th.
 - Students distance learning from home will participate in synchronous activities during the afternoon (see schedule below).
 - Students **who have registered and paid** to take the PSAT:
 - 7:30 – Students begin arriving.
 - 7:45 – Testing sessions begin.
 - Approximately Noon – Testing ends
 - These students will participate in synchronous activities during the afternoon (see schedule below).
- **REVISED SCHEDULE for afternoon's synchronous activities for ALL STUDENTS:**
- **2nd hour** 12:30 -12:50 and 12:54-1:14 Synchronous activity
 - **4th hour** 1:18 - 1:38 and 1:42 - 2:02 Synchronous activity
 - **6th hour** 2:06 - 2:26 and 2:30 - 2:50 Synchronous activity

➤ **Spanish National Honor Society**

Applications are now open for students wishing to become a member of the BVWest chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society. In order to be considered an applicant must:

- Be currently enrolled in Spanish 3.5, Spanish 4.0, Spanish 4H, or Spanish 5AP
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Submit a digital image of their current GPA from StudentVue
- Submit the completed application by the deadline

The application and instructions are attached to this document:

<https://forms.gle/3pGaDWSm6nNJ3A967>

The **deadline** for all applications is Monday, October 19, 2020 at 3:30pm

➤ **Picture Day is Wednesday, Oct. 21st & Friday, Oct. 23rd 7:45am to 1:00 pm**

Pre-pay pictures online at www.rollandkc.com using the school password **BVW20**. The pre-pay site is only available until the day of picture day. You cannot pre-pay for pictures after their picture day.

Pay in person using a money order, check or cash. Please complete the attached [form](#). A hard copy was also mailed home this week.

- In-person students whose last names begin with **A-L** will have their pictures taken on Wednesday, Oct. 21st from 7:45am to 1:00 pm.
- In-person students whose last names begin with **M-Z** will have their pictures taken on Friday, Oct. 23rd 7:45am to 1:00 pm.
- Virtual students will receive information at a later date.

➤ **CONGRATULATIONS to following Students in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program!!**

- ZACHARY CHENG
- SUPTA DAS
- THOMAS M EDWARDS
- MANYA GAUBA
- BENJAMIN A KELLER
- ABBY L MIERAS
- PRIYATAM NUNEY

➤ **Purchase a Parking Pass**

If you drive to school you are required to obtain a Parking Pass by October 30th. The cost of the Parking Pass is \$35 and can be purchased in [ParentVue](#). You will need the following vehicle information: make, model, color, year, license plate number and insurance policy information. If you do not enter this information online, you will need to provide it to one of the officers when picking up your Parking Pass. Please note, they cannot accept any payments.

You may pick up your Parking Pass in the morning before your 1st class from either Officer Faber or Officer Stock. Their office is located near the Main Office. They will also have a table set up near the lunch line in the hall during your lunch hour.

➤ **BVW National Science Bowl**

Blue Valley West is looking to organize our National Science Bowl team for this year. While we are still awaiting details on how regional and national competitions will work this year, we would like to begin gauging interest for the team. Please fill out [this form](#) to indicate your interest in this activity.

➤ **Apply to join our BV support team and make a difference in your community**

The Blue Valley School District is actively seeking applications for new members of our support team. Across the country, school districts are experiencing difficulties staffing several of the most critical school support roles. If 2020 has shown us anything, it is that together, anything is possible. With that in mind, we are asking you to join us in the

driver's seat, in the classroom, in the lunchroom and in our schools to help us provide the best in-person learning experience for our students. Blue Valley is seeking applications for the following support roles within our district:

- Bus drivers (Training provided)
- Substitute teachers (60 hours college credit required to apply)
- Paraeducators
- Custodians
- Food Service workers

If you are looking to make a positive impact in your community and in the lives of our children, we encourage you to apply for one of these support opportunities in the district, or share this information with someone you think would be a good fit to join our team. For more information and to apply for school-level openings, visit the [Blue Valley employment website](#). Apply for bus driver positions [online](#).

Directions to upgrade your MacBook to Catalina - deadline is October 12th

- Click [here](#) for directions.

Activity News

Shout outs to BVW Debaters!!

- **Individuals:**
 - Isra Mounla—1st place speaker
 - Nathan Binshtok—2nd place speaker
 - Yusra Farrukh—8th place speaker
- **Debate Results from Olathe Northwest**
 - Shishir Vargheese/Nathan Binshtok—2nd place and UNDEFEATED
 - Kevin Xu/Naman Badkul—7th place
 - Isra Mounla/Yusra Farrukh—8th place

National Honor Society Applications

- National Honor Society applications are now being accepted. Current Juniors and Seniors interested in applying can find eligibility requirements and the application at <http://nhsbv.wweebly.com/2020application.html>. All applications are due by 4 p.m. on October 23rd. Returning seniors who were members of the organization last year do not need to reapply and are automatically still members in the organization this year.

Yearbook TO-DO List

1. Pick up my 2020 year book from 223
2. Mark calendar for STUDENT PICTURE DAY Oct. 21st and 23rd. See [Picture Day](#).
3. Purchase yearbook through [ParentVue](#) \$50. (1st price decrease in school history).
4. [Senior Ad 20-21](#) purchases, photos and messages due November 20. Email bvwyyearbook@gmail.com with any questions.

Play a part in BVW THEATRE

- Please join our [Virtual Ice Cream Social and Theatre Information](#) Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 4:00 p.m.

Welcome to Your Senior Year, Class of 2021! Seniors, here is your TO-DO list!

1. Complete [Request for Graduation Information & Release of Records Authorization](#)
2. [Important Senior Dates](#)
3. Order your [Class of 2021 T-Shirts](#)
4. **Class Rings & Jewelry** Virtual Class Meeting with Renee Trimble [watch here](#)
5. [Cap & Gown orders are due](#)

Though it may seem like graduation is a long ways away, preparation for the big day starts now! Herff Jones, our school's official graduation provider, is requesting the following information from each Senior [see flyer](#):

- [Submit](#) your contact information and sizing for cap and gown
 - [Watch](#) this Class of 2021 Virtual Meeting provided by Renee Trimble from Herff Jones
 - [Check out](#) their digital catalogs
 - [Place](#) your orders
6. [Senior Ad 20-21](#) purchases, photos and messages due November 20th
Email bvwyyearbook@gmail.com with questions.
 7. College planning lesson can be found on [BVW Counseling page in Cavas](#). This lesson talks about applying to colleges, how to request a transcript, how to request a recommendation letter and financial aid.

Athletics News

- Our webpage and our Twitter are both good ways to stay connected to Jaguar Athletics! You can subscribe to the rSchool calendar and receive updates any time a schedule changes.
- NFHS Network is the official live stream service for Jaguar Athletics! The system is up and running in our gym and at the district football stadium (SWIDAC). The soccer stadium camera should be up and running this next week. You can subscribe monthly or annually and catch ALL Jaguar home games online. You can also watch any and all games covered by NFHS across the country. <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/>
- Congratulations to the West Girls Golf Team - 2020 EKL CHAMPS! Julia Misemer (JR) was the individual EKL Champ, defending her two-time EKL championship!

Counseling

Counseling Canvas Page

- Important Information can be found on our [Counseling Canvas page](#).

High School Students Opportunity to Earn College Credits

- The College Now program provides high school students the opportunity to earn college credits through concurrent enrollment while completing their high school requirements. [Start an application here](#).

The College Now and Quick Step Plus enrollment deadline has been extended to November 9. The deadline to complete placement testing or to request a placement waiver has been extended to October 30. Due to required social distancing measures in our Testing Center, seating for placement testing will be limited. To ensure enrollment by

the deadline, schedule an appointment to complete any required placement testing as early as possible.

Virtual College Rep Visits

- Every year admissions representatives from colleges across the country come to Blue Valley West to meet with students and provide information about their institutions. This year these visits will be occurring but they will be held virtually. All college rep visits can be found in Naviance under the colleges tab. At the moment we have 40 visits scheduled and more are added daily. Please sign up in [Naviance](#) to attend any session you are interested in.

AP Exam Registration Information

- This is a 2 step process if you plan on taking the exam!!
 1. Register for the course and exam through College Board myap.collegeboard.org
 - Make sure you have your join code from your teacher before trying to register
 - Everyone enrolled in the course must register for the course in College Board. Teachers use the instructional materials from College Board in their classrooms
 - Registration for the exam will be marked “yes” for you; if you don’t want to take the exam please change “yes” to “no” or an exam will be ordered for you. Not everyone has to take the exam. If you marked “no” during this step you don’t have to move to step 2
 2. If you marked “yes” you are taking the AP exam in College Board you **MUST** go to Total Registration to pay for the exam.
 - <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/172821>
 - Registration Deadline: **October 30th**
 - Exam Fees:
 - \$107 per course unless you are taking AP Research or AP Seminar and those exams are \$142
 - Any full year exam registered for or paid for after October 30th will be charged a \$40 late fee

If you have any questions please reach out to your AP teacher or AP Coordinator (Mrs. Glotzbach).

District Financial Aid Night – October 15th, 2020

- The district is hosting a financial aid night online on October 15th. Click [here](#) for more information.

Attendance

- If your student is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call our Attendance Office (913)239-3701 to report this absence. We will need to know the student’s name (first and last), date and reason for the absence, and spell the last name. If your student is going to be late to school or needs to leave school early, please include that in your message. If your student is going to be absent due to a school activity, it is not necessary for you to call. Even though we are distance and/or virtual learning, accurate attendance records are required.