Mark Your Calendar

January 4-19   BVN Alternate Bell Schedule (page 2 of North Notes)
January 15   No School/BVN offices closed – Martin Luther King Day
January 16   No School – Professional Learning
January 22   North Time Bell Schedule begins (page 2 of North Notes)
January 18   8th Grade Athletic Fair and Enrollment Night
February 7   4:00-7:30 p.m. - Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 8   3:15-6:45 p.m. - Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 9   No School due to P-T Conferences
February 19  No School/BVN offices closed – Presidents’ Day
February 20  No School – Professional Learning
April 28    Prom @ Children’s Mercy Park (8:30-11:00 p.m.)

8th Grade Enrollment Night Class of 2022 – Jan.18, 5:15-8:00

Calling all 8th graders for Enrollment Night! **Parents and students**, please join us on Thursday, January 18 from 5:15-8:00 p.m. in the commons and Performing Arts Center (PAC). Here is the schedule of events:

5:15 – 6:00 p.m. – Athletic Fair and enrollment packets distribution (Commons)
6:00 – 6:50 p.m. – Welcome by Principal David Stubblefield, core classes and counseling presentations (PAC)
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Co-curricular Presentations (PAC)

If you have questions, please contact the Counseling Department at (913) 239-3016. We look forward to meeting our incoming freshmen and their parents!

Welcome Class of 2022!
**Non-Late Arrival Thursdays**

NOTE: There are 6 Non-Late Arrival Thursdays in our school year when school will begin at 7:45 a.m.:

- August 17, 2017
- October 12, 2017
- December 14, 2017
- January 4, 2018
- March 8, 2018
- May 10, 2018

During these weeks, students will follow the 7-class schedule on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mark Your Calendars!
Mustang Events & Important Info

**Football State Championship Apparel**
If you ordered football state championship apparel through the BVN School Store it can be picked up during regular business hours at The BVN Stampede. The store is open before school, during lunch and after school.

**BVN Basketball and Volleyball Games – January 12**
The Mustangs will host Basketball games vs. the BVNW Huskies on Friday, January 12th! Starting at 4:15 p.m., JV Boys will play in the main gym and JV Girls will play in the aux. gym. Girls Varsity will play at 6:00 p.m. in the main gym followed by the Boys’ Varsity at 7:30 p.m. There will be no sophomore or c-level games.

**BVN Boys’ Basketball Plays in SMW Tournament – January 15, 19 & 20**
The Boys’ Basketball Teams will be playing in the SMW Basketball Tournament. The first games are Monday, January 15th. JV plays at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity plays at 7:00 p.m. Both teams play against SMNW and the games are held at Shawnee Mission West, the host of the tournament. On Friday, January 19, BVN plays again with JV at 4:45 p.m. and Varsity at 6:30 p.m. Both teams play Blue Springs South and again, the games are played at Shawnee Mission West. The final games will be played on Jan. 20th with times and opponents TBD.

**BVN Girls’ Basketball KAMO Tournament – January 16, 17 & 19**
Support the Mustang Girls’ Basketball Team when they play on Tuesday, January 16 at 4:30 p.m. vs. St. James. Blue Valley North sponsors this 8-team tournament which has been held since 1986! (Bracket in cover email)

**Band and Orchestra Fundraiser – Friday, February 2**
The 25th Annual Band & Orchestra Chris Cakes Pancake Dinner will be on Friday, February 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Commons. This ALL YOU CAN EAT meal includes a delicious pancake and sausage dinner. Dinner music will be provided by Jazz Bands from BVN, Leawood Middle & Overland Trail Middle. After dinner, stay and support BVN theatre department’s musical, “All Shook Up,” at 7:00 p.m. Purchase tickets for the Pancake Dinner at the door or in advance from Band or Orchestra member. Prices are $7.00 in advance and $8.00 at the door. Questions? Email Carolyn Baruch at CarolynB@HighlandGrp.com & Lisa Heckey at magicLCH@yahoo.com

**FCA**
All students are welcome to meet at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Little Theater.

**Prom – April 28!**
Juniors and Seniors are invited to Prom on April 28, 2018, from 8:30-11 p.m. at the Ameritas Shield Club, in Children’s Mercy Park at 1 Sporting Way, Kansas City, KS 66111. Students must purchase advance tickets during lunch April 23-27. NO tickets will be sold at the door. Senior tickets are $30 per person, and Junior tickets are $35 per person by cash or check payable to BVN. BVN student IDs are required to enter the dance. If a guest attends another school, the BVN student can pick up an Outside Guest form in the office. Guest forms must be signed by an administrator from the guest’s school and are due 4/25. No parking pass is required.

**Dance Team Clinic**
The BV North Dance Team is hosting a clinic on January 20th, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for those interested in learning dance technique and fun, new dances. Attendees will perform on January 25th during halftime of the BVN Girls Varsity basketball game. No dance experience necessary. There are separate clinics with dances suited to three different levels:
- Little Stars: K – 2nd Grade
- Rising Stars: 3rd – 5th Grade
- Future Stars: 6th – 8th Grade

Register online: [https://lsimpson02.wixsite.com/bvnorthstars/dancing-with-the-north-stars-clinic](https://lsimpson02.wixsite.com/bvnorthstars/dancing-with-the-north-stars-clinic)

Questions? Contact Coach Chugg at kchugg@bluevalleyk12.org. We hope you will be able to join us!
Counseling

2nd Semester Schedules
The deadline to submit schedule changes for spring semester has passed. Level changes will be permitted until March 23, 2018, which is also the final drop deadline.

Concurrent Credit
College credit is offered through Baker University and JCCC for certain classes at BVN. This spring, the following classes will offer college credit:

**Baker** - AP US History, International Relations, AP Government and AP Psychology. **Registration deadline:**

**February 5.** Detailed information can be found here - [https://www.bakeru.edu/concurrent-credit/](https://www.bakeru.edu/concurrent-credit/)

**JCCC** - AP English Literature, Honors Spanish 4, Honors French 4 and Economics. **Registration deadline:**

**February 9.** Detailed information: [http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/high-school/college-now/](http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/high-school/college-now/)

Registration information for concurrent credit is also being distributed in classrooms on Jan. 12 & 17.

2018-19 Enrollment
Juniors received enrollment packets for the the 2018-19 school year this week and enrollment forms are due to ELA teachers on January 22nd. Freshmen and sophomores will receive enrollment packets on January 19th and completed enrollment forms are due to ELA teachers January 29th (sophomores) and February 5th (juniors).

Scholarships
Please check out the Scholarship List under the Colleges tab on Naviance regularly to find scholarships added by BVN. Naviance login: [https://district.bluevalleyk12.org/schools/high/BVN/Pages/Counselors.aspx#sfa](https://district.bluevalleyk12.org/schools/high/BVN/Pages/Counselors.aspx#sfa)

Opportunities
Enrichment opportunities for high school students can be found on our webpage here – [https://district.bluevalleyk12.org/schools/high/BVN/Pages/Counselors.aspx#opps](https://district.bluevalleyk12.org/schools/high/BVN/Pages/Counselors.aspx#opps). Check back frequently!

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**BVN Parent Booster Club**

**Buckaroo Bash - January 27 – 7:00 p.m.**
The date for this year's Buckaroo Bash has been set for **Saturday, January 27th at 7:00 pm at The Malfer Studio in Leawood!** If you haven't been to the Buckaroo Bash, it's not your ordinary cocktail party! It's a night filled with entertaining games (whether you participate or watch), heavy appetizers, desserts, adult beverages, & auctions. Tickets are $50 per person ($75 per person beginning January 24th) and can be purchased at [www.bvnmustangs.com](http://www.bvnmustangs.com) under the "Online Forms" tab. **Funds raised go directly to support extracurricular activities at Blue Valley North.** Corral your friends and loosen your bridle with us on the 27th! Let's Go Mustangs! On behalf of all BVN students, thank you in advance for your support!

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**Blue Valley North Calendar**

For all BVN events, athletic and activity calendars, please visit:

[www.easternkansasleague.org](http://www.easternkansasleague.org)
NEW DATE for Senior Meeting--Mark your calendar!
The Senior Meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 1 during Advisory (formerly on Feb. 22).

Senior Checklist:

- **Senior Tile.** DEADLINE extended to Wednesday, Jan. 31—Have you ordered your senior tile? The tiles are $37 and your student's name will be permanently mounted on a wall at BVN. For an additional $27, you can get a second tile, which is a great keepsake at home. We have less orders than previous years so your participation show how great the Class of 2018 is!
  - Order your tile here: [www.bvnmustangs.com](http://www.bvnmustangs.com); click on Online Forms, select Project Graduation Tile Order Form. You do not have to have a PBC membership, but you do need an account. It is easy to create one when you are prompted at the Online Forms tab.

- **Project Graduation.** DEADLINE is Thursday, Feb. 1—Turn these forms in to the front office or bring to the Senior Meeting!!
  - Attendance agreement
  - PowerPlay waiver
  - These 2 forms (with signatures) can also be scanned/emailed to bvnprojectgrad@gmail.com by 2/1/18.
  - Wondering if you’ve already turned in these forms? Email us at bvnprojectgrad@gmail.com and we’ll check for you.
  - Wondering if you’ve already paid the Project Grad fee? You can check by logging in to “My Account” on [www.bvnmustangs.com](http://www.bvnmustangs.com) and look at “Previous Orders.”

- **Balfour.** To attend commencement, you are required to order a cap & gown set from Balfour. Orders can be placed online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com). Announcements and senior paraphernalia are also available, but not required. Any questions—call our Balfour rep, Derek Beck, at 913-549-3076. Mr. Beck will be here during North Time on Feb. 15 & 22 to deliver announcements that have been ordered, as well as collect any remaining cap & gown orders and answer questions.

- **Senior Meetings in February.** There will be two mandatory senior meetings during advisory in February:
  - February 1—Graduation Info in the PAC. Project Grad Committee members will be at this meeting to collect missing forms and/or payments. If your student hasn’t finalized their Project Grad info, now is the time! Derek Beck from Balfour will also attend the senior meeting and can help out those kids who still need to order their cap and gown.
  - February 15—Class Picture in the gym—pre-order link will be printed in North Notes soon.

For both meetings, CAPS teachers will be notified to excuse seniors from 1-1:20 p.m.

*Questions? Please email Lisa Miller, BVN Activities Department, at lkmiller@bluevalleyk12.org*
Kudos

**BVN Theatre Awarded National Honor**

In the fall, the BVN Theatre production of *One Man, Two Guv’ nors* was seen by representatives from the International Thespian Society. This is the governing body for educational theatre in the world. Our show was selected, out of all the shows submitted in the US and Canada, to be one of the eleven shows presented at the International Thespian Festival in June. The head of the Kansas chapter said this was the first time BVN has been selected for this coveted invitation. To perform at the International Festival is the HIGHEST honor a high school theatre program can receive. We will perform before theatre students from around the world. The festival, which this year takes place June 25-30 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, brings together more than 4,000 high school drama students and their teachers for a weeklong immersion in workshops; interaction with colleges, industry leaders, and Broadway professionals; and opportunities to be inspired by the best high school theatre in the nation. This year BVN is being recognized as one of the BEST IN THE NATION! What inspired the judges was not just the AMAZING talent of the students, but the incredible drive, work ethic and energy that the students put into the production. Congratulations! This honor is well deserved and they are truly superstars!

**Debate Dominates**

Blue Valley North debate took 1st place in team sweepstakes at the novice state tournament. Michael Dmitrienko and Alec Liu went undefeated in prelims and were the 2nd seed. Kelsie Fisher and Yujin Hahn went 4-1 in prelims and were the 4th seed. Firas Batrash and Grant Mao went 4-1 in prelims and were the 6th seed. Aarthi Aruna and Anushka Valsan went 3-2 and finished 18th in a field of 80 of the best first year debate teams in Kansas, and Anushka was named 10th individual speaker in a field of 160 talented students. Michael and Alec and Kelsie and Yujin each won their first elimination debate before losing on split decisions in the quarterfinals, earning 5th and 6th place. Firas Batrash and Grant Mao won their first three elimination debates to reach the final round, where they lost a close debate on a split decision, placing 2nd overall. The future of BVN debate is very bright! Our varsity debaters will conclude the regular season this weekend at the 6A state championship in Emporia.
**Science Olympiad Team Shines**
The BVN Science Olympiad Team was very successful at their most recent tournament placing 2nd out of 24 teams from 4 states. Well done Mustangs!

**BVN Science Olympiad: Pembroke Hill Invitational 2018**

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District Office News

Battle of the Bands – January 20
BVEF is excited to announce the 7th Annual Battle of the Bands which will be held on January 20th, 2018, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Kanza Hall, 7300 W. 119th St. This is an over-21 adult night out event, featuring four bands made up of Blue Valley parents, teachers, and staff. This year’s musicians represent the following schools: BVNW, BVHS, BVSW, BVM, OTMS, LMS, STIL and TCE. This year’s honorary chairs are KC Chiefs Trent and Julie Green and the emcee is Voice of the Royals, Joel Goldberg! Attendees enjoy the music, a silent and live auction, and vote for their favorite band. The winning band gets to give a $250 grant to the Blue Valley school of their choice! And… you have a chance to win a 2-year lease on a BMW! The link to buy raffle tickets AND to secure BOB reservations is: https://bluevalleyeducationalfoundation.formstack.com/forms/bmw_raffle

The Blue Valley Ed Foundation has been a strong supporter for our Blue Valley Schools for over 25 years, and continues this mission by using Battle of the Bands proceeds to directly impact Blue Valley students through district-wide music programs. So don’t wait! Reservations are $15 per person online, and $20 at the door. Visit www.bvef.org/BoB for reservations, and stay tuned to our social media feed for fun and exciting news and updates. We hope to see you there for a rockin’ good time! #BVBOB18

Ability Awareness T-Shirt Sales – order deadline January 31
Sales for the ‘all MEANS all’ T-shirts are going on now!! The new shirts recognize one of the BVSD district’s five pillars, which guides the work of the district to ensure that ALL students achieve at their highest levels. This pillar aligns well with the ‘Spread the Word to End the Word’ effort between Special Olympics and Best Buddies which is meant to inspire respect and acceptance through raising the consciousness of society about the R-word and how hurtful words and disrespect can be toward people with intellectual disabilities.

The Blue Valley Special Education Advisory Council is sponsoring the sale of T-shirts here at BVN and is being coordinated by the Connections Class. The T-shirts will be on sale the month of January, but orders must be completed no later than Friday, January 31, 2018. Orders will be taken at school during lunch/North Time on January 23rd & 24th. There is also the option of ordering T-shirts online at (Be sure to list BVN as school name): https://www.companycasuals.com/BVSEAC/start.jsp.

The ‘Spread the Word to End the Word’ campaign holds an annual day of awareness the first Wednesday of March. For that reason, we are hoping students and staff will wear their T-shirts to school on March 7 to show their support of ‘all MEANS all’ and to promote the inclusion and acceptance of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Order your T-shirt for as little as $10 today! And don’t forget to wear them on Wednesday, March 7th!

Proposed 2019-20 school calendar introduced to BOE
The proposed 2019-20 school calendar was introduced at the December Board of Education meeting. The board will vote on the calendar at the February board meeting.

Please note that the proposed calendar includes earlier fall conference dates, Oct. 2-3. Other significant dates included in the proposed 2019-20 school calendar:

- First day of school - Thursday, Aug. 15
- Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 20-22
- Winter Break - Dec. 21-Jan. 3
- Spring Break - March 16-20
- Last day of school* - Thursday, May 28

*Four emergency closure days are included in the calendar. If these days are not needed, the ending date for students will be adjusted. To view the proposed 2019-20 calendar or to subscribe to the district calendar, go to www.bluevalleyk12.org/calendar. Questions or comments regarding the calendar should be sent to bvinfo@bluevalleyk12.org.
Be Prepared for Inclement Weather
In Kansas, it’s likely that over the next several months we’ll see a forecast that calls for freezing temperatures and precipitation overnight. Winter weather like this means the chance for schools to be closed is a possibility. The following communication outlets are used for notifying Blue Valley families when winter weather hits:

- **Media outlets** - Listen to these local media outlets: WDAF-TV (Ch. 4), KCTV (Ch. 5), KMBC-TV (Ch. 9), KSHB-TV (Ch. 41), as well as KCUR, KFKF, KBEQ, KMBZ and WDAF radio stations for information on school cancellations.
- **District’s website** - Visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org) for weather-related school closing information.
- **Social media:** Up-to-date information will also be posted to the district’s [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com) accounts.
- **Weather line** - Call and listen to Blue Valley’s weather line at 913-239-4600.

If bad weather continues and classes are canceled the following day, announcements will be made in the same manner as the day before. Otherwise, classes will be in session.

**Student Transfer Guidelines**
BVSchools recognizes that the opportunity to transfer schools is a valuable resource for those who have unique personal, social or academic needs. This fall, BVSchools invited staff and community to discuss transfers via community meetings and a survey. The feedback was used to make modifications to our current guidelines, including a new transfer application timeline. Modifications will not impact students currently on an approved transfer. For a complete list of transfer considerations like KSHSAA guidelines, go to the [transfer web page](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org)

**Transfer Request Process & Review – accepted between Jan. 15 – April 1**
To request a transfer, students and families are asked to complete an online application. All student transfer request forms are reviewed by the Transfer Review Committee. Transfer requests are reviewed for exceptional circumstances and justifiable reasons and are considered on the basis of the educational needs and interests of the students as well as the educational needs and interests of the students in the sending and receiving schools. Students and families requesting a transfer may be asked to meet with administration at the student’s current school and/or the school in which they wish to transfer to discuss their request. If approved, the transfer typically begins the first day of the following school year.

**Multi-Cultural Festival – January 31**

**Blue Valley Multi-Cultural Festival**

Blue Valley School District invites you to discover and celebrate the many cultures represented in our district.

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**
5:30 p.m. – 7:30p.m.
Hilltop Conference Center
7700 W. 143rd St.
Overland Park, KS 66223

Bring your family and friends out for a spectacular night of music, food, games, and art from around the world.

*In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018*
Mark your calendar for Middle School Study Parent Info Nights

This fall more than 25 teachers and 20 parents joined the Middle School Study conversation to take an in-depth look at the middle school experience. We are excited to provide an overview of the work and get your feedback. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend an information night on Monday, Jan. 22 at Overland Trail Middle or Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Leawood Middle. Both informational nights are scheduled for 6:30-7:30 p.m. The parent informational meetings will include an opportunity to hear an update on the Middle School Study work and preview schedule enhancements for the 2018-19 school year. This is an opportunity for all parents to provide a voice and feedback into the Middle School Study. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, Jan. 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Pleasant Ridge Middle Commons

Thursday, Jan. 11
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Aubry Bend Middle Commons

Tuesday, Jan. 16
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Prairie Star Middle Commons

Wednesday, Jan. 17
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Harmony Middle Commons

Thursday, Jan. 18
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Lakewood Middle Commons

Monday, Jan. 22
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Overland Trail Middle Commons

Tuesday, Jan. 23
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Oxford Middle Commons

Wednesday, Jan. 31
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Leawood Middle Commons

Thursday, Feb. 1
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Blue Valley Middle Commons

Join the conversation to reimagine learning in Blue Valley middle schools. Families are encouraged to attend the meeting scheduled in their attendance area.
HR Recruitment Fair – February 3

Are you a teacher with a student in our district looking to transition to a career closer to home? Do you have a friend or relative in education who is interested in learning more about working in Blue Valley? BV will host its first annual Teacher Recruitment Fair on Feb. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hilltop Conference Center. Meet with reps from BV’s Benefits department, HR personnel, current principals, students and more to learn about a BV career. For details or to schedule an interview at the fair, call BV’s HR Dept. at 913-239-4677 or 913-239-4100.

We are Mustang Proud!

If you have questions, please email Janet Roush, jroush@bluevalleyk12.org. Thank you!