



BLUE VALLEY CONNECT

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Tuesday, July 11th, 2017

Suggestions or questions, please contact communication@bluevalley.ed.cr



BVS 2.0

Secondary school will now offer a differentiated HS curriculum where students can excel in their areas of strengths and complete other required courses at a lighter pace.



Town Meeting

Time: 6pm, Sala Magna

This meeting serves as a forum to respond to parents' questions and concerns and to listen to their contributions regarding various programs. Those interested are invited to visit us at 5pm to tour the new building.

Parents



Starting FS17 New Features!

Montessori

Academic program: 8:00am-12:00pm (supervised care starting at 7:00am)
"Explore and More": 12:20pm-2:20pm

Elementary

The new building will house:

- Third, fourth, and fifth grades
- Academic Elementary Director
- Elementary Counselors
- Cafeteria
- English and Spanish Support Program (ESL-SSL)
- Advanced Mathematics Program (MIND)
- Sixth Grade Math Support Program (MSL)
- New Maker Space (available to entire BVS community)

Middle School

- Biology will be completed in ninth grade (8B science will be an extension of the 8A program)
- In mathematics, we are incorporating Math Support (MSL) into the classroom to ease the transition for those who need it. Algebra contents will be covered slowly as to not diminish the emphasis on the understanding of processes and simple mechanization of problems.
- ESL and SSL support will be extended to middle school.
- Research for the mini-thesis will now begin in 8B.

High School

We have opened a third "track" to complement the national and international baccalaureate programs:

- The national baccalaureate track will not change. Government exams will be at the end of 11th grade.
- The international baccalaureate program (IB) has added a third science option, biology. The course for diploma has extended one semester beginning in 11A and concluding in 12B; when exams will be taken. Prep courses will be offered in 10B to help students decide if IB is right for them.
- For the "high school track," we have adapted the requirements of the American system to our excellent secondary school curriculum. It will consist of four years, beginning in 9th grade. All standard courses will be given in English (advanced level is optional) and the Spanish level will be basic. Students will be able to follow the UCR math courses if their knowledge of Spanish allows it.



New staff in Blue Valley community

Prep A2	Katie Brown	Math & Science M.S-H.S	Edgar Valderrama
1 A2	Theodora Huyhn	H.S. English	María Lourdes Padilla
2 A2	Kassandra Jacobson	Social Studies	Robert Austin
3A	Kaitlin Gabriel	M.S and H.S English	Karen Chang
Elem. Counselor	Luisana Montealegre	Elementary Library	Courtney Fry
Elem. Counselor	María José Lao	Technology	Sara Cornelius
ESL/SSL/MSL/HSAT	Rocío Tomás	P.E.	Erick Rivera



iPads, Covers and Notability

6A

iPads: Students in 6A receive an iPad to use during their 3 years in MS. Click [here](#) for Care Manual and "Pledge". Students must turn in the signed "Pledge" to the homeroom teacher in order to receive their iPad.

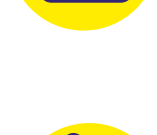
Covers: Students must buy the cover required in our contract with GBM (a must for insurance). It costs US\$50 and must be paid in cash in our accounting office.

Notability: Once the students get their iPad, they must buy and download the "notability" application that we have chosen to use for all classes.



Test Results

Our results were wonderful for both Bachillerato Nacional and IB exams. Expect further information in bulletin #1.



A Little of Everything!

First Day of School

Wednesday, July 26th, 7:20am
All students

Montessori A students attend in staggered form. Parents will be notified of the distribution. As of Tuesday, August 1st, all will attend.

Offices open

Since July 10th, the administration has been open on a regular schedule.

Quick Pass

Contact and pick up *quick pass* in accounting. The school grants a maximum of 2 *quick passes* per family. The second one costs 5000 colones.

School Calendar FS2017

Parents should have the school's calendar on hand for scheduling important events and especially for planning trips around school days. Please click [here](#) to see the calendar.

Fees FS2017

Click [here](#) for current school fees.

Bus Service

To coordinate bus transportation, contact Mrs. Vicky Molina at 2215-2204 ext. 123.

Accident Insurance for Students

Friday, August 4th, deadline to make payment to increase coverage. Details with [Lorena Jiménez](#)

Powerschool

Fourth grade and up. Please contact [Barney Ross](#) for username and password.

Cafeteria

Regular service begins July 26th. Click [here](#) to check the weekly menu.



Academics & Activities

Welcome to our new students!

Monday, July 24th, 1:00pm, Sala Magna
Prep, Elementary and Secondary new students.

Ambassador representatives will be present to provide a bridge for new families to join our community.



Supplies

Friday, July 14th
6A-11B
Last day to order grade level supplies. Payment prior at ASEBVS or via Scotiabank, account #12300003235373000.

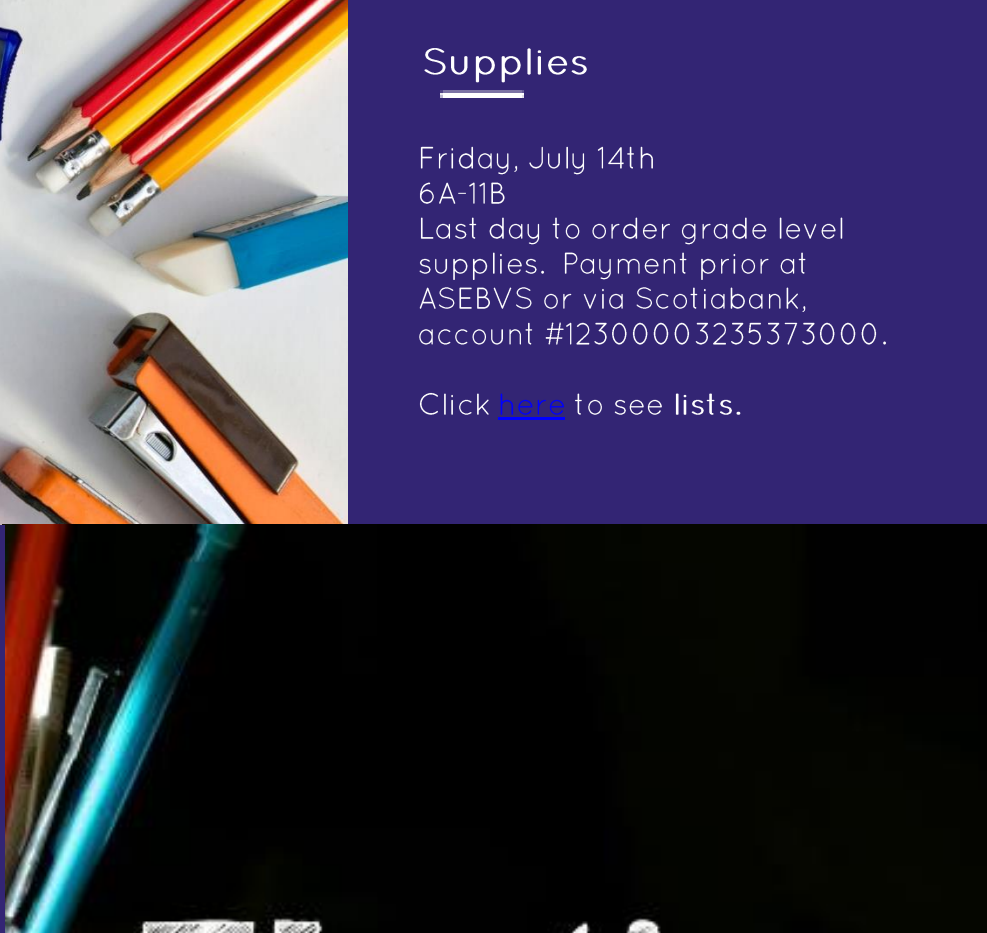
Click [here](#) to see lists.



FS2017 Electives

High School

We will accept minor changes to the electives chosen at the end of SS2017 during the first week of school.



After School Activities

You will find a list of activities in bulletin #1. Further questions can be directed to [Marina Lopez](#).

GO ARMADILLOS!



Tryouts

Start August 4th. Click [here](#) for schedule. For questions, contact Mr. Acuña.

Don't forget

1

Summer Reading

Prep A-4B projects due for first library class.

2

Make-up tests

Secondary
2nd session: Thursday, July 20th

3

Composition Exam MEP

11B
Thursday, July 27th

4

Minecraft mini-camp

All students
Monday, July 10th to Friday, July 14th