



Academic News



Academic Support

This semester in secondary, we added ScSL (Science as a Second Language) to the SSL, ESL and MSL programs we already had as academic support for new students who join our community. We provide support during the school day with a teacher in those subjects so that the students feel more comfortable with BVS demands. Our new families enjoy this academic service at no additional cost.

Meet Amy Flynn



Ms. Flynn is our Language Arts Coordinator in elementary. She was born and raised in the Midwest, USA. She recently moved with her husband and two small dogs to San José, before living in Washington, D.C.; Islamabad, Pakistan; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Miami, Florida; and her home state of Illinois. As a classroom teacher with nearly twenty years of experience in public, private, and international schools, Amy said: "I am thrilled to be returning to teaching and love the excitement and promise that the new semester holds. This year, I am excited to call BVS my new home!" In BVS, she is looking forward to working alongside teachers and students to provide the highest quality educational experience possible... and having fun each and every day!



Tremor Last Friday

- This provided a good drill during secondary school lunch, when we had never practiced.
- New teachers and students followed the leaders.
- Everyone knew they immediately had to go to an open space (where they can see the sky).
 - We will place signs at respective meeting spaces.
 - People outside but not in meeting places waited a while before joining the rest of their sections.
 - They were careful not to cut through the buildings.
- High school teachers didn't have the lists with them during lunch
 - Teachers will wait for them at the meeting places.
 - The section secretaries will take them the lists.
 - Roll call will start then. Staff checks the bathrooms for students who have not heard the alarm.
 - Those lists don't have absent students. Classmates and homeroom teachers probably can name them.
- It was drizzling, so Montessori guides
 - Kept the children protected from rain but too close to walls and windows.
 - We found a good place under the covered walkway and moved there.
 - It is now part of our routine.



Forming Citizens

Wednesday, August 1st in the Sala Magna

This semester, our lecture series will be examining alliances between the public and private sectors as a strategy to develop Costa Rica's public infrastructure. Tomorrow we will start the series with a video in which Mr. Federico Villalobos explains it succinctly. We will be pausing the video to discuss with students their ideas and concerns in this regard. Click [here](#) to view the video.

Note: If you would like to be a speaker on this topic or suggest a contact, please write to [Mr. Mora](#). We still have a few openings.

Parents



After School Supervision

There is no supervision after regular school hours. It has come to our attention that some students training with the FC Barcelona soccer academy are staying after school (unsupervised) until their practice begins. We ask that parents of these take turns looking after these students as it's against school policy for students to be on campus without supervision. Please send us the list as soon as possible.



Meet the Teachers

Tuesday, August 7th, 4:00pm, Library

6A Parents

We cordially invite and encourage you to come meet your child's teachers.



Accident Insurance for Students

Monday, August 13th, deadline to make €10,000 payment to increase coverage. Details with [Lorena Jiménez](#), ext. 114.



Facilities Maps

Click [here](#) to familiarize yourself with our campus.

Parents: You are invited to visit the school, without interfering with lessons, to enjoy the learning environment you chose for your children.



Transportation After School Clubs

This service began yesterday, Monday, July 30th. Transportation after clubs is available to the following strategic points:

- District 4 in Escazú
- Fresh Market in La Paco
- Momentum in Lindora
- Entrance of Hacienda del Sol

If you want door to door service, the fee per trip is €2,000. You can request more information by writing to [Virginia Molina](#).



Information from Volunteer Mothers: Catechism

First level parent meeting:

Monday, August 6th from 7:30am - 8:30am in the cafeteria, 2nd floor

Lessons begin for all levels:

Tuesday, August 7th from 2:20pm to 3:20pm

Participation in the program is voluntary.



All Things Delicious!

Click [here](#) for the cafeteria menu.

Connect Jr.

PBL in Preschool

Merging two smaller areas, we now have a large project classroom in our Montessori building for teachers to explore and discover with their students Reggio Emilia type projects during circle time. At Blue Valley we call it Project Based Learning, an exciting and motivational approach for all of our students, even as young as preschool.



Montessori A: My Body
Montessori B-C: Parts of a Plant
Enrichment: Ritsch Ratsch Gustav Rlimt



Free dress

Friday, August 3rd

In Montessori we promote a peaceful environment. Please prevent your child from bringing warlike toys (swords, guns, etc.) for show and tell.

A² Academics & Activities



Upcoming College Visits

Click [here](#) for schedule.



Let's Lend a Hand

Support Nicaraguan Families

In collaboration with the Sister Maria Romero kitchen, we will be collecting: oil, rice, beans, milk, and sugar. Please leave your donations at reception with doña Elza.

Look Amazing for Graduation Day!

August 6th - August 20th

In collaboration with the organization "[Activo 20-30](#)", the BVS student government will be collecting gently used formal dresses. The formal-wear will be donated to low-income adolescents for use on their graduation day.

The generation that donates the most dresses will earn a pizza party.

GO ARMADILLOS!



Sports and Teams Schedule

Click [here](#) for schedule.

Don't Forget

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Welcome Breakfast

Friday, August 3rd at 7:30am in the Cafeteria
Parents of new students.