

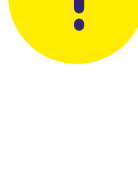


Inspired on Campus

We eagerly welcome the Inspired America team accompanied by Mr. Ray Holliday, Educational Director. Previously the Head of St. John's International School in Waterloo, Belgium, Mr. Holliday works specifically to integrate new schools into the Inspired network.

We are honored to have such highly qualified educators as part of the BVS family!

Academic News



Project Based Learning

Our elementary classrooms are immersed in Project Based Learning (PBL) units. Each project is focused on students learning knowledge and skills derived from standards and key academic concepts. Students acquire and increase their knowledge base while practicing critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and communication.

Students are completing research, evaluating reliable sources, reading authentic text, and reflecting upon their own learning. Teachers are using innovative resources such as; new iPad applications in language arts, math, science, and technology. Curriculum coaches are participating every step of the process from reviewing and enriching lesson plans, attending field tips, and the execution of lessons in the classroom. Here is a sample of driving questions that our students are investigating: How can we create a sustainable city? How can we become heroes that make a positive difference in our community? How do we, as consumers of limited resources, make a plan to survive?

Teachers are excitedly reporting highly engaged, inquisitive students working in teams, enthusiastic about learning, and growing in all areas. We really do have fun while learning at BVS!

Meet Ms. Bayza Senbetta



Ms. Bayza Senbetta is our new 3A-2 teacher. Originally from the Chicago area, Ms. Senbetta studied Bilingual Elementary Education at Illinois State University. Her unique teacher training includes classroom experience in a U.S. dual-language school and volunteer experience during her study abroad semester, 2016 in a Costa Rican public school. In science, her class is exploring sound. They recently did a collaborative learning project in the Inventoria to make sound waves visible using simple objects: stereo speakers, plastic, and salt! Outside of school, she enjoys staying active by swimming, hiking, and playing the violin! Ms. Senbetta is excited to be part of the BVS community and we are ecstatic to have her.



Forming Citizens

Wednesday, August 29th in the Sala Magna

We will discuss the first cycle of conferences. Guided by Mr. Mora and Mrs. Urbina, students will analyze the concept and characteristics of Public/Private Partnerships (PPP). There will be no Facebook streaming.

Parents



Calling for Host Families!

September 5th-10th / September 13th-19th

Between Lycée Blaise-Pascal and Reddam House Johannesburg, we are welcoming 23 tenth grade students for an exchange program. We are looking for families that can host students.

Each family should offer:

- Dinner and Breakfast
- A place to sleep (this can be a shared room or a temporary/sofa bed).
- Transportation from home to school and back.

If you are interested in being a host, please email [Ms. Cisneros](#) or [Arick Dickerman](#) or call Arick directly at: 8720-5102.



Civic Activities

Monday, September 3rd

All students

We welcome flag bearers and the Liceo de Costa Rica band to kick-off our civic celebrations.

Monday, September 10th to Friday, September 14th

All BVS community

The theme for Civic Week is: Corn, its history and legacy. Please click [here](#) for a detailed agenda.



BVS Talent Show Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 29th, 1:00pm-2:30pm, Montessori Enrichment Room

Elementary students participating in the talent show.

Students participating in the talent show must stay for the rehearsal. Once students finish their presentation, they can leave. We ask that parents stay around with their kids to help supervise those not rehearsing while the teachers concentrate on the individual acts.



Family Math Night

Tuesday, September 4th, 6pm-8pm, Library

8A students and parents

Join us for a night of math challenge and fun where adults will become positively involved in their children's mathematics education. Please click [here](#) for detailed information.



First Quarter Report Cards

Wednesday, September 5th

11B

Students will receive their first quarter grades for FS 2018.

For students who have a suspended subject, their parents can pick the report cards up from Ms. Ardón (office #18) from 11:30am to 1:30pm.



Library Hours

We welcome the BVS community to use and enjoy library resources. For assisted browsing, please plan your visit before or after school to minimize library class interruptions. Thank you for your support.



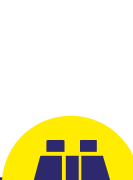
Let's Get Active all Girls Club

Every Thursday, starting in September

Prep A-2B grade girls

Cost: \$15,000/month

Is your daughter interested in track and field sports? Does she want to learn new skills? This club is meant to: encourage young girls to enjoy being active, see what track and field is like, possibly start a BVS team in the future. Contact coach Macki by [email](#) or phone (8709-2927) for more details.



Field Trips

Click [here](#) for this week's schedule.



All Things Delicious!

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

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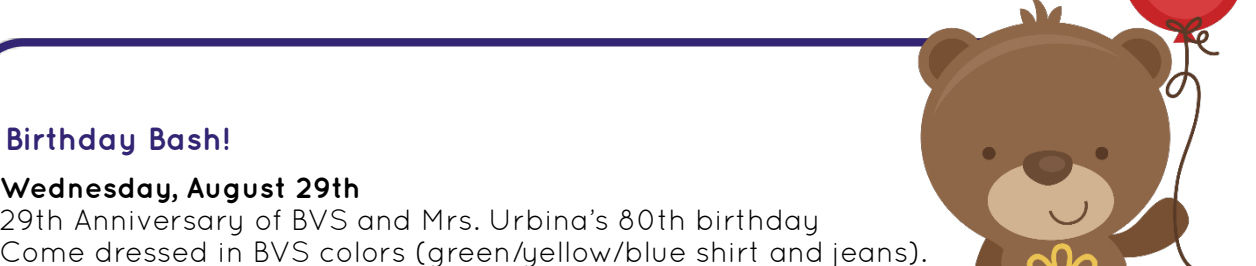


Montessori A: **Personal Care**
Montessori B-C: **Leaves**
Enrichment: **Ritsch Ratsch: the life & artwork of Gustav Klimt**



Free dress

Friday, August 31st



Birthday Bash!

Wednesday, August 29th

29th Anniversary of BVS and Mrs. Urbina's 80th birthday
Come dressed in BVS colors (green/yellow/blue shirt and jeans).

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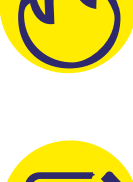


BVS Talents are on Fire!

Friday, September 7th

Elementary

Get ready for a spectacular show!



Admission Exam UCR/UNA

Saturday, September 1st at 8:30am at Colegio Diurno Ciudad Colón

11B and 12A

Students will take the admission exam for the University of Costa Rica (UCR) and the National University (UNA).



OLCOMA 2018 Second Elimination Round

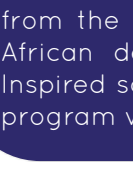
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We are proud of the 15 students participating in the 2nd OLCOMA elimination round. All of our students qualified after the 1st round, back in June. This competition started with 2,825 students nationwide and only 934 advanced. We wish our students luck!

CRIMUN

Friday, September 7th - Sunday, September 9th, Radisson Hotel

We look forward to the 4th Costa Rican International Model United Nations (CRIMUN). Students from 8th grade to university level debate how to solve regional and global problems. Blue Valley proudly sponsors approximately 50 public school students from across the country; offering development opportunities regardless of socioeconomic status. Once again, we will host a French delegation from the Lycée Blaise-Pascal. New this year, we welcome a South African delegation from Reddam House Johannesburg, a fellow Inspired school. Both will participate in an exciting 2 week exchange program with BVS.



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Upcoming College Visits

Click [here](#) for schedule.



Let's Lend a Hand

National Junior Honor Society & *Esperanza Urbana*

The NUHS is holding two events to benefit the non-profit organization, *Esperanza Urbana*. This group provides assistance to people living on the streets. Let's show some solidarity!

1.) Bake Sale

Friday, August 31st

Satisfy your sweet tooth while helping a great cause. Funds collected will be used to purchase groceries.

2.) Toiletary Drive

Tuesday, August 28th to soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes for people in need.

GO ARMADILLOS!



Uniform Orders

September 1st - September 10th

Place your next uniform orders if needed. Mr. Acuña will assign numbers that can be used on your jersey.



Prompt Pickup

We kindly remind you to be punctual when picking your children up after training.

Montessori and prep students must be picked up directly from the soccer field.



Upcoming Games Schedule

Click [here](#) for schedule.