



# WELCOME!



BULLETIN NO. 1

SPRING SEMESTER

JANUARY 31, 2017

## BACK TO SCHOOL TOMORROW AT 7:20 am!



**This is the new entrance at night that will also look beautiful at tomorrow's welcome.**

A significant majority voted to TEMPORARILY start the school day at 7:20 am. We shall see if that avoids losing the first period because of late arrivals. Being a transitory change, we will not change the schedules. Simply subtract 40 minutes from every period. Tomorrow we will welcome back the students at the beautiful new entrance

a. The bus drivers have been calling parents to tell them the estimated new TEMPORARY pick-up time to try to avoid late arrivals due to heavy traffic.

b. The buses will enter school as always through the east gate and park as usual.

c. Parents with children in preschool (Montessori and preparatory) and their siblings will also drive in through the east gate, with no need to go through the roundabout.

d. All other cars, with the rest of the students, will enter through the new gate on the right lane, where we will be

welcoming the students to direct them to their classes. Next week those with a BVS sticker take the right lane to the "kiss-and-drop zone," and cars without a sticker will be asked to take the left lane and stop to be identified by the guard. You have the week to request a sticker if you lost it!

e. As soon as we receive the quick passes, we will be distributing one per family. For safety reasons, we will sell only a second pass per each free one. It should be kept portable for use by different cars.

f. For visitors, we have left free the parking area against the fence across from the bus row. When those spaces have been taken, guests will find ample space in the new parking lot.

g. Between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm (temporary schedule), short-term visitors may use the bus spots.

h. Parking space in front of the administration building is reserved for special needs and for building personnel depending on availability (after which they must go to the new parking area).

i. The new "kiss-and-drop zone" will be ready by the end of February. Meanwhile, we will take turns opening one half while the other is under construction. Please be patient, it will be worth it.

j. At noon, Montessori cars and buses pick up students in front of their building; teachers take them to the respective buses.

k. Dismissal at the end of the day will follow the same routines. Siblings of preschool students go to their area to await parents. All the rest wait for their parents at the new "kiss-and-drop zone."

l. In the afternoon, preschool cars will drive through the roundabout to pick up preschool children and older siblings (older ones -including preparatory- at the roofed crossway and Montessori students at the front door of their building). This means two stops for some parents. Cars MUST leave free the lanes between the guards' booth and the east-facing gate for the buses' wide turns.

m. Preschool cars always need to yield to buses as they leave because both will be using the same east-facing gate.

n. Wednesday dismissals follow the same routines.

o. ALL students in after-school clubs or lessons wait for their parents at the new "kiss-and-drop zone."

p. Areas still under construction will be fenced in for safety.

q. The soccer fields are still under construction.

r. Construction of the classroom building will begin soon.

# TUESDAY BULLETIN

In January we sent the Special Bulletin to the e-mail addresses in our database. Parents who did not receive it should notify us at [mail@bluevalley.ed.cr](mailto:mail@bluevalley.ed.cr) so that we can update the address (changes should be informed regularly). We should have an email for each parent when they don't share the same address or home. If there have been changes in phone numbers, please report it immediately. Parents may request printed versions by informing the homeroom teacher during this week, but we discourage unnecessary use of paper.

## WELCOME BLUE VALLEY TEACHERS AND FAMILIES

Our best wishes for this new semester. Our community extends an enthusiastic welcome to new teachers, students, parents and families, assuring them our full support. BVS is proud to be their chosen school. Staff:

1	Susana Muñoz	Second A2	5	Jim Hylton	M.S. Drama & H.S English
2	Andrei Dobrota	Fourth A	6	Kathleen Bolton	Science Lab aide
3	Morgan Nichols	Fourth B	7	Natalia Garduño	Library
4	Mariana León	Special Math (MIND)	8	Ernesto Acuña	Physical Education

## MEETINGS

### FOR NEW PARENTS

- We invite one parent of new students from Preparatory A and above to a welcome breakfast on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. We will meet in the cafeteria.
- One parent of students in Montessori A and all new students in the other levels will likewise meet on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am in the cafeteria.

### ELEMENTARY PARENT MEETINGS FOR STUDENTS CHANGING LEVELS

Montessori A	Rocío Ruiz	
Montessori A	Cristina Bustamante	
Montessori B1	Alexandra Chinchilla, Isabel Chavarría	
Montessori B2	Verónica Gross, Isabel Chavarría	Tuesday, February 28 – 6:00 pm
Montessori C1	Anita Zamora, Gaby Peralta	
Montessori C2	Viviana Esquivel, Gaby Peralta	
Preparatory A	Ms. Masís, Ms. Chacón	Tuesday, February 14, 12:50 pm – 1:20 pm
First A	Ms. Coto, Ms. López	Thursday, February 16, 12:50 pm – 1:35 pm
Second A1	Ms. Pacheco, Ms. López	Wednesday, February 15, 11:20 am – 12:05 pm
Second A2	Ms. Muñoz, Ms. López	Monday, February 13, 12:05 pm – 12:50 pm
Third A1	Ms. Piza, Ms. Chacón, Ms. Brenes	Tuesday, February 14, 9:20 am – 10:05 am
Third A2	Ms. Musmanni, Ms. Chacón, Ms. Brenes	Thursday, February 16, 12:05pm – 12:50 pm
Fourth A	Mr. Dobrota, Ms. Brenes	Monday, February 20, 12:50 pm – 1:35 pm
	Ms. Callís, Mrs. Urbina	Monday, February 20, 1:35 pm – 2:20 pm
Fourth B	Ms. Morgan (Virtual Room)	Friday, February 17, 10:30 am – 11:15 am
Fifth A	Ms. Artiñano, Ms. Callís, Ms. Brenes	Friday, February 17, 9:00 am – 9:45 am

## WEDNESDAY LECTURE “FORMANDO CIUDADANOS”

The civics Wednesday lectures this semester will be on “Responsibilities of the citizens and the media in the electoral processes”. For the first four sessions we will have Mr. Gustavo Román Jacobo with a lecture that will set the framework for analysis of the rest. Mr. Armando González, Director of La Nación will follow with the printed press perspective. Mr. Diego Delfino will speak about his experience with the media. We will set up special seats for visitors who want to hear such prominent experts on these present day topics. We encourage friends and families to attend.

# AFTER-SCHOOL LESSONS

Attached you will find the list for SS17. Classes will begin the week of Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## ACADEMIC AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT (temporarily from 2:20 to 3:20 pm)

BVS offers academic support (reinforcement of new concepts) to students at no cost to parents.

MONDAY		TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Ms. Ruiz Montessori A	Ms. McFaddin 5 B2	Secondary Spanish	Ms. Brenes 4 and 5	
Ms. Bustamante Montessori A	Ms. López Prep B, 1A,1B, 2A1, 2A2,	Secondary Science	Ms. Chinchilla- Mont B1	
Ms. Masís Prep A & Ms Gochez Prep B	Ms. Chacón Prep A, 2B, 3A1, 3A2	Counselors	Mr. Dobrota 4A	
Ms. Coto 1A	Ms. Callís 4 and 5	Ms. DeBoer Library	Ms. Piza 3 A1	
Ms. Smith 1 B	Mr Klempner Library		Secondary English	Reposition quizzes or exams for M.S. and H.S. students who have missed them on account of absences.
Ms. Pacheco 2 A1	Ms. Solano Art		Secondary Social Studies	
Ms. Muñoz 2 A2	Secondary Math		Ms. Ortiz - Ms. Gómez Art	
Ms. Corpus 2B	Computers		Ms. Garduño Library	
Ms. Cone 3B	ESL SSL		Ms. Morgan 4B	
Ms. Musmanni 3 A2	Ms. Breezy/Ms. León Special Math		Ms. Marian 5 B1	
Ms. Artiñano ML 5A	Ms. Sáenz (Enrichment)			
Ms. Vargas Love	Ms. Gross- Mont B2			

## ELECTIVES IN SECONDARY

High school students (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>) will confirm their electives schedule this week based on what they requested last year. This first week, students will be visiting 5-credit electives (CC courses), not included in last year's list, to consider them as an option. They must define their final schedule by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> before 2:20 pm.

## GOVERNMENT TESTS 2017 FOR ELEVENTH B

Tuesday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish	Friday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Science
Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Math	Monday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	English
Thursday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Social Studies	Tuesday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Civics

### PRESENT ELEVENTH A

**Composition and Spelling:** Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, the day after students return from mid-year vacation.

Tuesday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Spanish	Friday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Science
Wednesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Math	Monday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	English
Thursday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Social Studies	Tuesday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Civics

**Eleventh A and B students must submit during this week to student services a copy of their I.D. (cédula) or passport for the process of enrollment for the MEP tests.**

## iPADS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SIXTH A AND NEW STUDENTS TO BVS

Parents of new students 6A to 9A should have received an email with the attached Policy Using the iPad in School. Students must submit to their computer teacher the last page signed in order to receive their iPad. They will receive the new cover (required by GBM for insurance) as soon as the parents have paid \$50 in Accounting.

# REMINDERS

•**TEXTBOOKS:** This week ASEBVS is selling, “Español”, “Matemática”, “Estudios Sociales,” and “Biología” textbooks.

•**STUDENT IDs:** New students must bring a digital picture and \$2500; those with expired ID cards only the money.

•**ACCIDENT INSURANCE:** Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to change your coverage in our Accident Insurance Policy.

•**DATABASE:** Please update your information if something has changed since last semester. The form to update is available at the front desk. This is not necessary if everything remains the same. Having your correct phone number(s) is essential for you to receive our push messages.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The library will be showcasing elementary summer reading projects from Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Each elementary class will have the opportunity to tour the exhibition during their library time. Parents and BVS community are encouraged to stop by and enjoy the students’ work. We are excited to kick off another great semester packed with great tales and adventure. Students please pick up all projects on display from last semester by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## STUDENTS FROM OUR SISTER SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE COUNTRY DAY. VISIT US

The exchange group from Charlotte Country Day School and their chaperones will visit us from February 19-28. We are looking for families to volunteer to host the chaperones. Contact [anacatalinasaenz@bluevalley.ed.cr](mailto:anacatalinasaenz@bluevalley.ed.cr) for details.

## STUDENTS’ ACHIEVEMENTS

All our 12<sup>th</sup> grade IB students passed with excellent grades. One of them tied our record, with a previous student who was accepted at all the universities where she applied. Congrats to the generation and a special recognition to their teachers.

## BVS AMBASSADORS

The list of ambassadors and delegates for this semester will be sent next week. The first will have monthly meetings convened by its Chairperson. The communication delegates will be in charge of transmitting messages to their levels.

## SPORTS

•**TEAMS:** We invite students who would like to be part of our different sports teams to participate in the tryouts from Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will explain the process during their PE classes. The schedule will be published in next week’s bulletin.

•**CLUBS:** Sports clubs are open for all students to register according to their corresponding grade level.

•**USED CLEATS:** Once again we are requesting cleats in good shape to be donated to children who need them.

## BUS ROUTES

Drivers for each route have been calling parents of the students they transport to inform them of pickup time, fee for the year, and mode of payment. They will not be taking money directly. Payment must be through banks before the 6<sup>th</sup> of the month. If personal or through deposits, with the same code used to pay tuition for the students but in the buses’ account: *BAC San José cuenta corriente número 928298298*. Transfers via SINPE, through the *cuenta cliente 10200009282982982, a nombre de TRAVAO S.A. cedula jurídica 3-101-718218*. **Please include in Descripción each of the student-user’s code number or name.** Tomorrow, every driver (including the school buses’ drivers) will send or deliver a note to respective fathers or mothers with instructions on how to properly make the payments.