



Blue Valley School



BULLETIN NO. 2

SPRING SEMESTER

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FOR NEW PARENTS



NOTICE: Please include 89 89 89 08 among your contacts so that you can receive important “push” messages through WhatsApp (we occasionally send urgent information that requires no answer).

BREAKFAST: We are looking forward to seeing one representative of new students from Preparatory A and above at a welcome breakfast on Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 am in the cafeteria. Likewise, we invite one representative of new students in Montessori (all Montessori 1 and new in the other levels) to their welcome breakfast on Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30 am.

ACADEMIC NEWS

The Spanish Department met with the principals over the holidays to go over the Prep-11 curriculum for Spanish analyzing continuity and sequence to enhance learning (more learning with less stress) and ease the transition from elementary to middle school. What a great program we have! We are now enthusiastically refining details in our continuous quest for excellence, our second principle.



TEMPORARY SCHEDULE

Families did a good job last week trying to get to school on time, and we are trying to improve the flow at dismissal (See Attachments). With public schools starting this week, we will check to see if starting earlier has not increased percentage of late arrivals. If because of students coming in late we are missing the first period anyway, we might as well go back to the regular schedule.



ADDITIONS TO THE CALENDAR

We have now included in the calendar (in Attachments) important dates besides the holiday and vacation days parents needed to know in advance to program their trips. Please take note:

Wednesday, March 8th. Elementary School Sports Day

Wednesday, March 15th. weLe@rn. BVS sponsored conference on digital learning. No school.

Saturday, March 25th. Family Day Picnic with Recreational Sports activities.

Wednesday, May 17th. Academic Fair

Wednesday, May 24th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th. Fifth Grade Musical with Fourth Grade choir.

Thursday, May 18th, Friday 19th. Research presentations by Ninth Grade A.

Wednesday, October 25th. Day of the Arts.

Friday, October 27th. Elementary School Concert.

Friday, November 17th. Teacher Appreciation Day. Happy Hour after school.

Thursday, November 23rd. School out at 12:20 pm to celebrate Thanksgiving.



PARENT MEETINGS

SECONDARY: Please save the night of Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 pm for Secondary Parents' Night. Ms. Zelaya invites Sixth A parents (new to middle school) to meet in Room 38 the same night at 5:00 pm. They will meet teachers and clarify any doubts in the transition to middle school.

ELEMENTARY: The parent meetings for this week are:

Fifth A:	Ms. Artiñano, Ms. Callís, Ms. Brenes:	Friday, February 10 th , 9:00 to 9:45 am
Second A2:	Ms. Muñoz and Ms. López:	Monday, February 13 th , 12:05 to 12:50 pm
Third A1:	Ms. Piza, Ms. Chacón, Ms. Brenes:	Tuesday, February 14 th , 9:20 to 10:05 am
Preparatory A:	Ms. Masís and Ms. Chacón:	Tuesday, February 14 th , 12:50 to 1:20 pm

HEALTH PROGRAM IN 5B

Starting this semester, the Student Services Department will implement a new program in 5 B called Health. The objective is to prepare students in topics pertaining to pre-adolescence including nutrition, eating disorders, exercise, personal hygiene, drugs/alcohol, digital citizenship, and expected physical-emotional changes through adolescence. This way, transition to middle school will be easier. Questions or comments at irene.ortega@bluevalley.ed.cr

QUICK PASS

We have contracted *Accesos Automáticos* to implement a quick pass system for the new entrance. Families will receive one quick pass for their car and will be able to buy a second one that we suggest they keep portable for use in different cars. In next week's bulletin, we will explain the procedure to obtain the quick pass. Implementation of the system begins this week.

WEDNESDAY LECTURE "FORMANDO CIUDADANOS"

Mr. Gustavo Román Jacobo will introduce the theoretic framework for this semester's series: "The responsibility of citizens and the media in the electoral processes" with the topic "Changes in the political perception of citizens." Friends and family are welcome to attend these excellent lectures.

REMINDERS

- **ACCIDENT INSURANCE:** Deadline to change coverage: Friday the 10th
- **ACADEMIC AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT** (temporarily from 2:20 to 3:20 pm):

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 Góchez 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 Klemprner 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. Bready/Ms. León Special Math		Ms. Marian 5 B1	
Ms. Artiñano ML 5A	Ms. Sáenz (Enrichment)			
Ms. Vargas-Love	Ms. Gross- Mont B2			



SIXTH, NINTH, AND ELEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS

To fulfill the procedures that MEP requires to issue the respective diplomas, it is important that these students submit by Friday the 17th a copy of their cédula, passport or resident ID to Alejandra in the Student Services office.

UNIFORMS

Some secondary school girls couldn't even comply with the concession that they could wear pants of their choice provided they were the same color as regulation uniforms. This semester they may wear out the ones they have, but for FS17 they **MUST** follow the rule (or will be obliged to buy the ones at ASEBVS.)



AMBASSADORS' NEWS

The ambassadors welcome the BVS family to the 2017 school year. In Attachments, the list of ambassadors and delegates for this semester as well as a letter with details about the VYDA program offered with the school's approval.

SPORTS

In Attachments please find the schedule for Tryouts and the Master Sports Schedule.



VALENTINE'S DAY IS HERE!

The Student Council is organizing several activities for Tuesday, February 14th. Students may wear a red, white, or pink t-shirt (remember no ripped jeans) for ₡400. They will be able to send hearts and love songs to serenade someone in the school. We will also have a bake sale. All the money earned will help finance the Battle of the Generations.

