



Tuesday, February 12th, 2019

BUILDING ALLIANCES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Last Friday, Ms. Scanlan visited



Colegio Técnico Profesional de Escazú accompanied by the mayor, **Mr. Arnoldo Barahona**, the school's director, and project representatives. During the tour she learned about how local government has invested significant resources into **advanced technology** to provide new opportunities for Escazú students, staff, and community members. **Teachers now have smart boards in their classrooms** and are currently being trained on the latest educational software. Training and additional resources will continue to be invested throughout the next four years. Escazú will also soon have their own community accessible "Inventoría".

After the visit, **Ms. Scanlan expressed:** "Blue Valley is looking for a long-term relationship to support our local educational partners with student and staff exchanges, collaboration, and volunteer opportunities for our community. We would like to centralize our efforts to make a greater impact over time."

FORMING CITIZENS



Human Rights in the Western Hemisphere Prison Systems

Secondary

Semester topics: death penalty, rehab, sanitary conditions, education, etc.

We will not have Facebook live streaming tomorrow.

PARENTS



STUDENT INSURANCE INCREASE (OPTIONAL)

Mont - 12A

Deadline: Friday, February 15th

Cost: ₡ 10,000

Blue Valley students are insured with Instituto Nacional de Seguros (INS) under a policy that protects them against accidents, 365 days a year inside the national territory. The coverage is up to ₡1.000.000, but parents may increase to **₡2.500.000. Now this policy will only be renewed once a year, parents won't be able to increase it in August.** For additional details, contact elza.dobles@bluevalley.ed.cr or call 2215-2204 ext. 101.

BVS Town Hall Meeting

Mont to 12A

Tuesday, February 25th, 7:30am, cafeteria.

Come together to chat about topics of interest and specific upcoming events in a positive spirit for the good of the community. Ms. Scanlan will share current initiatives to move from local excellence to global excellence.

Breakfast for New Parents

PrepA-10B

Friday, February 15th, 7:30am, Cafeteria

Join us in the cafeteria for breakfast and get to know other parents in your child's class! Click [here](#) for invitation. Please confirm attendance by sending an email to studentservicessec@bluevalley.ed.cr.

Meet the Teachers

Prep A-5B

Beginning Friday, February 15th through Friday, February 22nd

We cordially invite and encourage you to come meet your child's teachers. These initial meetings will provide essential information from our A class homeroom teachers and new teachers joining our BVS team, as well as our Spanish and Social Studies teachers. Click [here](#) for the specific dates and times for the elementary schedule.

PARENTS' NIGHT IN SECONDARY

6A* to 11B

Thursday, February 21st, 6:00pm, gym

***5:00pm in the library (informative meeting about the transition to 6A)**

We invite parents to an Open House where you will have the opportunity to meet your children's teachers. Ms. Gisele Cordero, temporary IB Coordinator, and Ms. Renee Lurie, College Counselor for universities abroad, will also be available.

USE OF CELL PHONES

Montessori to 5B

Our students safety is one of our primary goals. Therefore, we are reminding all that the use of cell phones by elementary students is not allowed. If students need to contact their parents, teachers and secretaries will help them immediately. It is important that **we protect the privacy of our students** and the therefore the posting of their photos to social media. If a student violates the cell phone use policy, the procedure in the Manual will be followed, and the cellphone will be returned after 14 days. Thank you for your cooperation and support of student safety.

AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT

After school academic support is offered to students **from 2:20pm to 3:20pm** once per week with the goal to provide support to students who are in need in a particular class or need help studying for an upcoming exam. At times, students may complete missed work after an excused absence also. This service is offered at no additional cost. Click [here](#) for the Montessori and Elementary schedule. Secondary's information will be published in the next edition of Connect.

FAMILY DAY

Due to **Blue Valley's 30th anniversary in August**, we will take the opportunity to celebrate Family Day on this transcendental date. We will share more details in the months to come.

CAFETERIA

We are all so excited to be enjoying our new cafeteria space. To help reduce the wait time in line, we advise our community to:

- Purchase lunch tickets before school or during breaks. (Montessori through 1B parents may drop off their child's lunch tickets with the student's name to their classroom teacher or assistant)
- Students from Prep A to 1B will only be allowed to purchase "treats" on the following days:

- 1B-Monday
- 1A-Tuesday
- PrepB-Thursday
- PrepA-Friday

Click [here](#) for this monthly's menu.

CONNECT Jr.

BREAKFAST FOR NEW PARENTS

Tuesday, February 19th, 7:30am, Cafeteria

Parents whose children are just starting their very first semester in BVS in Montessori 0 and 1, as well as those who are new students in levels 2, 3 and 4 will have a welcome breakfast on this day. Click [here](#) for invitation. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other and create bonds that will last throughout all their education at BVS!

SPORT CLUBS

Wednesday, February 13th:

Last day to submit form for participation in sports.

Friday, February 15th:

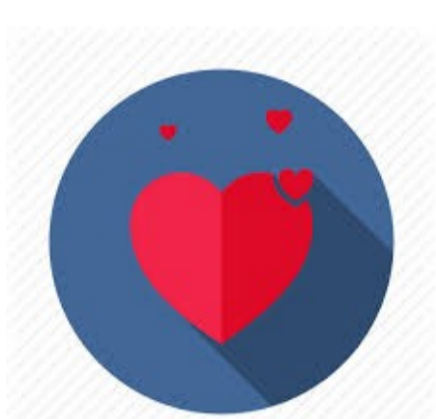
Group lists will be shared with parents.

Free Dress

Friday, February 15th

- **Montessori A: My Body**
- **Montessori B-C: Adaptation and Routine**
- **Enrichment: Unit: Ten Little Fingers / Valentine's Day**

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Celebrate Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 14th

The student government will have a special activity in assembly and will be having a bake sale during snack and lunch. Enjoy pastries and take the opportunity to send paper hearts to your friends!

College and Career Preparation and Information

Information about college fairs, summer programs, scholarship opportunities, information sessions, university updates, and events related to university admissions are posted here: [Blue Valley School / College Prep Facebook page](#).

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to **Valentina**

Ocampo, 3A, for winning 3rd place with a solo dance and be chosen as an Honor Dancer during Revive Competition in California.

You did an amazing job!

SPORTS

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ARMADILLOS!



CLUBS AND TEAMS

Trainings begin: Monday, February 18th.

Students must wear:

1. **Soccer:** blue uniform*, high blue socks, shins, tennis or soccer shoes.
2. **Basketball:** blue uniform* and tennis shoes.
3. **Volleyball:** blue uniform* and tennis shoes. Girls wear PE leggings.

***We now have a shirt for trainings (optional) if you prefer to use it instead of the official shirt and prevent wearing out the official shirt.**

- **Make sure to confirm** the player's number with Mr. Acuña first.
- **First order of uniforms:** February 18th-25th in ASEBVS. If the student needs to wait for a new one, he/she can wear the BVS physical education uniform or sports attire.
- Goalkeepers do not have to do tryouts just show up at trainings.
- The team lists will be posted on Friday, February 15th. Parents of students doing tryouts this day **will receive an email**, so that the student shows up on Monday for training.

DON'T FORGET!

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INSPIRED GLOBAL CAMPS COMPETITION

Don't miss the opportunity to win a place at a 2019 Inspired Summer Global Camp!

Enrollment is open for children aged 8-18 at time of entry.

The competition closes **on February 28th**; the winner will be announced on March 8th.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Film your child talking or doing the thing that inspires them the most.
2. Upload it to the contest page: inspirededu.com/competition.
3. Make sure you're following Inspired Education Group on **Facebook** and **Instagram** to stay up to date with competition news!

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SPACE CAMP MEETING

Wednesday, February 20th, **12:00pm**, library.

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