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**District announces date for Blue Valley Southwest information night, senior option and transfer deadlines**

The excitement is building as the Blue Valley School District prepares to open its fifth high school, Blue Valley Southwest. The new high school is scheduled to open in August 2010 at 175<sup>th</sup> and Quivira Rd.

The district will host a Blue Valley Southwest Community Information Evening on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 7-9 p.m. at the Blue Valley Service Center (Blue Valley Academy gymnasium), 7500 W. 149<sup>th</sup> Terr., Overland Park. Administrators, teachers, counselors and other key staff will be in attendance to answer questions. Topics will include academics, athletics and activities, building progress, transfer and senior option.

In addition to the informational night, the district has announced that January 6, 2010 is the deadline for seniors in the class of 2011, who reside in the attendance area for Blue Valley Southwest, to notify the district if they wish to remain at the school they attended during the 2009-10 school year. This is a special offer that the Board of Education is extending only to seniors in the class of 2011 who reside in the attendance area for Blue Valley Southwest. Letters will be mailed toward the end of October to parents of current juniors explaining the process for declaring the school their student plans to attend for their senior year. If the senior option form is not returned by Jan. 6, 2010 then the student will be assigned to Blue Valley Southwest High School. All freshmen, sophomores and juniors within the Blue Valley Southwest attendance area will attend Blue Valley Southwest.

January 6, 2010 also will be the deadline for any Blue Valley high school student in the district who does not live in the BVSU attendance area, but would like to request a transfer to attend Blue Valley Southwest. Transfer forms are available for download at [www.bluevalleyk12.org](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org) under Hot Topics.

It's important for parents and students to be aware and understand certain eligibility guidelines and transportation restrictions that are applicable when a new high school opens.

- Any current 8<sup>th</sup>-grader coming in as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader is immediately eligible for interschool extracurricular activities.
- Incoming 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who reside outside of the BVSU attendance area will be ineligible for varsity interschool extracurricular activities for eighteen weeks, beginning with the first day of their attendance. Students may be granted eligibility for non-varsity competition.
- Transportation is not provided for students who attend school outside their designated attendance area.

Questions about the senior option and transfers should be directed to Erin Berzina, planning and demographics research coordinator, at 913-239-4058. For questions about eligibility guidelines, please contact Gary Howard, BSW athletic director and assistant principal, at (913) 239-3783. More information about BSW can be found at [www.bluevalleyk12.org/bvsw](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/bvsw).

**Key dates:**

<b>Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009</b>	<b>Blue Valley Southwest Community Information Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010</b>	<b>BVSW Senior Option form deadline</b>
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010</b>	<b>BVSW Transfer form deadline</b>

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