

Celebrating 40 years of BV

1969



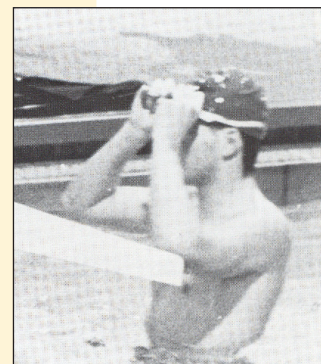
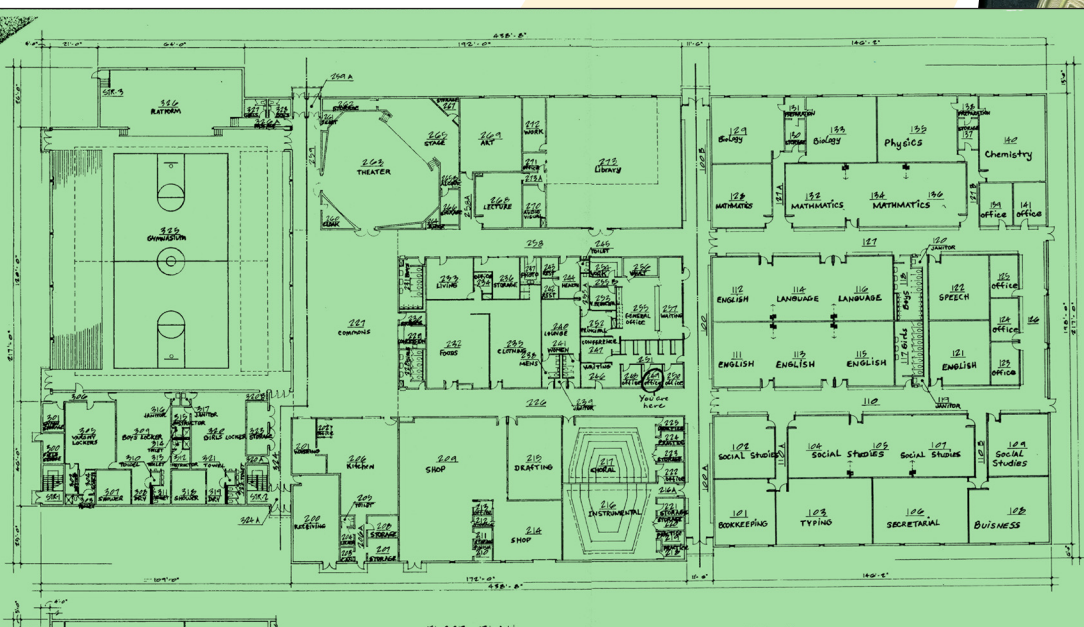
Blue Valley High School opens

BVHS opened at its temporary location (formerly Stanley High and currently the district office building).

New location and new traditions

Below is a map of the original layout of the school. During this year, there were 232 students and 41 staff members.

1970-1971



1986-1988

Boys swimming and diving

The team won state championships three years in a row.



1990 Tara Nott graduates

Tara Nott, who went on to win an Olympic gold medal in Weightlifting during the 2000 Summer Olympics, graduated this year.

1997

Josh Meyer graduates

Meyer appeared in the feature film *No Country for Old Men* in 2007 and has been pursuing a career in acting.

1996

Band performs in Orange Bowl Parade

Below is a photo of the 1996 band at a competition in Blue Springs. The band also performed at the Orange Bowl in Miami.



1999

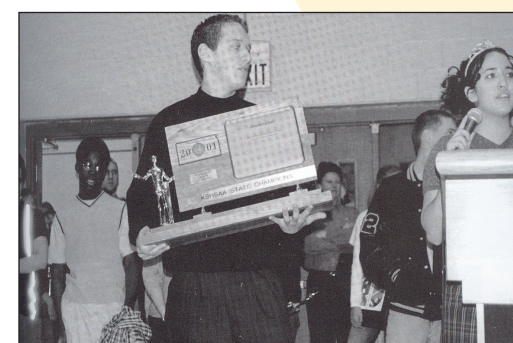
Senior Hallway

A new hallway was added to the school this year; now known as the senior hallway.

2000

2-speaker Debate Championship

This was Chris Riffer's first championship. "I had always wanted to coach a state title," Riffer said. "I thought it would be amazing. After winning my first state title, I arrived home around midnight. I told my wife that I had won and she said 'That's good, now you can go change your daughter's diaper.' Then I realized nothing had changed."



2004 Graduate: Hayley Podschun

What was your most memorable moment at BV?

"I loved going to the football games. My freshman and sophomore year I went to BV North and, no offense, but there was no school spirit there like there was at BV. So when I switched over to BV my junior year, and got to experience the games, not to mention us winning State my senior year. It was pretty cool."

What are you up to now?

Podschun played Tammy in the 2007 movie *Hairspray*. She also performed in multiple Broadway shows including *Hairspray* and *The Sound of Music*. In 2007 she was on the cover of *Dance Spirit Magazine's* July/August issue.



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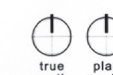
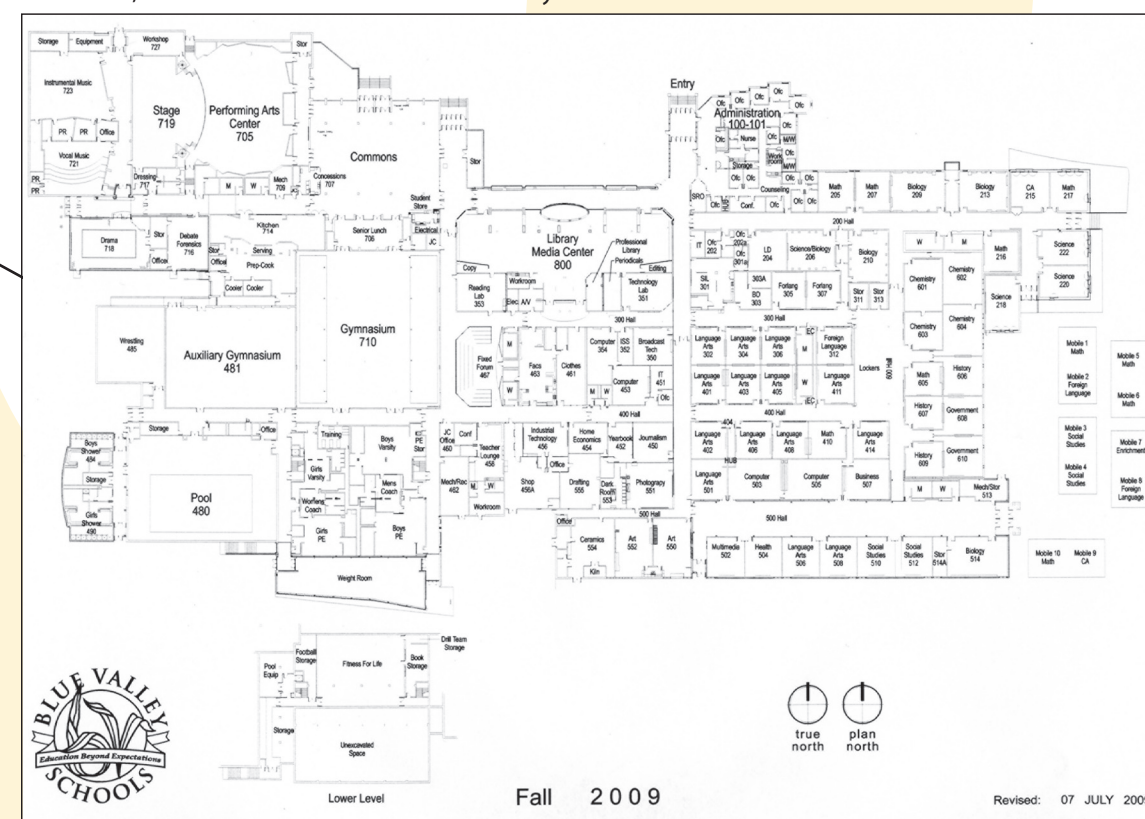
Kansas State Football Champions

One of the many titles BV football has. This season was one of only three undefeated seasons in BV history.

2009-2010

Current school year

After more construction, below is the latest layout of BV. There are currently around 1,518 students and 115 certified faculty.



Fall 2009

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1987 Graduate: Dirk Katstra

What was your most memorable moment at BV?

"When the decision was made to open BV North and the school board decided to split the senior class into their respective schools rather than letting us choose whether we all wanted to finish high school at BV. We organized a march to the school system administration building which was in the old Stanley Elementary building. We walked out of school and up to the offices to protest. I recall the powers were impressed with our dedication and position but ultimately decided against us. The next time a new school opened up in the district they gave the seniors a choice. Maybe that has its roots from our protest."



What are you up to now?

"After graduating from BV I attended the University of Virginia where I played basketball. Upon graduation from UVA, I remained in Charlottesville and run the University's athletics fundraising organization. I remember how our BV basketball coach Rick Taylor challenged us every day in practice to work hard, play hard and do things the right way. I know I try to continue to do this each day."