



NOVEMBER BOARD REPORT

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MAKING IT HAPPEN AT IVHS!

Trimester One Is Almost In The Books!

As we enter the twilight of the first trimester, we have a lot to be thankful for at Illinois Valley High School. Our teachers have been working hard to support our students learning and our students are embracing the Proficiency Based Learning Model.

Parent-teacher conferences were a success as we had more parents attend conferences than last year. We had a targeted effort in calling and inviting parents to conferences and it paid off. At progress report time, we had an average of one incomplete per student and with the implementation of our Success Period, we expect that number to drop. We have an average of 250 students in intervention in Math, Reading, Writing, and Science every Wednesday. At this time, we are also providing enrichment to 100 students that are showing proficiency in their core classes. We are planning on having over 20 enrichments for the second trimester if needed.

Cougar athletics came to an end last Friday night with the football team winning a mud filled battle at Rogue River. The boys battled back from 9 points with three minutes left to get the win. Our boys and girls soccer teams were both one win away from making

the playoffs in one of the most competitive leagues in the state. We have a lot of young talent and the future is bright across the board. We are looking forward to a successful winter sports season as our wrestling team returns all state placers from a team that finished fifth at state last year.

IV is beginning our planning for our OAKS testing and will begin testing next month. We are preparing students in various ways for this year's assessments. We have Megan Brown teaching our Proficiency classes for Reading, Writing, and Math. These classes are designed to give targeted intervention to students that have previously not met the benchmarks on their OAKS assessments. We are also dedicating part of our Success Period to preparing all juniors for their test this year. The flexibility with our Success periods will allow us to prepare all of our juniors with targeted instruction and test preparation.

Other news...

- All Sophomores and 15 Jr.'s completed the PSAT's
- Students, parents, and staff are excited about our Success Period and are looking forward to expanding it second trimester.

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COUGAR PRIDE IN THE ILLINOIS VALLEY

- Curriculum and instruction is a priority with administrative quick visits and our classrooms are doing well with clearing the target for our students.
- We are working on improving our collaborative efforts towards student achievement and teacher effectiveness. Teachers are using their collaborative time to reflect on student learning and instructional strategies.
- IVHS welcomed in Keith Deltano to the Illinois Valley to address bullying at our three schools. Mr. Deltano has served and worked with youth for many years in various roles, including as a military police officer, public school teacher, youth leader, private counselor, and educational comedian. Keith taught sixth grade and won the Teaching Excellence Award for his work with at risk youth. He has been listed in Who's Who of America's Teachers and Outstanding Young Men of America. He was granted The National Impact Award for his work in parent outreach and education.
- As with our other schools, we are entering the challenge of harvest season and face the daily challenge of marijuana in our schools as well as the social acceptance in our community.