

MARCH 2026  
HIDDEN VALLEY MUSTANG  
**NEWSLETTER**



**Mustangs —**

As winter turns to spring, the energy at Hidden Valley is strong. We're finishing one season with pride and stepping confidently into the next.

**Winter Highlights**

Wrestling sent 11 athletes to compete in Portland — an incredible accomplishment. Swimming had multiple placers and a strong finish. Boys Basketball are League Champions and playoff-bound, one win away from the "Great 8." Girls Basketball, Bowling, and Wrestling all competed with heart and class.

Winter athletes — you set the standard.

**Spring Is Here**

Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, and Golf are underway. Thank you to Coach Ryan Wilson for improvements to the baseball field, and to AD Sam Osofsky for creative budgeting that brought upgrades to both baseball and softball facilities. We're not just playing — we're building for the future.

**Academic Masters**

On March 5 at 6:30 PM, five students will compete at North Valley in Science, Math, Music, English, and Social Studies. We're proud of these varsity-level scholars and wish them the best.

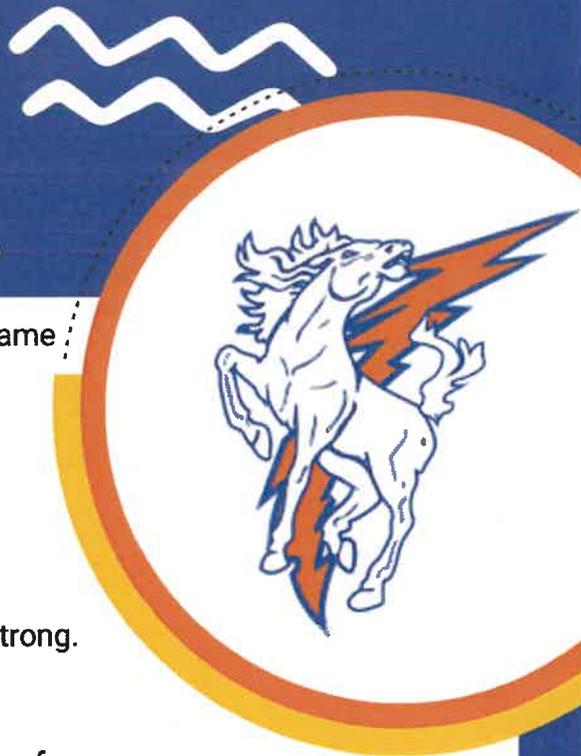
**March & April = Academic Championship Season**

While spring sports take the field, March and April mark our academic playoffs. During these important months, students will participate in OSAS testing, district assessments, AP exams, and RCC placement testing.

These opportunities matter. Attendance matters. Preparation matters. Participation matters.

For our juniors especially, OSAS is a chance to step up and represent Hidden Valley academically. This is more than a test — it reflects our teaching, our learning, our effort, and our pride as a school community.

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We need every student in the lineup. You cannot win the game if you are not in the batter's box.

Parents, we ask for your partnership in encouraging:

- On-time arrival
- Full attendance
- A positive mindset
- Maximum effort

We want our Mustangs to swing big, run hard, and finish strong.

This matters to our school.

This matters to our community.

This is our moment to show what Hidden Valley is capable of.

**Mustang PWR**

Purpose. Work Ethic. Respect.

In the classroom and in competition, we show up ready.

Spring is here.

Let's finish strong and knock it out of the park.

**GO BE GREAT!**

— Damian Crowson, Principal



**Spring Break!**

*March 23-27*



Hidden Valley Choir and Band  
presents

# Spring CONCERT

MARCH  
WEDNESDAY | **11** | 6:00-7:30 PM  
2026

651 Murphy Creek Rd, Grants Pass, OR 97527

*See you there*



Congratulations to the Hidden Valley High School Mock Trial Team! 🏆  
Our outstanding student attorneys earned 2nd place at the Regional Mock Trial Competition, showcasing their dedication, preparation, and courtroom skill. Their hard work has secured them a place at the State Competition on March 14-15! Mock Trial demands intense preparation, critical thinking, and confident performance in the courtroom – and these students rose to the challenge. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented Hidden Valley High School. Go Mustangs!



Hidden Valley High School  
Battle of the Books Team

Coach:  
Tracey Chomness

Team Members:  
Jewell Lansberry  
Aaliyah Michael  
Payton Castro

Your HVHS placed 2nd at the Battle of the Books competition! 📖 They will advance to Regionals on March 14. Good luck to our team—we're proud of you!

*Spring is a reminder how beautiful change can be.*



HIDDEN VALLEY  
MUSTANG TEAM



# ACADEMIC MASTERS

Join us at the 43rd Annual Academic Masters Finals as we support the Academic Masters Champions from Grants Pass High School, Hidden Valley High School, Illinois Valley High School, and North Valley High School.

North Valley High School  
Thursday, March 5  
6:30 pm

Joey Sahr - Social Studies  
Brent Kolkow - Mathematics  
Christopher Jordan - Science  
Salvaje Terranova - English



Attended: Liz Elkins, Tammy Allen, Damian Crowson

## Hidden Valley High School Update

### Upcoming Dates

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Evening of **April 9** and morning of **April 10**
  - **Classified Appreciation Week:** March 2–6
  - **Spring Sports Begin:** March 2
  - **Serve GP:** May 16
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### Academics & District Updates

There is a new, standardized process across TRSD for determining **Valedictorian and Salutatorian**. This will be reviewed in greater detail following third semester.

Jessica has begun building the **master schedule for next year**, carefully navigating current budget reductions which may result in a possible reduction in staff. At this time, we anticipate enrollment numbers similar to this year, not including new students or transfers. For reference, we enrolled **73 new students last year**.

Damian is developing potential new **CTE courses** in:

- Human Resources
- Child Development

Damian also presented our **accreditation report** at the recent board meeting. We received an overall score of **30**, which is a passing rating.

Our student panel met with the school board and did a fabulous job representing student needs, receiving rave reviews. The **FFA program** served as the focus group and gave an excellent presentation outlining their current work and future plans.

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## Activities & Athletics Highlights

Winter sports are wrapping up with several exciting accomplishments:

- Boys basketball will compete in a playoff game.
- We have **11 wrestlers** competing at state. After the first round, **6 are still in medal contention.**
- The boys swimming relay team placed **6th in two events**, and **Ryker Rasmussen** earned **3rd place in the 50-yard freestyle.**

March 2 officially marks the beginning of spring sports.

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## Academic & Club Success

- **National Honor Society** will hold its induction ceremony in April. Approximately **120 students are eligible** this year.
  - The **Mock Trial Team** is advancing to the Regional Competition in Portland on **March 13–14**. They placed **2nd in Southern Oregon**, defeating 6A schools, and are the first school from Josephine County to advance this far. The team is currently fundraising to support the trip. Go Mustangs!
  - The **Battle of the Books Team** placed **2nd** in their competition and will advance to regionals in **Medford on March 14**. Good luck, ladies!
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## Campus Projects

Serve GP on **May 16** will focus on campus improvements, including:

- Painting and upgrading the stadium
  - Potential improvements to the front entrance
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It is exciting to see so many accomplishments across academics, athletics, and student activities. We are proud of our Mustangs and grateful for the continued support of our staff and community.