💜 Wear Purple on November 12! 💜

November 12 is International Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Awareness Day. CJD is a rare, rapidly progressive and fatal brain disease that affects approximately 1–2 people per million each year. Currently, there is no cure or known way to prevent the disease.

On November 27, 2022, our school community member, Annie Van Tuyl, lost her husband to this devastating disease. His illness progressed quickly, with only about six weeks between the onset of symptoms and his passing. Because CJD is so rare, families often face uncertainty and unanswered questions during an already heartbreaking time.

Raising awareness is an important step toward supporting research, improving education, and providing resources for families affected by CJD. The CJD Foundation works to educate families, caregivers, and professionals while supporting scientific research and collaboration.

Please join us in wearing purple on November 12 to honor those we have lost, support the families affected by CJD, and help raise awareness of this rare disease. By coming together, we can show Annie and others in our community that they are not alone.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Blood Drive on October 26, a success!

Illinois Valley HS took the top spot for efficiency (138.1%). We had their highest Power Red collection in the past 4 years. Collections have been trending down the past several years and a good amount of first time donors helped us have our highest-collecting drive since 2022. We will host another drive in the Spring!

Coach of the Year

⚽ Congratulations, Coach Amy! ⚽

Congratulations to Miss Amy Schell-Lapora on being voted Boys Soccer Coach of the Year! This well-deserved recognition celebrates her dedication, leadership, and commitment to her athletes. We are proud to have her as part of our school community!

Way to go, Coach Amy! 🎉