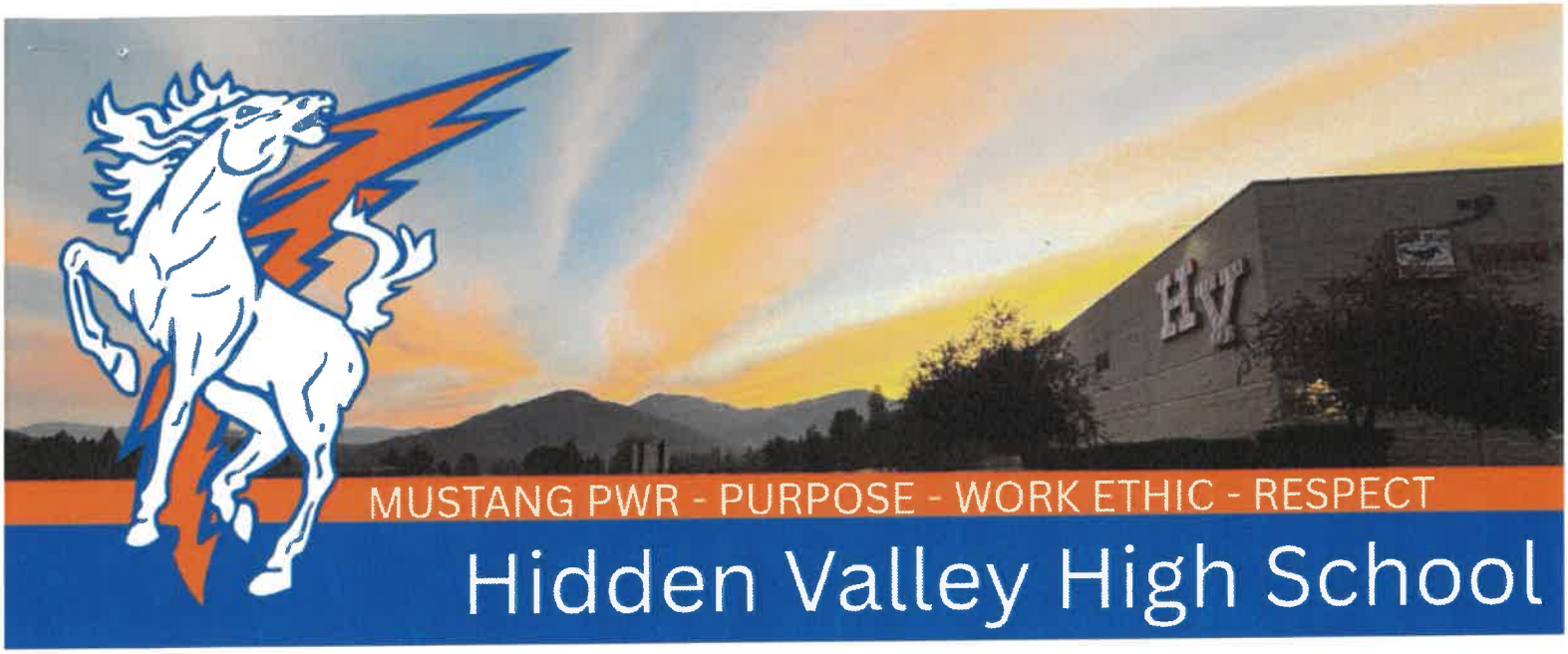


Mustang Pride — November 2026

A Message from the Principal



GO BE GREAT, MUSTANGS!

Mustang Families,

It is hard to believe we are already heading into November! The first nine weeks of school are behind us, fall sports are wrapping up, winter sports are right around the corner, and we are quickly approaching the halfway point of our first semester. Time certainly flies when you are busy being a Mustang!

As we move into November, I want to share some important information, celebrate our students, and remind everyone of the important role we ALL play in helping our Mustangs be successful.

At Hidden Valley High School, we continue to focus on our core values of **Purpose, Work Ethic, and Respect (P.W.R.)**. These aren't just words on a wall. They are expectations we want our students to demonstrate every day, in the classroom, in competition, and throughout our community.



Attendance Matters — Every Day Counts!

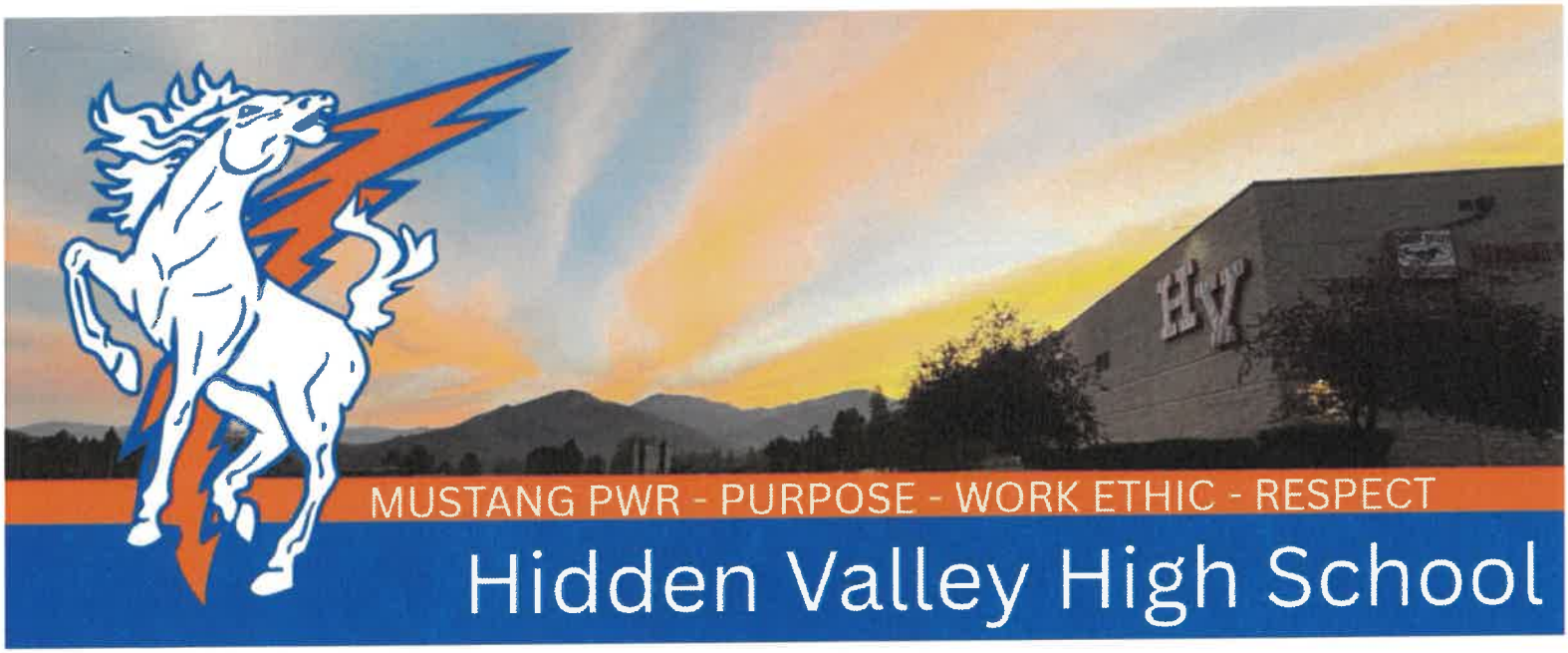
I want to spend a moment talking about something that has a tremendous impact on student success: **ATTENDANCE!** It is pretty simple. We need our students HERE! Oregon's regular attendance benchmark is 90% or better, and at Hidden Valley, we want our Mustangs attending at least **92% of their scheduled school days**.

Missing just a day here and a day there adds up quickly, and before you know it, students are missing valuable instruction, falling behind on assignments, and struggling to keep up. Being present is the first step. Being productive and making progress are the next two!

We want our students showing up on time, ready to learn, participating in class, completing assignments, and taking ownership of their education.

Parents, your support in this area is incredibly important. Help us reinforce the importance of showing up, being on time, and putting in the work.

Purpose. Work Ethic. Respect. It all starts with being here and being ready!



Parent-Teacher Conferences — November 4, 5 & 6

We are excited to welcome our Mustang families to campus for our fall parent-teacher conferences!

With the first quarter coming to a close, this is a great opportunity to check in, ask questions, celebrate successes, and identify areas where your student might need a little extra support.

Wednesday, November 4 | 4:30–7:30 PM

- Arena-style conferences in the library. No appointments necessary! Stop by and visit with your student's teachers.
- Our counseling team and graduation coach will also be available to assist families with second-semester scheduling and schedule change requests.



Thursday, November 5 | 4:30–7:30 PM

- Arena-style parent-teacher conferences continue in the library.
- **6:00 PM — Winter Sports Parent & Athlete Information Meeting in the Gym.**
- If your student plans to participate in winter athletics, we strongly encourage both parents and athletes to attend. This is an important opportunity to review expectations, responsibilities, and information for the upcoming season.

Friday, November 6 | 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

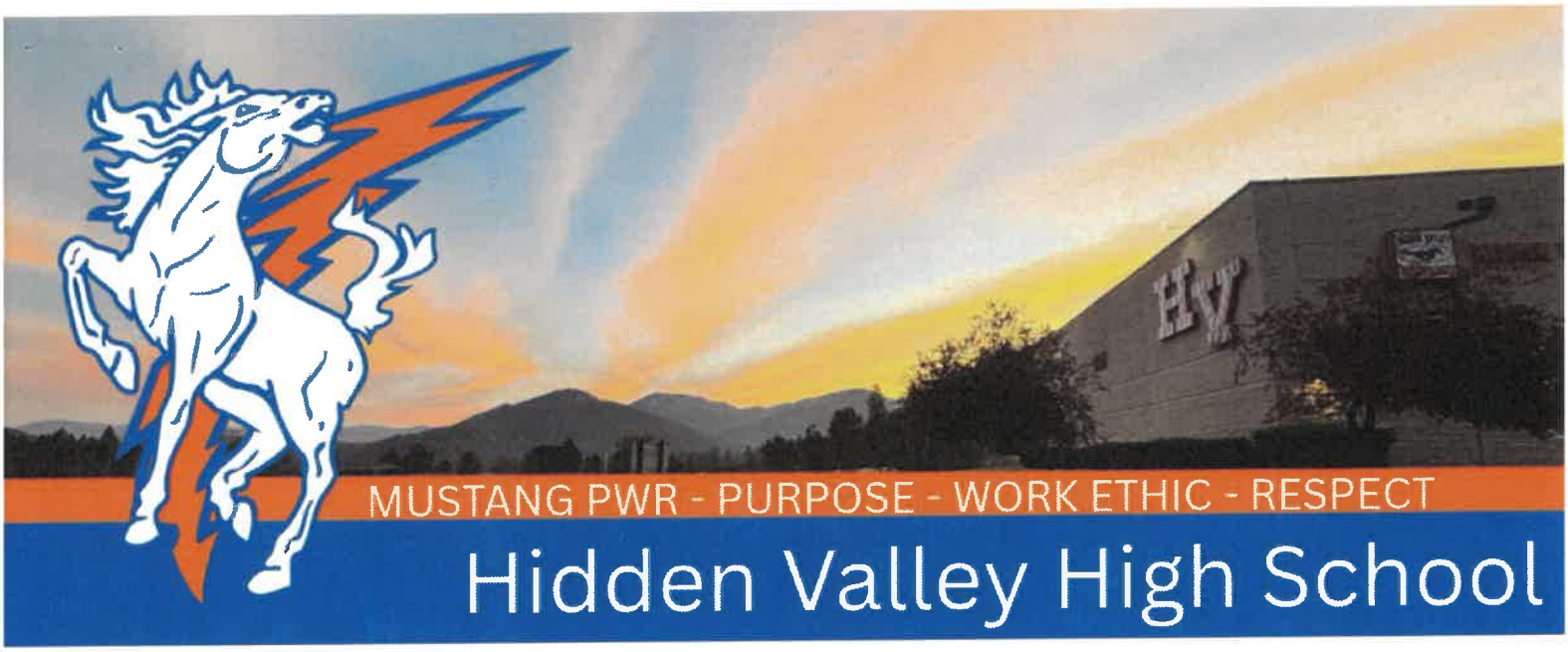
- Our final opportunity for fall conferences.
- The counseling team and graduation coach will again be available to assist with second-semester scheduling and schedule changes.

Parents, I cannot emphasize enough how valuable these conversations are.

We have nine more weeks remaining in Semester 1. That means there is still plenty of time to make adjustments, improve grades, build better habits, and finish the semester strong!

Is your student on track? Are assignments getting completed? Are they attending regularly? Are they asking for help when needed?

Our teachers want your students to succeed, and your partnership makes an incredible difference. Please take advantage of this opportunity to connect!



Fall Sports Wrap-Up — Thank You, Mustangs!

What a great fall season to be a Mustang!

As our fall sports seasons come to a close, I want to congratulate all of our student-athletes who represented Hidden Valley High School this fall. The commitment required to balance academics, practices, competitions, travel, and everything else that comes with being a high school student-athlete is something to be proud of.

To our athletes, coaches, families, and supporters — **THANK YOU!**

Wins and losses are part of competition, but the lessons learned through teamwork, perseverance, discipline, and sportsmanship last far beyond the season.

That is Mustang P.W.R. in action!

Winter Sports — Here We Come!



Just because fall sports are wrapping up doesn't mean things are slowing down around Hidden Valley!

We are excited to kick off another winter sports season with opportunities for students to participate in:

- Boys Basketball and Girls Basketl
- Boys and Girls Swimming
- Boys and Girls Wrestling
- Cheerleading
- Equestrian







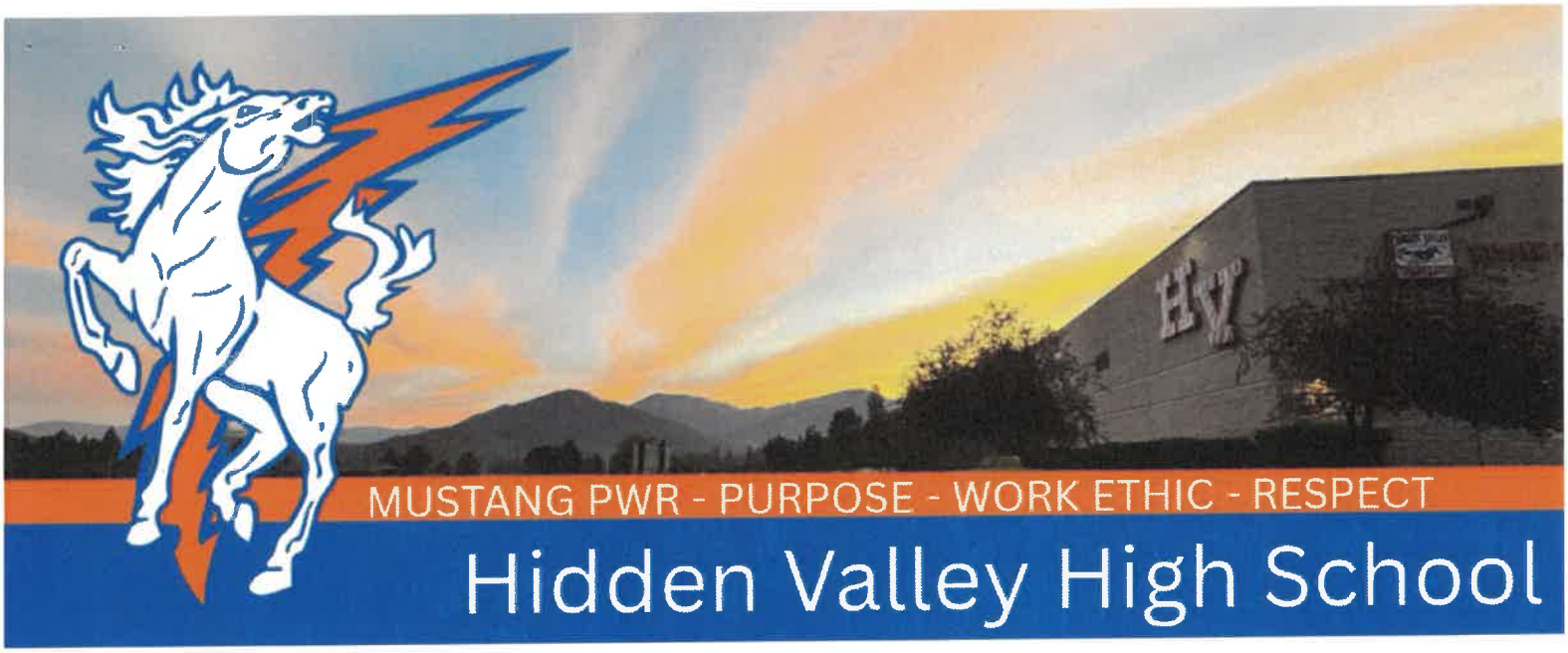
If your student plans to participate, please make sure you have completed the following:



- An updated and valid sports physical
- Required athletic fees paid
- Registration completed through **Synergy Athletics**

And don't forget our **Winter Sports Parent & Athlete Meeting on Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 PM in the gym!**

We want our student-athletes prepared, eligible, and ready to represent the Mustangs!



Honoring Our Veterans — November 9 & 10

November is also a special time for us to recognize and honor the men and women who have served our country.

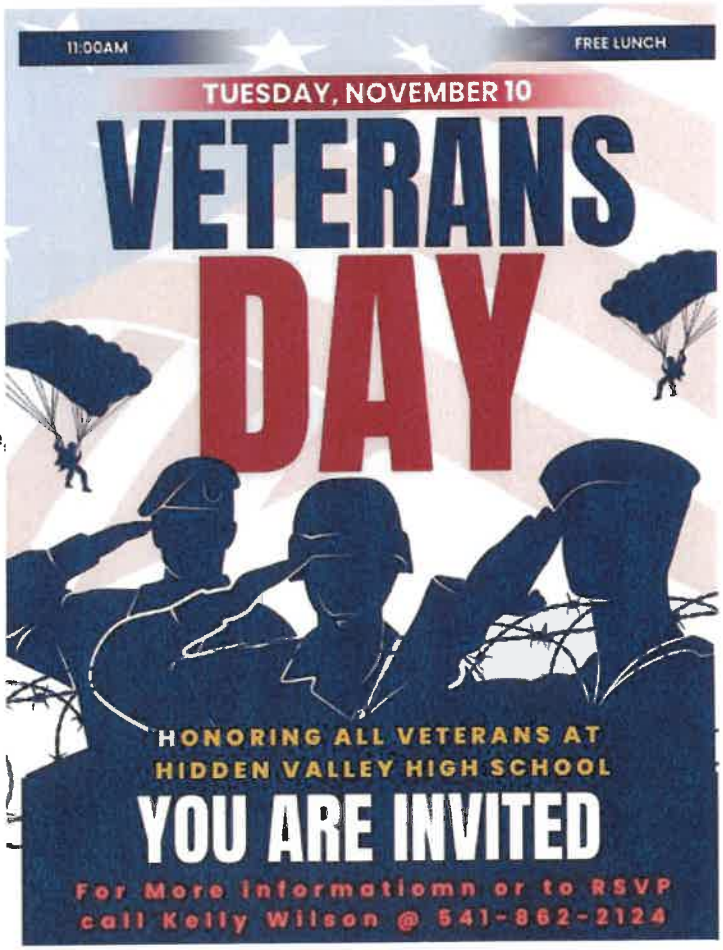
On **Monday, November 9**, students from all Three Rivers School District high schools will come together at the Josephine County Fairgrounds for a special musical tribute honoring our veterans.

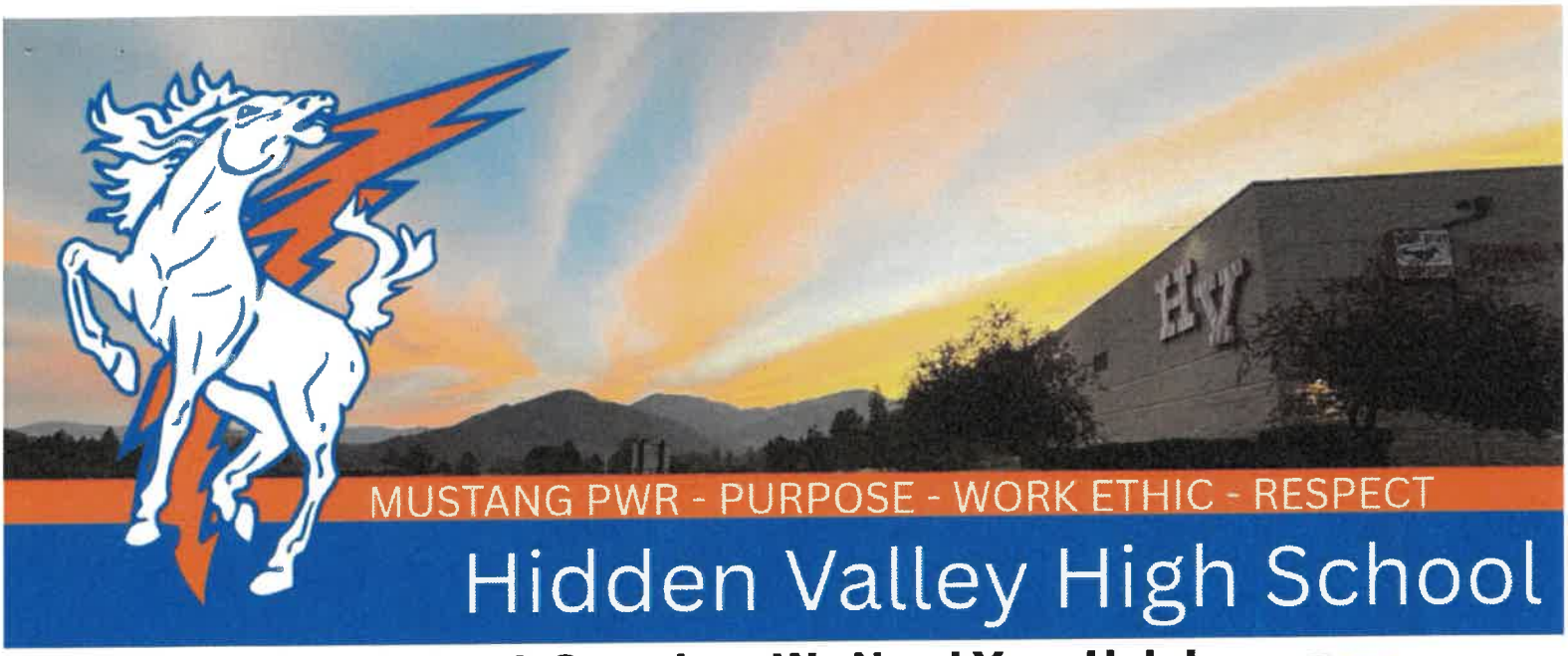
We are excited to have our students join together through music to express appreciation for the service and sacrifice of the men and women of our military.

We encourage our Mustang families and community members to join the festivities! Additional details about the musical event will be shared as they become available.

On **Tuesday, November 10**, Hidden Valley High School will host our annual **Veterans Day Celebration**. We are honored to welcome local veterans to our campus, along with a keynote speaker, to share experiences, stories, and perspectives with our students.This is always a meaningful opportunity to remind our students that freedom, service, sacrifice, and respect are more than words.

To our veterans and military families, thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your commitment to our country.
We are proud to honor you!





The Great Chromebook Search — We Need Your Help!



Okay, Mustang families...we need your help with a little treasure hunt!

Somewhere out there, we have Chromebooks that need to find their way back home to Hidden Valley High School.

Maybe your student transferred from another school. Maybe there is an old Chromebook sitting in a stack of papers. Maybe it is hiding under a bed, in the back of a closet, stuffed in a drawer, or buried somewhere in your student's room.

Please take a few minutes and LOOK!

These devices are incredibly important to the work we do every day. Every Chromebook that is missing is one less device we have available to put into the hands of a student who needs it.

We also want families to understand that Chromebooks are district property. If a device assigned to your student is lost or not returned, your family may be charged for its replacement.

If you discover a school Chromebook that needs to be returned, please bring it to the **Hidden Valley High School front office**. Help us get these devices back where they belong and into the hands of our Mustangs!

November Weather — Slow Down and Stay Safe!

November brings some changes to Southern Oregon. The temperatures are dropping, the roads are getting wet, daylight is getting shorter, and our local deer seem to believe they have the right-of-way!

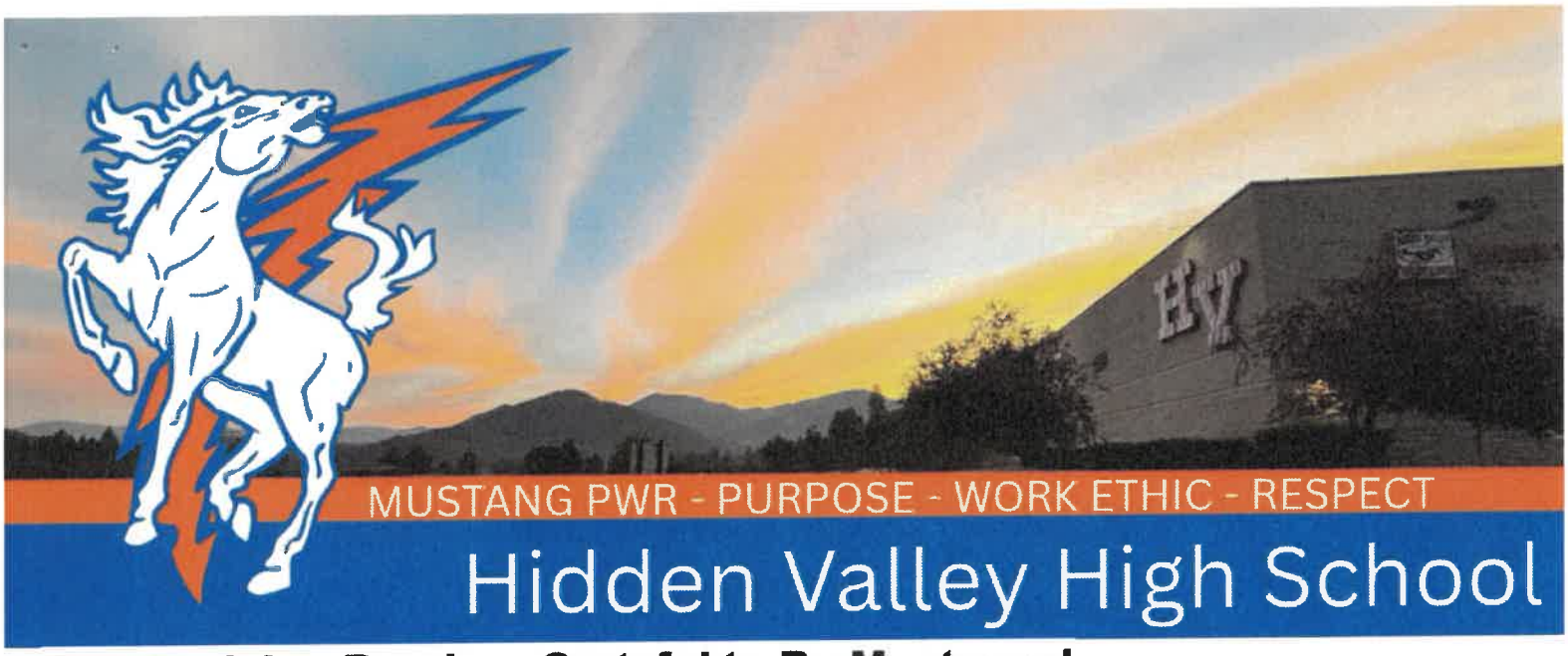
With the end of Daylight Saving Time arriving on November 1, our mornings and evenings will look a little different.

Please be careful as you travel to and from school, practices, events, and work.

Give yourself a few extra minutes. Slow down on wet pavement. Watch for wildlife, especially during the early morning and evening hours. Be mindful of students walking near our campus and vehicles entering and leaving our parking lots.

No appointment, practice, or school bell is worth putting yourself or someone else at risk.

We want every Mustang and every Mustang family member arriving safely at their destination.



Thanksgiving Break — Grateful to Be Mustangs!

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to remind our Mustang families that **school IS in session on Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24!**

I know the holiday season brings travel plans, family gatherings, and a lot of excitement, but we need our students here for BOTH of these school days.

Wednesday, November 25, is available for travel, followed by Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26.

Please help us make these two school days count!

We still have important learning taking place, assignments to complete, and progress to make before the end of the semester. Every day matters, and we don't want our students missing valuable instructional time simply because a holiday is around the corner.

Now, speaking of Thanksgiving...

I want to take a moment to share just how THANKFUL we are at Hidden Valley High School!

We are thankful for our students. We are thankful for our families. We are thankful for our teachers, coaches, support staff, and the countless people who give their time and energy to make Hidden Valley such a special place.

And we are especially thankful for this incredible community!

There is something special about being a Mustang. Our school has a rich history, built on generations of families, traditions, friendships, and people who take pride in calling Hidden Valley home.

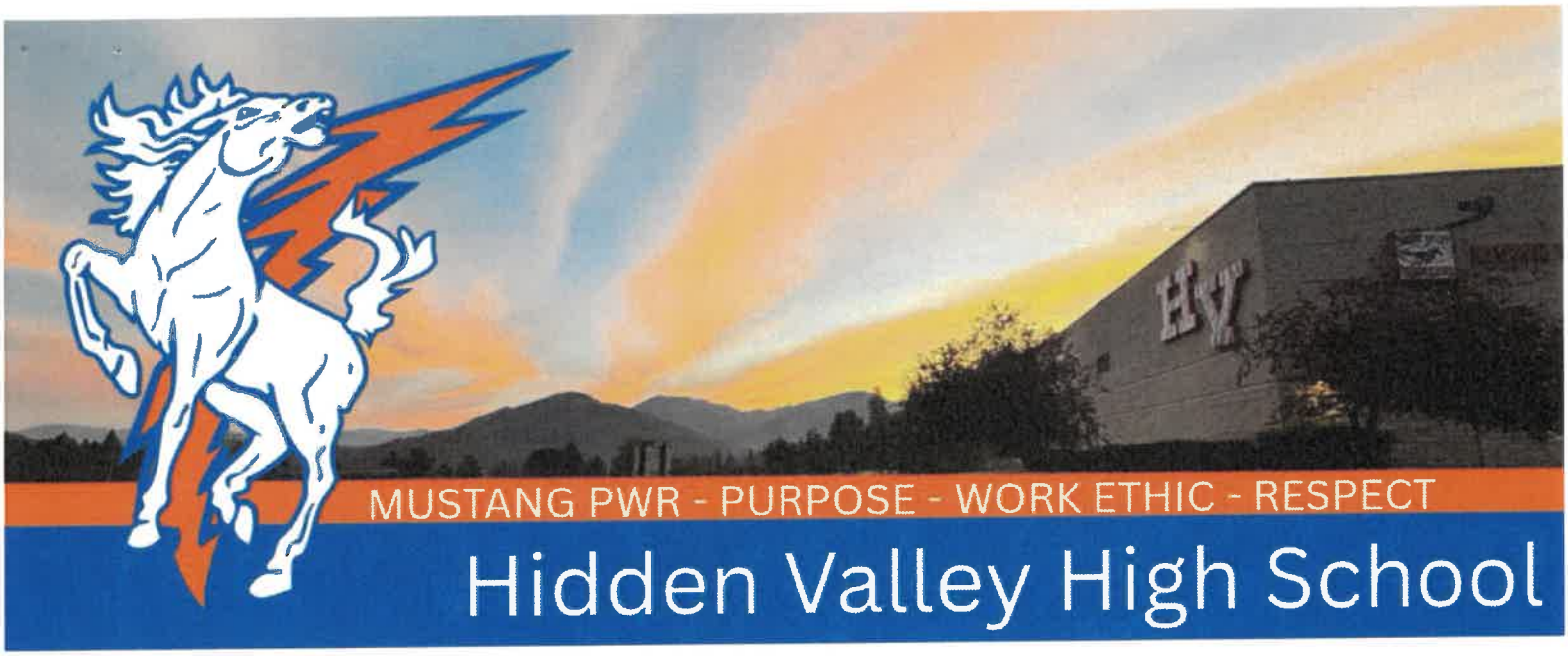
We are proud of our Mustangs — past, present, and future!

Proud of the graduates who have gone on to do great things, proud of the students who walk our hallways today, and excited about the next generation of Mustangs who will carry on our traditions.

As we celebrate our 50th year at Hidden Valley High School, I am reminded that a school is so much more than classrooms, hallways, and athletic fields. It is the people, the relationships, the memories, and the community that make it special.

On behalf of the entire HVHS staff, thank you for allowing us to be part of your students' lives. It is a responsibility we take seriously and a privilege we are grateful for.

From our Mustang family to yours, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, laughter, and plenty of reasons to be thankful.



Finishing Strong — The Mustang Way!

As we head into November, I want to challenge all of our students to take a moment and reflect on their first nine weeks.

Are you giving your best effort? Are you making progress? Are you treating others with respect? Are you taking advantage of the opportunities in front of you?

Remember, **success isn't always about being the smartest student, the best athlete, or the most talented person in the room. Sometimes success is simply about showing up, working hard, doing the right thing, and refusing to give up.**

That is what we want for every student at Hidden Valley High School.

Parents, thank you for trusting us with your students and for continuing to support the work we do. Our school is at its best when students, staff, families, and our community are all pulling in the same direction.

For 50 years, generations of Mustangs have helped build something special here in Murphy, Oregon. Our responsibility is to continue that tradition, to take pride in where we have been, work hard at where we are, and be excited about where we are going.

We are proud of our students. We are proud of our staff. We are proud of our community. And we are proud to be MUSTANGS!

Let's make November a great month at Hidden Valley!

Purpose. Work Ethic. Respect.

GO BE GREAT!

Damian Crowson
Principal, Hidden Valley High School
Proud to be a Mustang!