



# Trimester #1 – Board Report

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## MAKING IT HAPPEN AT IVHS!

### Happy Holidays!

What a great time to be a Cougar! The staff and students at IVHS have had an incredible first trimester. Initial grades are in and students and teachers are working hard to wrap up their first trimester classes.

This year started off with a bang. We have successfully implemented our PBIS (positive behavior intervention and supports) program for the school year. IVHS students have decreased discipline referrals and our attendance is up compared to last year. Our students are expected to display P.R.I.D.E. in our school: Perseverance-Respect-Integrity-Discipline-Excellence. For the first trimester, our staff has recognized nearly 80% of our students for displaying PRIDE in the hallways, cafeteria, and in the classroom. Each trimester, IVHS recognizes the students that have maintained 92% attendance, zero referrals, and had less than 5 tardies. These students are eligible to attend our "COUGAR TREK" field trip. This trimester, we had 48% of our student body qualify for our trek to a Portland Trailblazer game. The students will be attending the December 6<sup>th</sup> contest in Portland.

### Academic Success

Illinois Valley HS recently received their school report card issued by the Oregon Department of Education. IVHS received a score of 3 (satisfactory) out of 5 on the report. There are many factors that go into the overall score, however Illinois Valley HS was the only high school in Josephine County in increase their percentage passing on 3 out of the 4 OAKS tests (Reading, Math, Science). This is a big accomplishment and a testament to how hard our students and staff are working.

This year at Illinois Valley High School, we are fortunate to receive the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant. This grant is targeted towards creating and sustaining after school programs for our students. We are currently offering classes in Welding, Drama, Speech and Debate, Battle of the Books, Video Production, Jazz Band, Auto Shop, Weight Training, Mathletes, as well as Homework Help House four days per week before and after school. These opportunities are extremely valuable in the success of students academically and socially. This is a five year grant, but we are continually working on strategies to help create a viable and sustainable program for the future.

# COUGARS

# IV

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

## FIRST TRIMESTER

### Extra Curricular

This Fall, IVHS athletics experienced a lot of success on and off the field. The IV Cougar football team made the playoffs for the fourth time in school history after a 6 – 4 record through the regular season. The team had to travel 1,000 miles round trip to Nyssa Oregon and lost in the first round of the playoffs. It was a great season highlighted by James Thompson rushing for a school record 2,052 yards and 19 touchdowns. With a lot of returning players, the boys look forward to an exciting 2014 year. Each of our Winter sports teams are poised for possible playoff runs with our wrestling program looking at another top 5 placing at state. Our Music program had a great performance this trimester and are priming for a spectacular Winter Concert next week.

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