

COUGAR NEWSLETTER

By Principal Casey Alderson

MAKING IT HAPPEN AT IVHS!

Welcome Back!

What a great month to be a Cougar! The staff and students at IVHS have had an incredible month of change. We have 5 new staff members, a new administration, and 352 students excited about the 2012/13 school year.

This September started off with a bang. We have successfully implemented our PBIS (positive behavior intervention and supports) program for the school year and 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 month of September, our staff have recognized 211 students for displaying PRIDE in the hallways, cafeteria, and in the classroom.

Cougar Homecoming Week was last week and the students competed in spirit competitions as well as a parade through Cave Junction. Our students made stops at Evergreen Elementary and Lorna Byrne, high fiving all the elementary and middle school students.

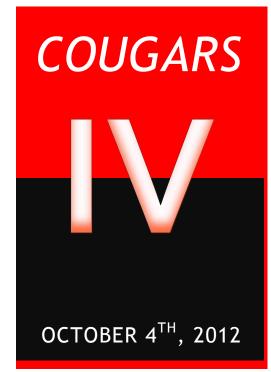
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SUCCESS AT IVHS

We are implementing our SUCCESS Periods next week. The teachers at IV will be providing support for our students in four areas: Math, Writing, Reading/Social Studies, and Science. These core area teachers will provide intervention to students that are failing to reach proficiency in these classes. Our core teachers will request students to meet with on during Wednesday intervention/enrichment time. Priority will rotate by core area for kids that need intervention in multiple areas. We feel that intervening with students in their core classes has to be our priority to increase our graduation rate and student success. Students that do not need intervention in these four areas will get to experience an enrichment class of their choice. We are offering 18 different enrichments for these students ranging from computer classes, speech and debate, drama, and community service opportunities with the forest service, BLM, library, and the Fishwatch Program.

This type of focused intervention will allow teachers to work with the individuals students that need support and create the atmosphere where failure is not an option!



COUGAR PRIDE IN THE ILLINOIS VALLEY



Homecoming 2012

(Above) Cougar cheerleaders leading the parade through town for the annual Homecoming parade through town. Cheerleaders led the march through town with all the students and floats behind.

(Lower) The Cougar football team and cheerleaders stop to do the IV rumble with the students from Lorna Byrne. Thank you to the staff and students for participating in our Homecoming parade!

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PSAT's October 17th

All sophomores will be taking the PSAT on Oct. 17th. If there are Juniors that would like to take the PSAT, the cost will be \$14. Juniors need to sign up with Ms. Thornhill in the counseling office.

It is recommended that Juniors take the SAT in the spring, and as seniors take the SAT again in the fall. The SAT is given at IVHS on Jan. 26th and May 4^{th,} 2013. To sign up, register at www.collegeboard.org.

Financial Aid Night For Seniors

Seniors and their Parents – there will be an college financial aid information night held here at IVHS on Nov. 27th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you are planning on going to college, this informational session will cover the FAFSA process as well as explain other funding resources for college. Also, the IVHS local scholarship packet will be available to students and their parents. You won't want to miss this night!

Scholastic Book Fair

Dear Families and Friends of IVHS:

LET'S HAVE A DATE NIGHT! Please plan on attending.

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair at IVHS Dec. 12-18 and the evening of Dec. 13 from 4:00- 9:00 before and during the basketball game. Please come and visit the sale. Books make wonderful gifts and encourage a love of reading. Refreshments will be served while you wander through the various selections we will have for sale. I'm looking forward to meeting you.

Mrs. Trudy Stehelin

Library Manager

Parents Role and Attendance

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Please follow the listed items below to help your student:

Late to school:

Please call, e-mail or send a note with student to the attendance office.

Please state <u>Doctors apt</u>, <u>Illness</u> or <u>Family emergency</u>, the day the lateness occurs.

Absent all day or a portion of the day: Please call, e-mail or send a note with student to the attendance office

Please state <u>Doctors apt</u>, <u>Illness</u> or <u>Family emergency</u>, the day the absence occurs.

Phone #: 541-592-2116 E-mail address:

mary.paul@threerivers.k12.or.us

I want to be of help for your students. If I can help in anyway please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Thank you, Mrs. Paul Attendance / Ed Lab

Parent Assist

Parent Assistant is available on the school website for you to monitor your student's grades.

The website address is: www.threerivers.k12.or.us

Go to: Illinois Valley Area (tab at the top of the page)In blue box on left, see 'Parent Assistant Log-in' linkYour user name is:

The letter p + last name + first three initials of your first name (all together and lowercase) For example, John Doe's user name would be: pdoejoh

Your password is the password you requested on your information sheet.

If you have not checked in yet or need assistance with your user name or password, do not hesitate to call Robin Jackson in the school office at 541-592-2116.

Activity Busses Are Here

Activity busses will be running Monday through Thursday for the 2012/2013 school year. These will be the shortened routes that have been run for after school in the past. Buses will leave IV at 5:45 PM. The main purpose of the busing is to support students in the afterschool homework help and credit make-up programs but athletes may also take advantage of this on those two days.

Credit Makeup Available

Students that need to make up credits now have the opportunity to work online through OdysseyWare Online. We have computer labs available for students throughout the day. Classes range from core classes to electives. Please see Mrs. Engles in the front office to sign up. The available times are:

Monday through Friday: 7:45 to 8:45

Monday through Thursday:



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The Cougar Family Welcomes Five New Faces!



ERIK LATHEN
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
VICE PRINCIPAL

Erik is a graduate of BYU- Hawaii who has been teaching for 12 years. He has taught in Texas, Washington, and most recently, Beaverton Oregon. He has a background in coaching Football, Basketball, and Tennis in all three of those states and was the Head Basketball coach at Beaverton prior to taking on his new role at IVHS. He enjoys spending time with his family and playing golf and tennis with his two boys. His goal for this year is to Support students in achieving their goals of graduation and help create a positive school atmosphere in the hallways, classrooms and on the athletic fields.



LAUREL PEDERSON SCIENCE

Ms. Pederson is a graduate of Eastern Washington University as well as Portland State University. She has been teaching for 10 years in Washington and Oregon. She plans on including Math and Engineering into her curriculum this year and work with agriculture students to improve our program. She loves it at IVHS and appreciates how hard students are working and that they are motivated to learn.



JENNIFER WAGNER LANGUAGE ARTS

Mrs. Wagner is also returning to IV after a 3-year absence. She teaches English and Drama, has two small kids, and is also a member of Rogue Valley Women's Acapella Chorus



MATT KNIGHT
BUSINESS/PE

Mr. Knight is returning to IV to teach Business, computer classes, PE, and Health. He is a OSU graduate whose goal is to have everyone pass his classes. His favorite IV memory is winning the school's first playoff game at Horizon Christian in 2010.



DEREK DUMAN MATH

Mr. Duman is in his first year teaching math at Illinois Valley High School and has graduated from University of Portland with a degree in Mathematics. He enjoys coaching, music, and golf. He wants students to realize that Math is not that bad after all! He likes the fact that IV is a great environment for learning with wonderful people dedicated to helping our kids succeed.





Thank you Duck Derby and Cave Junction Rotary!

Special thanks to the Josephine County Rotary Clubs and the Cave Junction Chapter for all of their help with this year's Duck Derby Fundraiser. Illinois Valley High School Track Project receives 25% of the proceeds to help install an all-weather track facility. This summer IV paved the track and is planning on installing the all-weather covering this next summer if fundraising goes as planned.

Important Dates

OCTOBER

11 Thur. Progress Reports Out

12 Fri. State-wide Inservice Day -No School for All Students -

17 Wed. Evening Conferences— Regular School Day – Sophomores and Jr. take PSAT's

18 Thur. Conference Day—No Classes for All Students

19 Fri. No School Day for All Students

NOVEMBER

12 Mon. Veteran's Day Observed - No Classes for All Students

19 & 20 Mon./Tues. Furlough Days No Classes for All Students

21 Wed. Clerical Day - Furlough Day No Classes for All Students

22 Thur. Thanksgiving Day - No Classes

23 Fri. Vacation Day - No Classes

30 Thur. End of First Trimester



COUGAR TRACK UPDATE!

Thanks to the JoCo Rotary's, IVHS is on their way to providing an all-weather track facility for our students and community.

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ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE



BE HERE AND BARBECUE!

This trimester, the group that has the highest attendance will win a BBQ provided by Mr. Alderson (if it is above 92%). IF our school has a total over 93% for the trimester, every student that had 92% or better will be eligible for the BBQ.

FAST FACTS BY THE NUMBERS

BOYS ATTENDANCE RATE FOR SEPTEMBER

93.36%

Learn about these "thermometer charts" in the article at right.

GIRLS ATTENDANCE RATE FOR SEPTEMBER

92.21%

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SCHOOL TOTAL

92.87%

Websites and Tools For Parents

10 Websites That Will Help Your Child With Homework!

http://tinyurl.com/parentres1

With school just around the corner, and families getting ready to start new routines and habits, I searched the web for more sites that parents and students could go to for homework help. I combined my favorite sites with Susan's and put together a list of 10 Websites That Will Help Your Child With Homework! I have included not only sites that offer homework assistance but sites that have information and tools to help students complete their work.

Proficiency Based Grading

Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) is a method of teaching specific knowledge and skills within the standards and holding students accountable to become proficient in these standards in order to receive credit for the class. It is different from traditional teaching/learning in that the majority of the grade (80%) reflects the knowledge and the skills that the student is able to learn throughout the course, rather than a reflection of getting their ability to turn homework in on time, completing all assignments and being on time to class. These things are still very important, but only make up 20% of the student's grade in PBL.

PBL in the classroom is very similar to what you would see in a traditional classroom—the difference lies in the relevance and execution of the assessments (tests/quizzes). Students are ignited by the fact that every classroom activity and homework assignment is preparation for demonstrating their proficiency in a particular standard. In addition, students must demonstrate their proficiency in the standards in order to pass the class—usually students in these classrooms are more prepared, more directed and have more personal responsibility than in class where they are allowed to fail several assessments and yet meet the minimal point requirements to pass the class. Teachers can show their creativity in designing activities and assessments, and students can demonstrate proficiency in the standards in a variety of ways.

There are many benefits to PBL; however, our focus in TRSD will be in the form of student empowerment. We will set high expectations for all of our students—from students with I.E.P's to students taking AP classes. Past experience illustrates the need to expect students to be in charge of their own education. When they are, they become more personally invested in the outcome; they need to set appointments, manage their time, make decisions and reflect on which learning strategies have been successful and which ones have not. This will bring relevance into everything they learn. Students with I.E.P's will benefit because the curriculum is clear

and accessible. Traditional 'A' students who are used to the accumulation of points rather than the accumulation of knowledge are now challenged in a way that prepares them for the rigors of higher learning in post-secondary institutions or the work force.

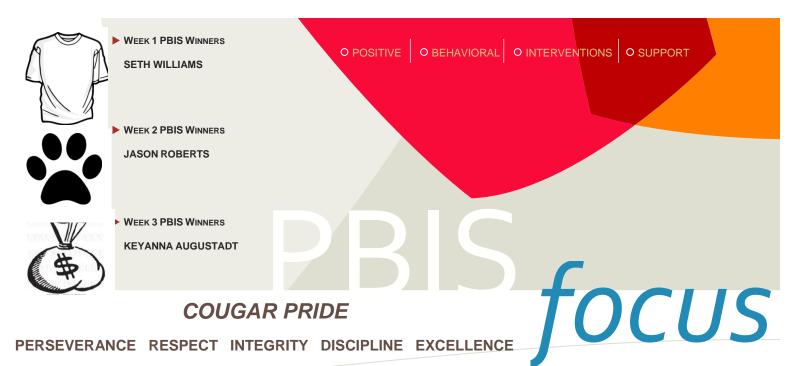
Each department and classroom could look differently depending on the subject and the set of standards for that area. Each department has developed rubrics and assessments that will work with the curriculum within each discipline and for their own unique standards. The structure will take on the personality of the teacher, department, age of students, and subject. There are Oregon State Content Standards for all content areas, but some standards for some classes will need to be developed from industry standards or Career Readiness Standards, Common Core State Standards have been adopted for English/Language Arts and Math in 46 states, Oregon being one of them. The new Common Core State Standards will be implemented with PBL in 2012/13 in our English/Language Arts classes, and our middle school Math classes. High School Math will implement Common Core State Standards within PBL in 2013/2014. Some of our classes will be 80% proficiency, while some will be more depending on defined objectives.

Our goal is easy to define. Empowering individual students through their successes! As a school community, it is our job to link learning to the real world and how it becomes relevant regardless of application. PBL will claim outcomes that hold function, purpose, and reality as the measuring stick for those successes through demonstration of knowledge and skills based on defined standards. We want ALL of our students to experience success in TRSD.

Music Dept. presents Coffee House: "British Invasion" on Thursday October 25th at

7:00 PM. Free Admission!

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What is PBIS?

PBIS stands for positive behavioral interventions and supports. There are five main components of PBIS at Illinois Valley High School. They are teaching appropriate behavior in all settings, provide interventions when behavior expectations are not met, and recognizing students when behavior expectations are met.

PBIS is a team based school-wide design for discipline which includes all students and all staff in all settings. It is a program that can be upgraded as we go along to

better meet the needs of our students by using the analysis of discipline data along with surveys and ideas shared by students, parents, and staff.

COUGAR TREK

Students who have 92% or better attendance, 3 or fewer tardies, and no referrals by November 30th get to attend the Portland Trailblazers vs. the Toronto Raptors game on Monday, December 10th. The cost will be \$5.00 per student. More details to come! Please encourage your students to "Make it Happen" and plan to attend this trip.

What Makes PBIS Different?

The focus of this program is acknowledging and rewarding students for consistent positive behavior. The PRIDE Card serves as a positive behavior recognition to encourage our students to consistently demonstrate PBIS's core values. Three PRIDE Cards are drawn every Wednesday for a variety of items such as food, clothing, gift cards, movie passes, and much more. Students are also recognized through student of month awards, Cougar Citation awards & Cougar Grams. The program does not only recognize students, but staff are acknowledged as well.



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PBIS Recognition

The following students have been recognized by staff as showing that Cougar PRIDE!

Allan, Joshua Alvarez, Kiana Alvarez, Kia Anderson, Patrick Arias, Seth Armijo, Kelly Arnold, Tracy Arrants, Cassie Arrants. Rainie Atwood, Kory Augustadt, Keyanna Baker, Talee Barela, Chantee Barron, Justice Bemis, Brian Bethke, Tyler Bolin, Koreena Bollweg, Sarah Breedlove, Sean Britt, John Brock, Mathew Burns, Christian Cain, Danielle Campbell, Brandon Castle, Trina Clark, Tyler

Compton, Clarabelle Crowell, Caitlin Culbertson, Bradley Cumberworth, Katelyn

Davis, Conrad Davis, Mikiah Deters, Emily Dilley, Anthony Doyle, Kade Duarte, Gregorio Dwyer, Liam Elkins, Natasha Emens, Kassee Engles, Jaycee Epple, Mack Evans, Andrew Farmer, Jack Fayland, Oberon Ferry, Kenndra Fitzgerald, Nancy Flores, Meghan Frederick, Samantha Frederick, Theresa

Freeman, Cedar

Gallegos. Montee

Gardenhire, Bryce

Hammersmith. Seth

Ginevra, Antonio

Heise, Aina

Hennings, Vonn Herman, Anthony Hewitt, Justin Hickenbottom, Joey Hodge, Myles Hodge, Taysha Holmes, Ian Householder, Erik Hovle, Savanna Hubbard, Artesia Hudson, Rachel Humphreys, Kyle Huntamer, Brian Inge, Tevin Jantz, Jacob Javier, Austin Jensen, Allyson Jones, Dalton Joy, Shaden Kanig, Hannah Kildare, Jade Kildare, Jason Kinney, Cody Kinney, Tristan Kymala, James LaFlamme, Alexandra LaFlamme, Mason Laney, Shawn Lee, Kiana Lewin. Keith

Manninen, Alexandria Manning, C J Margason, Collin Mason, Shelbie Mather, Shea Matthews, Elissa Mayville, Caleb Meichtry, Jesse Miller, Cyanna Miller, Gabriel Miller, Logan Milner, Samantha Mooney, Hannah Mulligan, Luke Myers, Melissa Neville, Avery Nguyen, Dennis Nguyen, John Nguyen, Vince Nolan, Aubrev Nolan, Mariah

Lindell, Tori

Luna, Sarah

Lozova, Gilbert

Lyons, Jeremiah

Nolan, Tyler Nordal, Kynan Nordal, Lander Ogden, Sarah Parker, Brandon Perez, Brandon Rich, Jordan Robbins, Chaise Roberts, Jason Rodriguez, Edilet Rodriguez, Kimberly Rubenstein, Jacob Rubenstein, Jordan Ruberio, Tessa Sanchez, Jovany Sanders, Christina Schaller, Morgan Scott, Travis Segura, Nancy Shaffer, Molly Smith Jr. Keven Smith, Gaspar Solorio, Melyndee Starbuck II, Troy Starr, Rachael Steelman, Andrew Steers, Soloman Stephens, Anthony Stewart, Miliya Stiles. Miranda Thomas, Lance Thompson, James Thompson, Tannan Toman, Joel Tree, Tyus Trull, Terry Velasco, Mateo Vineyard, Jonathan Vineyard, Zak Waterman, Brian Weaver, Michael Webb. Amber

Wellen, Natalie

Wikel, Shianne

Williams, Seth

Wilson, Colin

Worley, Nick

Worley, Will

Young, Kayla

Zook, Torun

Yeoman, McKayla

Yoshiwara, Quentin

Alderson, Casey Bradley, Michael Butler, Erica Hall, Dianna Knight, Matt Lathen, Erik Lathen, Ryan Lindell, Staci Parker, Sara Paul, Mary Pickern, Don Tree, Jesse Yarbrough, Ray

Staff get recognized too!

Brown, Megan Duman, Derek Engles, Deana Farmer, Melissa Hipps, Chervl Jackson, Robin Johann, John Katsenbach, Jeanette McHugh, Wayne McKee. Sean Merrill, Heather Norton, Annie Pederson, Laurel Powell, Nancy Richardson, Brian Schiermeyer, Lynn Skinner, Aaron Stehelin, Trudy Szijjarto, Jaime Thornhill, Tara Wagner, Patrice



COUGAR ATHLETICS

September/October 2012

Mr. Lathen Athletic Director

SPORTS REPORT FROM THE COUGAR DEN

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Football

Coach Ray Yarbrough and his staff have been working diligently with the dedicated athletes of IVHS to prepare them for a run at the title. After a rough start the Cougars have put it together with a victory over N. Douglas and then a dismantling of Bandon. The Cougars have a couple big weeks ahead with Bonanza, Lakeview, and then Cascade Christian before they finish off with senior night against Lost river and conclude their season at Roque River. The Cougars have been impressive this year in all phases of the game. Coach Yarbrough says, "I have been very pleased with the physicality of our football team. The kids are getting after our opponents on both sides of the ball."

Volleyball

Coach Jeannie Sherman returns to the volleyball this year

with a group of girls who are looking to make a splash in the Southern Cascade League. The team is young and has struggled with consistency, but the girls are excited about their chances and are working hard to achieve their goals. Recently they lost a heartbreaker to a talented Lakeview team, and look to rebound in October.

Boys Soccer

Coach Rex Wessels takes over the IV soccer program with high expectations and a vision to accomplish his goals. The Cougars play an exciting style of soccer and have been lighting up the scoreboard recently. In their last match against Roque River the Cougars dropped six goals on their rival. Coach Wessels hopes the team's unity and consistency can propel the Cougars to a league title and state playoff appearance.

Girls Soccer

The girls soccer team is gathering momentum as they enter into league play. Recently they beat Roque River and have made tremendous strides since last season. Coach Matti has been impressed with their work ethic and desire to be the best they can be. In October they have some big games against Cascade Christian and St. Mary's to name a few.

Cross Country

First year coach Brandi Eichmann is doing all the right things. The team is gearing up and preparing for a successful showing at the SCL district meet the end of October. Look for these young Cougars to run well in October.

SOUTHERN CASCADE LEAGUE FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football

OCTOBER HOME DATES

- -7:00 vs. Lakeview
- 26th—7:00 vs. Lost River
 - (Senior Night)

Volleyball

OCTOBER HOME DATES

- 2nd—5:00/6:15 vs. St. Mary's 11th—5:00/6:15 vs. Chiloquin
- 23rd—5:00/6:15 vs. CCHS
- (Senior Night)

Boys Soccer

OCTOBER HOME DATES

- 2nd—5:00 vs. St. Mary's 13th—4:30 vs. Lakeview
- 16th -4:30 vs. CCA
- 23rd—6:30 vs. Glide
 - (Senior Night)

Girls Soccer

OCTOBER HOME DATES

- 2nd— 3:30 vs. Glide
- 9th —4:30 vs. CCHS
- 20th 4:30 vs. St. Mary's 23rd —4:30 vs. Rogue River
- (Senior Night)

Cross Country

OCTOBER MEET DATES

- 6th @ Ashland 13th @ South Umpqua
- 20th @ Freemont Middle School 25th @ District 6 Meet @
- Valley of the Rogue State Park

SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV ATHLETICS HOMEPAGE

Follow Cougar Athletics on the web now at www.threerivers.k12.or.us/IVAthletics. Copies of each sports schedule are posted as well as links to directions for each away game or tournament.

Winter Sports around the Corner:

Winter sports is just around the corner. If you are planning on participating in boys/girls basketball, equestrian, cheer, or wrestling, make sure to complete a sports packet. Sports packets consist of physical, participation fees, proof of insurance You may pick up the packet in the office from Mrs. Merrill.

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1ST Trimester PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT Conferences

October 17, 2012 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM and October 18, 2012 7:45 AM - 11:30 AM 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM 4:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Teachers will take meal breaks from 11:30 to 12:00 and 4:00 to 4:30 on Thursday.

Please be here at least 30 minutes to 1 hour to see all of your teachers before their breaks.

These are very long days for the school staff, conferences will end promptly at 8:00 PM and 7:45 PM respectively.

Parents and students will be able to meet individually with teachers in their classroom to discuss their student's progress. Please be respectful of other parents who may be waiting and try to limit individual conferences to approximately 10 minutes.

It is especially important that the of students who are struggling with progress grades of Incomplete's or F's come to talk with teachers.

Progress reports are included in this mailing so you can see how your student is doing. This is a critical time to brainstorm some strategies for getting the grades up before the end of the trimester and transcription of final grades.

Please put this date on your calendar and pick a time that works for you.

October 17th is a regular school day for students and teachers.

October 18th is a non-school day for students.

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