



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Casey Alderson, Principal

Happy Holidays from Illinois Valley High School!

What a wonderful time to be a Cougar! The first trimester is complete and IVHS students are off to a great start! As grades are submitted, it is clear that our students are dedicated to success and our teachers are working hard to help kids reach their potential.

As students inspect their report cards, it is important for them to begin making plans for reaching their high academic goals. Students with Incompletes on their report card have until January 10th to make up any work from first trimester to turn their Incomplete grades into passing grades. At that point, all Incompletes will turn into F's on their transcript. To help support students, we will continue to offer intervention classes every Wednesday, offer study hall before school, and Homework Help after school. Please help us in making your student's success a priority.

An important piece to your student's success is also their attendance. With the loss of days due to inclement weather, it is important that your student is here and engaged. We will begin our statewide OAKS testing for the 2013-14 school year and we want to make sure that they are given ample opportunity to learn prior to testing. All students are required to meet essential skills requirements for graduation and OAKS is one way that this can be accomplished. Students will be assessed in Reading, Writing, and Math. Please discuss the importance of giving their best effort on the test with your student.

Have a wonderful holiday season and see you in 2014!

**Have a Safe & Enjoyable
Winter Break
HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

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**Winter Break begins
Monday,
December 23, 2013.**
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**Classes Resume  
Monday,  
January 6, 2014**



# ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW.....

### ELECTRONIC BILLING

In an attempt to use less paper, postage, toner and time, Balance Due statements will be emailed instead of hand mailed.

If you did not supply your email address on the electronic survey form that was part of the enrollment packet, and you wish to be included in these notices, please email your email address and your student's name (s) to:

[dianna.hall@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:dianna.hall@threerivers.k12.or.us)  
[robin.jackson@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:robin.jackson@threerivers.k12.or.us)

You can also view and pay your outstanding balances at the following URL:

[http://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/the\\_cougar\\_den/](http://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/the_cougar_den/)

Please take this time to check with Ms. Hall to verify that all charges to your student's accounts have been paid.

### IVHS STUDENT-BASED HEALTH CENTER NEWS

#### SPORTS PHYSICAL INFORMATION:

ALL SPORTS PHYSICALS WILL COST \$25. THIS PRICE IS GOOD ALL THE TIME (NO MORE "SPECIALS"), AND, AVAILABLE AT ALL SISKIYOU COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER SITES. THIS INCLUDES THE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS, THE CLINICS IN CAVE JUNCTION AND GRANTS PASS, AND SISKIYOU'S WALK-IN CLINIC IN GRANTS PASS.

PHYSICALS NEED TO BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SPORTS. CALL OR STOP BY THE HEALTH CENTER TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT!



### IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/6/14 Classes Resume
- 1/21/14 Martin Luther King Day—NO CLASSES
- 1/25/14 SAT Testing @ IVHS—DOORS CLOSE—8:00 AM
- 1/30/14 PROGRESS REPORT DAY



### COMMUNICATIONS: SYNVOICE—AUTOMATED VOICE MESSAGING

After receiving an automated call concerning your student's absences from our phone messaging system, **Synvoice**, please call the school the next morning to clear your student's absences. The number is 541-592-2116; ask for the attendance office. It is very important for you and your student to have these absences cleared. Students end up doing lunch detentions for un-cleared absences.



We will also use **Synvoice** to send out important messages about school closures and school events. When you get a call from the school using **Synvoice**, it is important that you say "Hello" as this triggers the message. If you have voicemail, it will leave a message. If you have email registered with the school, we will often send emails as well.

# ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUGAR ATHLETICS

January 2014

Erik Lathen, Athletic Director

Ms. Heather Merrill, Athletic Secretary

## SPORTS REPORT FROM THE COUGAR DEN

**SOUTHERN CASCADE LEAGUE**

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK, IVHS COUGARS**

For up to date sports information please go to <http://www.southerncascadeleague.org>

### Girls Basketball

- 1/4: JV/V BBKB @ Harrisburg HS—2:00 / 3:30 PM
- 1/7: V BBKB @ New Hope Christian School—6:00 PM
- 1/10: JV/V BBKB vs Lakeview HS—4:00 / 5:30 PM
- 1/14: JV/V BBKB @ Lost River HS— 3:00 / 6:00 PM
- 1/17: JV/V BBKB @ Bonanza HS—3:30 / 6:30 PM
- 1/21: V BBKB vs Rogue River HS—5:30 PM
- 1/24: JV/V BBKB vs St. Mary's HS—4:00 / 5:30 PM
- 1/28: JV/V BBKB vs Cascade Christian HS—3:00 / 6:00 PM
- 1/31: JV/V BBKB @ Lakeview HS—3:00 / 6:00 PM

### Boys Basketball

- 1/4: JV/V BBKB @ Harrisburg HS—2:00 / 5:00 PM
- 1/7: JV/V BBKB @ New Hope Christian School—4:30 / 7:30 PM
- 1/10: JV BBKB vs Lakeview HS (game @ LBMS Gym)—5:30 PM  
V BBKB vs Lakeview HS (@ IVHS gym) - 7:00 PM
- 1/14: JV/V BBKB @ Lost River HS— 4:30 / 7:30 PM
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*Please note: Events, Dates and/or times subject to change or cancellation. Please check the Sports website listed above for up-to-date schedules. Contact our Athletic Department if you have questions.*

### Wrestling

- 1/4: Varsity @ North Medford HS—8:00 AM
- 1/11: Varsity @ Crater HS—Time TBD
- 1/15: Varsity vs Rogue River HS (dual meet)—Time TBD
- 1/17 & 1/18: Varsity @ Redmond HS (Tournament)—Time TBD
- 1/23: Varsity vs Phoenix—5:00 PM
- 1/30: Varsity vs Dual Meet—8:00 AM

### Equestrian

1/31 & 2/1—Jackson County Fairgrounds  
Tournament begins @ 8:00 AM  
Other events TBD





# Illinois Valley High School

## News from Counseling...

Patrice Tucker, Counselor; Tara Thornhill, Registrar;  
Sarah Creek, Scholarship Coordinator; Constance Bates, ASPIRE Coordinator

### ASPIRE RESOURCES

IVHS has many resources for students who are interested in pursuing further education after high school. Through our **ASPIRE** program, students and parents can receive one-on-one mentoring on college and technical school options, admissions, financial aid and scholarships. **ASPIRE** is open to all students. To sign up see Ms. Bates in the Career Center.

### FAFSA

Register for your FAFSA pin number at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and have your student ALSO register for a pin of his/her own. **Plan to submit your FAFSA in the first week or two of January;** the sooner you complete the form, the sooner the four year colleges will be able to send you their financial aid offer. The online application to complete the FAFSA is: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### IVHS Scholarship Packet

Go through the IVHS Scholarship Packet found at: [jocoeducationfund.com](http://jocoeducationfund.com). Read all of the instructions on the site, and decide which scholarships you want to apply for. You will need:

- ⇒ **Two letters of recommendation** (one must be a community member, friend of family, church, etc.),
- ⇒ **two check-off recommendation forms from teachers,**
- ⇒ **Income Verification form,**
- ⇒ **Transcript release form, and,**
- ⇒ **Responses to four essay prompts** (about 180 words max each essay prompt).

- 1) Explain your career aspirations and your educational plan to meet these goals.
- 2) Describe a significant change or experience that has occurred in your life. How did you respond, and what did you learn about yourself?
- 3) Describe a personal accomplishment and the strengths and skills you used to achieve it.
- 4) Explain how you have helped your family or made your community a better place to live. Please provide specific examples.

*Note: these same essays are used when applying to OSAC scholarships\**

See [jocoeducationfund.com](http://jocoeducationfund.com) for complete instructions and all forms. Seniors, remember you can use the same letters of recommendation that were used in your Senior Forum class. Students can bring in Scholarship Packet materials to Sara Creek, in the Counseling Center.

Apply for the **Oregon Student Assistance Commission Scholarships (OSAC):** Complete the application at [www.OregonStudentAid.gov](http://www.OregonStudentAid.gov).

**Deadline is March 1, 2014**

*\* Polish up OSAC essays, and let the reader know who you are (tell your story!). Have several people proofread your essays.*

### Apply to Colleges

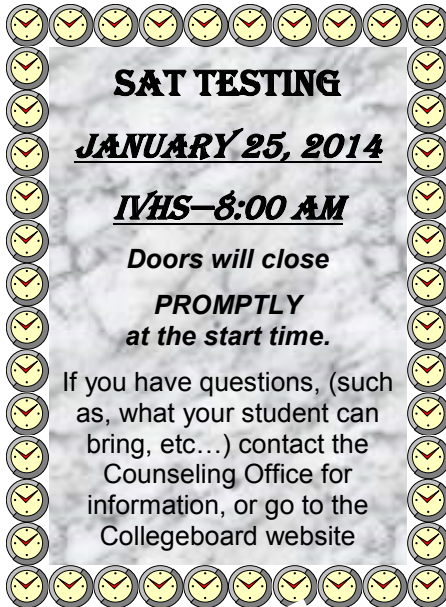
Check the admission & Scholarship deadlines at the colleges that you are interested in. Many early admission dates are in November, and many more dates are set for February 1st or February 15th.

If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you may qualify for a deferral of application fees. See Ms. Thornhill in the Counseling Center.

Last, but not least, encourage your student to keep his/her grades and courses challenging throughout the school year. Student's end of the year transcripts will be going to their colleges of choice, and they could lose out on admission/aid packages if they let grades/coursework slip too far. Many colleges/universities no longer accept any student who graduates early just to get out of finishing the school year. Sticking it out and finishing strong is very much in your student's best interest if a four year school is in the plans.

### SAT

Students planning on going to universities need to register to take the SAT exams. Go to [www.Collegeboard.org](http://www.Collegeboard.org) to register for an upcoming exam. IVHS will proctor the SATs in January & May of 2014.



**SAT TESTING**

**JANUARY 25, 2014**

**IVHS—8:00 AM**

**Doors will close**

**PROMPTLY**

**at the start time.**

If you have questions, (such as, what your student can bring, etc...) contact the Counseling Office for information, or go to the Collegeboard website

ILLINOIS VALLEY  
COUGARS

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND STIMULATING  
LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS

# THE ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT & STUDENT RESOURCES

### YEAR-ROUND ON-LINE STUDY RESOURCES AVAILABLE

On-Line support to help your student keep the skills learned, in shape. Like exercising your muscles on a daily or weekly basis, so too does the brain need its physical activity. The following web sites are provided to assist .

#### My student doesn't understand their homework . . . now what?

We have all been in the situation where our students don't understand the homework and we are trying to dust off the files in our head to remember how to do that math problem or remember what happened in this historic battle. It can be frustrating for both the student and the parent to get through the homework. In today's world full of technology students have numerous resources available to help them re-learn the concepts. The following are just three of the many sites available.

#### Khan Academy – [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

This website has over 4,000 videos on subjects from geometry to chemistry to computer science. This is a great tool that actually re-teaches the material step by step. Many times hearing the concept explained by someone else makes that light bulb turn on and the student understands. Interactive practice is also available to solidify the concepts.

Sophia – [www.sophia.org](http://www.sophia.org) Video clips are also available at Sophia, but there is also much more. Over 28,000 tutorials including slideshows and screencasts are available anytime. The site also tailors the information according to the student's learning style, which is determined through a short quiz.

Quizlet – [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com) This is a great study tool. There are thousands of flash cards & quizzes on the site developed by students and teachers from around the world in nearly every subject you can think of. Students can use an already created tool or create one of their own to challenge themselves and others in their class. This is a great vocabulary tool.

We hope you will find these resources helpful. If you would like more information or other ideas how to help your child at home please do not hesitate to contact the office.



**ODYSSEYWARE** is an on-line academic website which provides innovative, 21st century learning opportunities for our students.

*Three Rivers School District/Illinois Valley High School* uses this program for students outside of the regular classroom setting, and for students that need to do make up classes (Credit Recovery) to be eligible for graduation.

**ODYSSEYWARE (OW)** is web-based. If you have internet access, your student can access his/her assignments, which allows them the ability to complete the courses as fast as he/she needs to, whether they are in the classroom or at home.

To access the **ODYSSEYWARE** web site once your student has been registered, he/she will need to go to <https://3rivers.owschools.com>. From there, they will be able to login and access the courses that they are enrolled in.





## December 2013 Staff Recognition



**Megan Brown** is being recognized for her work in getting kids to graduation! She works with kids that have not met essential skills towards graduation and makes them believe in themselves.

Megan helps coordinate our **OAKS** testing and develops plans for teachers and kids in order to maximize their potential. Megan has been flexible with her schedule and is always looking for ways to help students achieve success.

Megan's leadership with our staff has been evident the last two years and she continues to look to make IV the best that it can be. She will be a part of our team that will be looking at schedule changes for the 2014 school year.

Thank you Megan!!

**Julie Pope** is also being recognize for her outstanding work, dedication to kids, and her attention to detail!



Julie has taken over the Success Period and Intervention student selection process this year and the change has been seamless. She is excellent with technology and has dedicated herself to learning every process and procedure in our school. She has also continued to work before and after school with kids in our credit retrieval program. Kids appreciate her hard work and her ability to help them every step of the way!

Julie has also been responsible for creating the IVHS newsletter each month and it has never looked better! Thank you



# SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

Grants Pass American Little League



## REGISTRATION

Baseball sign-ups for boys and girls ages 4-18 who live NORTH OF THE RIVER. (97626, 97632, etc.)  
Softball sign ups for girls ages 4-18 who live on either side of the river.

| <b>Dates, Times and Locations</b>                                        |                   |            |                                                    |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------|--|
| Thursday                                                                 | January 23, 2014  | 5pm — 8pm  | Bear Hotel (2101 NE Spaulding Ave. Behind Walmart) |  |
| Tuesday                                                                  | January 28, 2014  | 5pm — 8pm  | Bear Hotel (2101 NE Spaulding Ave. Behind Walmart) |  |
| Saturday                                                                 | February 8, 2014  | 9am — 3pm  | GPHS Cafeteria                                     |  |
| <b>LATE REGISTRATION DAY (late registration fee of \$20 will apply):</b> |                   |            |                                                    |  |
| Saturday                                                                 | February 22, 2014 | 9am — 12pm | GPHS                                               |  |

\*hard copy documents still need to be turned in for online registrations. Turn in dates for these documents are 01/23, 01/28, 01/08

### What To Bring:

For each participant to be registered:

1. Proof of age — **MUST HAVE** an original document issued by state, federal or provincial registrar of vital statistics (a birth certificate) OR a certified copy of the original. (Hospital issued certificates **ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**.)
2. Proof of address — **THREE** or more documents that show the address of legal residence for the player. These can include a **driver's license**, an **electric or utility bill**, and a **financial record** (i.e. a credit card statement or loan statement) of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian(s) of the player(s). **PLEASE NOTE:** three utility bills (phone, gas, electricity, garbage, etc.) count as only one proof.
3. Payment — Debit/Credit card or cash **ONLY!!!** \$80.00 for first child, \$5.00 off for every sibling after.
4. Registration form — This form will be available at the registration sites or you can visit our website at: [www.etsamz.com/goall](http://www.etsamz.com/goall) to fill it out and bring it with you already completed.



Partial Scholarships Available  
No child will be turned away for lack of funds

For more information please call GPALL President, Lori Geurin at 541.787.5037



# ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ENRICHMENT

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM & HOMEWORK HELP

This a program created to provide opportunities for academic enrichment and/or credit retrieval and offers students a broad array of additional services. It will also offer families of students participating in the program opportunities for literacy and related educational development. There are several community organizations that are working with this program and providing several different programs.

### Afterschool Homework Help has already begun!!

Afterschool Homework Help (AHH) is provided on Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:45 to 5:30!!

We also provide Before School Homework Help from 7:45am-8:30am!!

Classes that will be provided on **Mondays** will be the following:

**HEALTHY COOKING**

**LIFE PREP**

**SPEECH AND DEBATE**

Classes that will be provided on **Wednesdays** will be the following:

**VIDEO PRODUCTIONS**

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

**SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURES**

Classes that will be provided on **MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS** will be:

**ADVANCED WELDING**

**ARTS STARS PERFORMANCE TROUPE**

**YOGA FOR ALL**

**WEIGHT TRAINING AND CONDITIONING**

**ALL CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, DEC. 2nd. FOR MORE INFO: CONTACT :**

Trisha Wall, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Coordinator: iv21stcclc@gmail.com

# THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

If inclement weather exists, or is forecast to exist in our school district the feasibility of providing home-to-school transportation will be discussed between the First Student busing Manager and the Director of Transportation no later than 5:30 AM.

The Director of Transportation will recommend a course of action (delay the start of school(s), close school(s), or keep school(s) open) to the Superintendent.

**Utilizing the *Synrevoice* automated calling system, all staff, parents, substitute teachers and media will be notified of the decision. The calling system sends messages both by e-mails and telephone calls (*these calls could begin as early as 5:30 AM*).**

***Important note about the calling system:* It is voice activated, so the system must hear a voice when calling. This can be a live person answering the phone, your voice mail, or an answering machine. But it will not activate simply upon lifting the receiver on the phone and just listening without saying anything.**

**This is an automated system; an attempt to call back the identified number will not be successful. Please take the time to listen to any message left in its entirety.**

All closures and/or delays will also be posted on our District website.

If a two-hour delay is announced in a particular school or area, then school will start two hours later than the regularly scheduled time. All bus pick-up times will be two hours later than normal. School will conclude at its regular time.

You are also advised to tune in to radio stations KAJO, KLDR, KRWQ and KBOY and TV stations KOBI (5), KDRV (12) and KTVL (10) for updates and in the event you don't have phone or internet service.

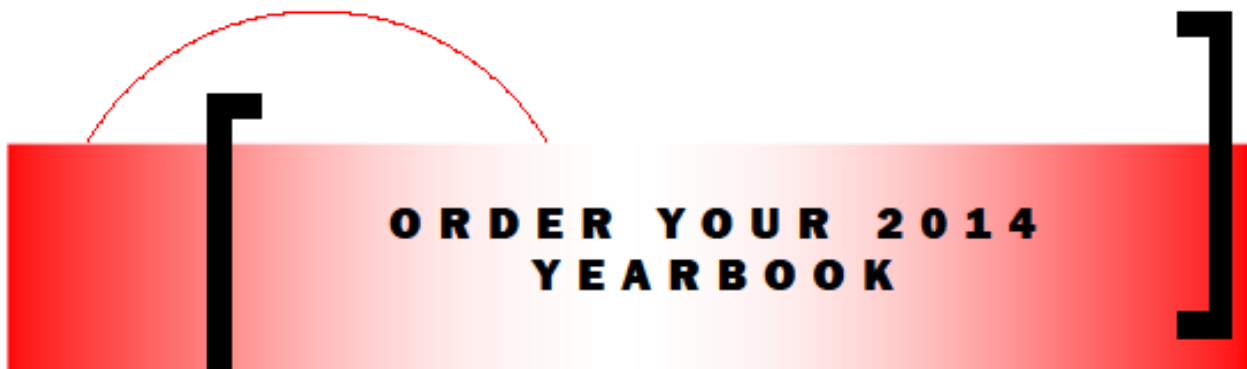
Athletic activities, school events and other scheduled field trips could be canceled if inclement weather is a concern.

Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel, but school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be run. Please refer to the "Straight Line Bus Route" attachment for your attendance area for this information.

If you live on one of the roads the buses cannot travel, you may bring your student to the nearest intersection of the main road traveled. This will also be the stop for the afternoon drop off.

**It is very important that you keep the school informed of your current phone number and e-mail address to assure proper notification.**





# ORDER YOUR 2014 YEARBOOK

SUPPORT your school and ORDER  
this year's yearbook!

**Order a Yearbook  
Or  
Buy an ad.**

Three trimesters of coverage in one book. It's full of long lasting memories of the  
2013-2014 school year. Reserve yours today!!

Take your  
**MEMORIES**



### Order Form

Payments may be made to IVHS 2010 Trailblazer Yearbook. See Mrs. Hall in IVHS bookkeeping.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Book(s): can be reserved for \$25.00 down payment \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personalization: \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 25 spaces = 1 line

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 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Support the 2014 IVHS yearbook. If you own a business support our yearbook by buying an AD.**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed  Bill us

You can also email your ad design to [elaine.barker@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:elaine.barker@threerivers.k12.or.us)  
 • 1 Page / \$150 • ½ Page / \$85 • ¼ Page / \$60 • 1/8 Page (Business Card Size) / \$35 •  
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PROGRAM TO HELP HOMELESS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am Heather Merrell, the Family Advocate for Illinois Valley High School. The purpose of the Family Advocate is to help students overcome barriers to success. I will help students acquire jackets, clothes, school supplies, hygiene supplies, glasses, dental appointments, haircuts, etc. I will also advocate for students: For example, helping them get testing or counseling, acquiring birth certificates, arranging for extra tutoring and other related services.

In addition, there is a federal law called the **McKinney-Vento** which gives additional assistance to students that meet the federal definitions of "homeless" these include:

- Living in a home with no heat or running water
- Staying with friends or other relatives due to economic hardships or loss of housing
- Fleeing a domestic violence situation
- Living in a car, van, bus, tent or other non-permanent structure

Living in one of the above situations may also entitle a student to:

- Transportation to their home school should homelessness require a move
- Immediate enrollment, even if there are issues, such as not having in hand:
  - A birth certificate(s) for the child (ren)
  - Immunization forms

Please help me identify any students with specific needs that may be in your care. Do you have a student that may benefit from the services listed above? If so, please list the student's name and specific needs.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs school supplies/backpack: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs clothing/shoes: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs a haircut: \_\_\_\_\_

May need help with hygiene: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional academic assistance needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs emotional support: \_\_\_\_\_

Misc.: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to the office.

You can contact me by phone at 541-592-2116 between 8:00 Am and 2:30 PM.

THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Or Current Resident**



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