

COUGAR NEWS

2nd Edition

October 2010

YOUR STUDENT'S PROGRESS

Progress reports were mailed home and conferences were held last week. We had 48% of our students represented at conferences by parents. If you did not receive a report card and a conference invitation, please call the school so that you can make sure we have the correct mailing address in our system.

If you were not able to make it to conferences and have concerns about your student's grades, it is important that you communicate with the teachers. There are a variety of ways to do that:

- Cell phone numbers for teachers are on page 11 of this newsletter.
- If you have internet access, go to www.threerivers.k12.or.us and click on Illinois Valley schools, Illinois Valley High School, and then staff directory (lower left hand side). All teachers' emails can be accessed from there. Teachers will respond to emails and cell phone messages within 24 hours during the school week.
- If you can get internet access, enroll in Parent Assist. This allows you to have access to your student's grades and attendance and other records on a daily or weekly basis. Teachers will upgrade student grades at least weekly. If you have not registered for Parent Assist, drop by the office and fill out the form. This must be done in person.

If you have registered for Parent Assist and are having trouble getting on, call Janie Pope at the school. Ms. Pope can trouble shoot issues with you.

Homecoming Week

Homecoming is the week of November 1st—5th. The Homecoming football game is Friday night, the 5th. The dance will be held on November the 6th.

We would love to see as many people as possible out supporting our athletes at the game and at the parade.

The Homecoming Parade is set for Friday afternoon, November the 5th. If you would like to come and support our students, we would appreciate it. The Marching Band will be in the parade and each class represented by a float and all the students in the class. The parade will go down River St to Evergreen School, up Lister, and then by LBMS. It will leave IV between 12:45 and 1:00. Be on the route and cheer for our kids.

IVHS made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is the federal government's plan to make sure that all students become proficient readers and math students by the year 2014. Schools who meet the standards set by government are said to have made Adequate Yearly Progress or AYP.

Though the laws are comprehensive and complicated the essence of NCLB is:

- ◆ All students (100%) will reach high standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading and mathematics by 2013-2014.
- ◆ By 2013-2014, all students will be proficient in reading by the end of the third grade.
- ◆ All limited English proficient students will become proficient in English.
- ◆ All students will be taught by highly qualified teachers.
- ◆ All students will be educated in learning environments that are safe, drug free and conducive to learning.
- ◆ All students will graduate from high school.

We are pleased that IVHS met the criteria and made AYP again for school year 2009–2010. The testing scores for reading and math were based on last year's sophomore class.

For the eight years that AYP has been calculated, IVHS has made it seven times. We are very proud of this accomplishment.

The standards go up this year with 70% of the students required for reading and 69% required for math. We are working hard to help our students achieve to this standard.

Anti-Bullying

Illinois Valley High School is continuing to work on making IV safe for all students. We are once again focusing on Anti-Bullying. We are working on educating students on what bullying is and how to protect themselves and stand up for other students. Students in the PRIDE class and in the Leadership class are helping to get the message out to students.

If your student is reporting to you that he or she is being bullied at school, please encourage him or her to come and talk with an administrator or the counselor. We also welcome hearing from parents. Taking a stand against bullying behaviors is the first step to stopping it.

Get your Student ID Card Validated:

Students, you can pay \$10.00 to get their student body card validated. This will allow them free entrance to nearly all volleyball, football and basketball home games. It is a **very good value**, since regular admission is \$3.00 per game. See Mrs. Hall in the office.

Attention Seniors and Parents:

Senior Class Safe and Sober Grad Night meets the second Wednesday of every month at the high school. It is for all graduating seniors. A letter will be sent out informing all parents of what is expected of them and their graduating senior. If you are a senior parent, get involved with this group. They need the help. It is difficult when a few parents are taking on the responsibility of providing this great night for all the seniors.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP

One of the things that our 21st Century grant funding allows us to do is run an after school tutoring / homework help program. We have budgeted this year to run it four nights a week: Monday—Thursday. After school tutoring will run from 3:40 until 5:40. The buses will leave the school at 5:45 PM.

Any student who is in an after-school activity may ride the activity bus. Students who are staying for after-school tutoring and who are riding the bus are expected to stay in the classroom the entire time. Students who are walking, being picked up, or driving themselves may leave when they are finished working. Students may not leave the campus and return later. Students are given a 15 minute break and a sack "dinner" about 4:30. There is no cost for this meal. No student will be allowed to ride the activity bus if they are not in an after school program or a sport.

Students are required to sign in and out. If you are assuming your child is coming to after-school, you may call the school the following day to check on attendance. Many students could benefit from this extra help, so encourage your students to attend if they need the help.

The computer lab is open every night between 3:30 and 4:30 for student use.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness



With October being Breast Cancer Awareness month, the Illinois Valley High School Football team helped out. October 8th was a special game where all proceeds from the team's program sales went to help fight breast cancer. CURVES was at the game selling pink ribbons and baked goods. The football team wore pink ribbons on their helmets and the cheerleaders were attired in pink. Students and fans also wore pink to the game instead of the normal red and white. Thank you to everyone for making this event special!

DRESS CODE

We would appreciate the help of parents in monitoring their student's attire for school. Students are asked to come dressed for school in a reasonably modest manner. Our primary mission is education and intellectual development. Students are asked to wear clothing that contributes to a positive school climate and does not distract from our mission. Bizarre, immodest or revealing clothing demeans the value of the wearer and disrupts the educational atmosphere which cannot be permitted.

It is important that students understand that different situations require us to modify the clothes we wear. For example, what is perfectly appropriate at the beach or a day on the river may not be appropriate for church, school or work.

While most students are doing a great job of dressing for the school environment, the biggest problems we have are:

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses that are too short. Shorts and skirts must be at **mid-thigh**. Mid-thigh is halfway between the top of your leg and the top of your knee.
- Blouses, shirts, tank tops that are too low cut. If cleavage is visible, the top is too low. We ask students to layer clothing as needed to make sure the breast area is covered.

- SKIN brand clothing that depicts the silhouette of a naked woman. This type of clothing is an example of clothing that demeans a gender.
- Shirts that advertise alcohol or alcohol brands.
- Pajama bottoms and slippers. Students are allowed to wear sweat pants, but not pajama pants.

When a student is not appropriately dressed for school, they will be reminded of the rules by staff members, asked to change clothing, and will receive a citation. Students who continue to fail to respond to the rules will be given consequences, up to and including suspension.

We do have some clean used clothing at the school that students will be given if needed.

Clothing choice is a very personal issue. We know that students (and adults) like to express their personalities through their wardrobes. We encourage students to do that within the guidelines of the dress code. There is lots of room in the dress code for free expression of one's personality.



FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

All students must reapply for free or reduced lunch status in order to receive that help with purchasing breakfast and lunch. Until the Free and Reduced applications have been turned in and cleared by food service, students must pay for their lunches. Please make sure you have filled those out on one of the enrollment dates. The sooner we get them in, the sooner students can get approved.

Breakfast Prices—\$1.10 Lunch—\$2.35 Milk—\$.50

Attention Parents/Guardians:

If your student is out of school for a day or two please either call, email, or send a note with your student when they return to school. You can reach the attendance office at 541-592-2116 or email at mary.paul@threerivers.k12.or.us

We are working very hard this year to keep the attendance records accurate but we need your help.

Thanks,

Attendance

IMPORTANT DATES

October 18	School Board Meeting at North Valley @ 7:00 PM
October 22	Picture Retakes
October 28	Coffee House Concert in Café.
October 29	Late Start Day
November 1-5	Homecoming Week
November 5	Homecoming Parade
November 5	Homecoming Game / Senior Night
November 6	Homecoming Dance (8:30—11:30)
November 10	Site Council Meeting
November 11	Veterans Day—no school
November 15	School Board Meeting at District Office @ 7:00 PM
November 18, 19	IVHS Musical Theater presents
November 10	Late Start Day and last day of the 1st Trimester
November 22 & 23	Clerical and Planning Days—no school for students
November 23	Report Cards mailed home
November 24	Budget Reduction Day—No school for staff or students
November 25 & 26	Thanksgiving Vacation—No School for staff or students

School Wide Advocates

Our school wide advocates are excited about another year and would like to remind parents and guardians that they are here to help your student during the school day. They can be reached at 541-592-2116

- Ms. Gutierrez works with 9th and half of the 10th graders
- Mr. Yarbrough works with 11th and half of the 10th graders
- Ms Gamble works with 12th graders and scholarships
- Our Family Advocate Mrs. Merrill would also like to offer her service to the families at IV. If you have any question regarding your student or any services available, please give her a call.

PARENT SUPPORT NEEDED

IVHS needs students and parents to help with up-coming fundraisers and events. Each class holds several fundraisers each year to help with Prom and the Grad Night party for their Senior year. The more money the students earn their freshman and sophomore years the better.

- The Juniors need help with Prom and the Concession Stand.
- The Seniors need help with the ALL Night Grad Party.
- The Sophomore and Freshman classes earn money for these two large events.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the high school at 541-592-2116 and the office personnel will put you in contact with the right person.

HAPPENINGS AT IVHS

NEW PRIDE CLASS AT IV

The PRIDE class would like you to know that we are working hard to improve our school PRIDE - Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Excellence. We are doing this by planning and implementing many new activities, assemblies, incentive programs, interventions, producing a morning news program, and much, MUCH more. We are looking forward to making Illinois Valley High School the best it can be.

CREDIT MAKE UP

Credit makeup is now available after school on Monday thru Thursday from 3:30—5:30 with Ms. Anna Gutierrez. If you have any questions about what classes are available or just general information please call her at 541-592-2116. Credit makeup must now be done after school. All students participating will be asked to sign a contract of commitment. Ms. Anna is also available to help any Freshman who may need help with school work at this time as well.

If your student has failed a core class, check with Ms. Tucker in counseling to see if they are eligible to make up the class during Afterschool Credit Makeup. Students should not wait until their senior year to get this done!



Meeting Date: FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Place: IVHS Café

Time: 6:00 PM

The Booster Club must have the support of more parents in order to accomplish the big tasks that need to be done. The long term goal is a complete "Field of Dreams" that will upgrade the baseball, softball, and soccer fields as well as install an all-weather track at the football field. These are big and exciting goals that will have dramatic effects on athletics and activities at IVHS. There are currently a handful of people trying to make this happen for our students—and none of them have students at IVHS! Please get involved with this great club and help amazing things happen in the valley. We look forward to seeing you on November the 3rd. Call the school if you have any questions.

S.M.I.L.E.

SMILE is every Wed after school for one hour. Science and math club is funded through OSU. Students participate in an annual high school challenge where they compete with other schools.



Message from the Music Department

The Cougar Marching Band is gearing up for the remaining home football game, and they can't wait to perform for the crowd and our outstanding athletes!

The IVHS Music Department will hold the annual Coffee House concert on Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 PM. This year, the title is "Coffee House On Broadway!" The Choirs and the Band will perform a variety of musical theatre numbers from the 1930's to the present day. Admission is free!

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

Message From Football:

Welcome to the 2010 Football season. I am very excited about the season ahead of us. We had one of our most productive off-seasons with Coach Murphy leading the way in the weight room 5 days a week throughout the summer months. Special recognition should go out to Offensive Lineman Andrew McLaughlin and Matthew Brock for putting the most extra time into the weight room, I am sure we will see it pay off throughout the season. The team also attended a team football camp over the summer at Southern Oregon University. We had a very successful camp. We competed mostly against schools much larger than us and were very successful overall, finishing 3rd in the 7 on 7 passing challenge and competing well in the final day scrimmage fest, culminating with a scoring drive against the largest school at camp with over 1900 students in their school. Our team had 2 award recipients at camp with Josh Free winning a most outstanding linemen award and Roger Hults being awarded an all camp team award.

This season looks for old rivalries to be renewed as Lakeview, Rogue River and St. Mary's are back in a conference with us, and look for new ones to be born as we add Cascade Christian as a league opponent. I sincerely believe that the 2010 season has the potential to be a new beginning for Cougar football tradition. Thank you all for supporting Cougar Football.

Coach Yarbrough

Message from Girls Soccer:

Currently we have 15 enthusiastic young women out for soccer at IVHS which is another big step in returning a strong women's cougar soccer program. They have been working hard to learn skills and tactics and to get game fit. We have made great strides forward in all those areas. We have also become a close team which will carry us forward through the many challenges we have yet to face in the remainder of our season. I am proud of the great attitude and strong work ethic the team has shown.

Coach Matti

Cross Country

The Cross Country team is off to a great start this school year. There are 7 boys and 6 girls on the teams. The teams will be competing at District on Thursday, October 28th. IV is hoping to get at least a couple of runners to State if not full teams. The coaches are proud of IV's runners.

Message from Volleyball:

Our Lady Cougars are playing well this year. We have all of the basics of Volleyball now that we need to learn the game of Volleyball. We have the best female athletes on the court that I have seen in years. We are learning every game, and I fully anticipate us to be very competitive during league. We have a few tournaments scheduled before season which will help us bump up our level of play. I have a wonderful group of young ladies, and I encourage all of you to support them at our home games and cheer us on.

Coach Pope

Message from Men's Soccer:

We have a real tough pre-season schedule, but a lot of new players and our roster is now up to 20, an increase from the 13 of last year. Most of the guys have been playing soccer all summer and are anxious to get the season underway. Being in the new league makes it particularly interesting, and we look forward to having improved success this season, and in the coming years. We will be relying heavily on our 8 freshman; we know that they will do a great job! Our Captains are Anthony Realmuto (senior) and David Perata (junior).

Coach Enoch

IVHS Fall Sports

(Check the schools website for up to date information)

JV/Varsity Football

- October 15 @ Chiloquin High @ 7:00 PM
- October 22 @Rogue River High @ 7:00 PM
- October 30 @ St. Mary's @ 7:00 PM
- November 5 Here vs. Lakeview (Homecoming) @ 4:00, 7:00

JV2/JV/Varsity Volleyball

- October 12 @ St. Mary's @ 4:30, 5:00, 6:15 PM
- October 16 @ North Valley Tournament Time TBA
- October 19 Here vs. Rogue River 5:00 & 6:15 PM
- October 21 @ Lakeview @ 5:00 & 6:15 PM
- October 26 @ Cascade Christian @ 4:30, 5:00 & 6:15 PM

Men's Soccer

- October 16 @ Rogue River High @ 10:00 AM
- October 19 Here vs. Hosanna Christian @ 4:30 PM
- October 23 Here vs. Glide @ 10:00 AM
- October 26 @ Creswell @ 4:30 PM
- October 30 Here vs. St. Mary's @ 10:00 AM

Lady's Soccer

- October 16 Here vs. St. Mary's @ 10:00 AM
- October 19 @ Rogue River @ 6:30 PM
- October 23 @ Glide @ 12:00 PM
- October 26 Here vs. Cascade Christian @ 4:30 PM
- October 29 @ South Medford @ 4:00 PM

Cross Country

- October 2 @ Rogue River High School
- October 7 @ Creswell
- October 16 @ Ashland High School
- October 20 @ Elmira High School
- October 28 @ Rogue River High School @ 3:00 PM

SOUTHERN CASCADE LEAGUE

Most people are still unaware that we are in a new league (Southern Cascade League) this year. This is a new hybrid 2A / 3A league and the schools in the league are:

3 A:

Cascade Christian

St. Mary's

Rogue River

Lakeview

Illinois Valley High School

2A:

Lost River

Bonanza

Chiloquin

With that, we have new admission prices and they actually went down!

- Adults \$4.00
- Students \$3.00
- Elementary Students \$2.00
(must be accompanied by an adult)
- Children 5 and Under Free
(must be accompanied by an adult)
- Senior Citizens \$2.00

Reminders:

- All students elementary age and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- No Re-Entry – once you leave the facility (go out the gate, or front door) you will not be allowed back in.
- No Open Drink Containers allowed into athletic contests.

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Students Name _____

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Program at Illinois Valley High School To Help Homeless Students and Families

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am Heather Merrill, 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 definition of "homeless". Examples of "homeless" under the federal definition include:

- Living in a home with no heat or running water
- Staying with friends or other relatives because they lack housing choices
- 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 homeless students with specific needs that may be in your care. Do you have a child that may benefit from the services listed above? If so, please list the student's name and needs.

Student's Name: _____

Needs School supplies/Backpack: _____

Needs clothing/shoes: _____

Needs a haircut: _____

Needs personal hygiene items: _____

Needs emotional support: _____

Misc.: _____

Please return this completed form to the office. You can put more than one name on this form or just send a note to the office. You may contact me at 592-2116, Monday – Friday.

Check out the New Teachers at IV!



I am a new teacher, but have a lot of experience in working with high school students for over 10 years. My husband, Shawn, and I own a small business in Grants Pass. I have two fabulous and amazing kids (just ask me and I will be glad to tell you all about them!). Cayden is 9.5 and Camrie is 6. I enjoy camping, reading (when I can fit it in) and spending time with my family.

Here at IV I am a SMILE advisor and will be helping out the Girl's Basketball Teams from time to time. I am thrilled to be here at IVHS and am excited to help and inspire the students here both inside and outside the classroom.

Ms. Butler



I am the new Business Teacher and Athletic Director. I am a proud father of 3 wonderful kids: Brooke, Trey, and Kellen. I have been teaching for 8 years and have coached Football, Track, and Basketball. I have taught Math, Business, and Computers at Grants Pass High School and I am excited to become a part of the IV family! I like to take my boys fishing and coach my daughter's T-Ball team. My goals this year are to increase participation in the activities and athletics at IVHS and increase Cougar PRIDE!

Mr. Alderson

I graduated in 2007 from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, after which I moved to Forest Grove, Oregon to participate in an AmeriCorps program, Partnerships for Student Achievement. I worked as a reading tutor at Forest Grove High School for two years, after which I moved to Ashland for the Masters in Teaching program at Southern Oregon University. I student-taught at Ashland Middle School and North Medford High School and graduated with my masters this summer. I'm very excited to be at IVHS this year, and I'll be teaching Freshman Forum, Algebra I, Essential Reading, Essential Writing, and Essential Math. I'm looking forward to working with the students, families, and staff of the IV community over the coming school year!

Ms. Brown

TO CONTACT A TEACHER

There are three ways to contact an IVHS teacher:

1. Email—can be accessed on webpage. Email addresses are all in this format:
firstname.lastname@threerivers.k12.or.us
2. Call the school and leave a message.
3. Call their school cell phone. Teachers will not be able to answer during the school day, but if you leave a message, they will return your call within 24 hours.

Ms. Barker—787-0854

Ms. Hardy—787-0861

Ms. Meyer—787-0858

Mr. Bradley—787-0855

Mr. Alderson—787-0862

Mr. Morgan—787-0867

Ms. Brown —787-0871

Ms. Hipps—787-0872

Ms. Schiermeyer—787-0868

Mr. Enoch—787-0856

Mr. Knight—787-0863

Ms. Szijarto—787-0869

Ms. Farmer—787-0857

Mr. Lathen—787-0864

Ms. Valenzuela—787-0870

Mr. Grosenbach—787-0859

Mr. McHugh—787-0865

Ms. Butler—787-086

Mr. McKee—787-0866

Senior Information—News for the class of 2011

The Balfour representative will be here **Monday, November 22nd from noon until 5:00 PM**. Please pick up an order form for your cap and gown, announcements, and various memorabilia. He will return **Monday, December 13th** for any late orders.

Other things that need to be done:

- ◆ 2 letters of recommendation from non-family or non-school adults
- ◆ Get a PIN to apply for FAFSA. Both parent and student will need their own PIN
- ◆ Attend our Financial Aid/Scholarship Information Night. Date to be announced in November's newsletter.
- ◆ Begin writing responses to specific questions - see senior packet for question.
- ◆ Take the SAT testing either November 7th @ Grants Pass High School or at IVHS on **January 22nd**.
- ◆ Stay caught up in all classes and make up any classes needed for graduation.



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Athletic Director: Casey Alderson
Office Manager: Ms. Janie Pope

We are on the web
<http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/index.asp>

Or Current Resident

School Year Office Hours 7:15 AM — 4:30 PM

Speed Limit on School Grounds

Students and parents, please, remember that the speed limit on school grounds is **5** miles per hour. That speed is going to feel **very slow**, but it is the law. We have had several issues of either parents or students going over the speed limit which can cause safety issues on campus. We do not want anyone hurt.

Watch the school zone signs on Laurel Rd and River Street. The speed limit is 20 mph. Many tickets have been issued in the school zone this year so be aware.



THANK YOU SITE COUNCIL

Our thanks to parent Lynn Mavity for serving her second term on the Site Council and to the newly elected, Tammy Free. Lynn Schiermeyer and Elaine Barker are the teachers on the team and Sara Parker is the classified employee. Any parent, teacher, or staff member is welcome to attend Site Council Meetings. They will be held on the second Wednesday of each month.