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Hugle's Happenings

Third Trimester Already?

It's hard to believe we have two trimesters behind us and are one week from beginning the third. Students are preparing for Final Exams this week and teachers are getting ready for their new courses.

In our second year in the trimester system, we have noticed several differences with the semester system. For students, these are significant:

- ◆ Homework completion rates are better with fewer classes to balance.
- ◆ Grades are better on the whole.
- ◆ Classes are more interactive with more group activities and more opportunities for discussions and projects.
- ◆ Class sizes are reasonable and elective offerings are still ample.
- ◆ Fewer interruptions to classes.

For teachers, there are other notable differences:

- ◆ The demands of having a longer teaching day with no mid-day prep period can be challenging.
- ◆ Greater opportunity to explore concepts in depth in the longer periods.
- ◆ Harder to "cover" as many concepts as in an 18 week term.

We will begin the scheduling process for next school year at the end of this month. Spend some time with your student discussing course selection. Each student should plan to:

- ◆ Choose rigorous coursework.
- ◆ Take one class each term that "fires his/her engine"
- ◆ Know what courses are required by colleges and other post-secondary institutions
- ◆ Take at least one class as a junior or senior that is college level (such as an AP course)

We hope your first two trimesters have been challenging but not overwhelming and wish you a highly successful third!

View our athletic & school schedule at www.highschoolsports.net

Upcoming Dates

- March 5- End of 2nd Trimester
- March 8 - Clerical Day—No Classes
- March 12- Late Start—School starts at 10:42
- March 22-26- Spring Break—No classes



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Seniors - 2010

Have you filed your FAFSA?*

If you have, drop by Student Services for a small gift from NVHS and Gear Up.

If you haven't, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and get it done. This is important for ALL SENIORS and parents. The amount of aid you receive is partly dependent on how early you file your FAFSA.

Parents: you will have to report income and assets for 2009. ESTIMATED income is okay, to be amended later when you file your 1040.

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid*

VISIT OIT on PREVIEW DAY

Are you interested in visiting OIT?

OIT Preview dates are March 13, April 17 and May 3.

Log on to www.oit.edu/visit to learn more and to sign up to visit.

Graduation is coming!

Mrs. Phillips needs your Graduation information — name as you wish it announced, activities and honors for the program and other information. Please get the blue sheet to her asap!

Get Ready for Senior Superstars..

April 30th at Hidden Valley

Buy your presale tickets today!

Adults: \$8 or \$9 at the door

Students: \$5 or \$6 at the door

If you buy them at NV, the money stays here!

**Seniors
Class of 2010**

**Parent Meetings
STUDENTS ARE WELCOME**
March 15th, April 5th and April 27th all in the Library
6:00PM

Juniors - 2011

ACT Test Dates and Registration

April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010

SAT Test Dates and Registration

U.S. Registration Deadlines		
2009-10 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010

Register online for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com. The basic SAT tests are \$45. Add \$20 plus \$9 per test for additional subject tests. (Required by highly competitive colleges.)

Register online for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. The ACT test is \$47 with Writing.

NEW RCC CLASS OFFERED TO SENIORS NEXT YEAR

Beginning fall term, Rogue Community College will offer exclusively for area high school seniors:

CG147 Decision Making.

This is a free, 1 transfer credit, online class designed to teach high school seniors how to apply decision making principles to their college and career plans. The information is not specific to RCC, but discusses higher education generally. CG147 Decision Making will be offered once in fall and once in winter—it will not be available spring or summer terms. Please contact Rogue Community College for more details.



Sophomores - 2012

Is there an Ice Cream Sundae Party in your Future?

The Class of 2012 needs just one or two more students to meet the state standards in Reading to qualify for a whole class Sundae Party! 73% of you have met or exceeded the standards on your OAKS test. When we have 74%, we'll have matched the highest percentage any high school in Josephine County has achieved. One maraschino cherry or two?

Great News!

Nearly all sophomores have now had their first opportunity to meet state standards on their OAKS (Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test in Math. We are happy to share that even though those who did not yet meet the standards still have two more opportunities to take the test, 55% of our sophomores have already done so. Since Math has been the area we have struggled most in, we're excited and hoping the class can meet the 62% goal!

Note: the goal is the highest level any local high school has ever met.

Planning for Next Year

In a couple of months, students will be selecting their courses for next year. During the Junior Year, students have options to take advanced placement (AP) or regular courses. We encourage your student to try out an AP course. The possible advantages include getting to experience college level work and the opportunity to take the AP exam and earn college credit. Additionally, some of our AP courses offer other credit through RCC or SOU. Next year we hope to offer:

- AP World History (many sophomores took this year)
- AP US History
- AP Chemistry
- AP Literature
- AP Composition
- AP Calculus
- AP Psychology

Be sure your student understands that the workload and expectations in AP classes are significantly higher than regular classes but if s/he is willing to work hard and enjoys a challenge,

Freshmen- 2013

Sophomore Course Requirements

Scheduling begins at the end of this month. For your sophomore year, you will take:

- ◆ English II or Honors English (2 trimesters)
- ◆ World History (2 trimesters) or Advanced Placement World History (3 trimesters)
- ◆ Science Explorations or another Science (2 trimesters)
- ◆ Math (2 trimesters)

That leaves room for 4 electives. Choose wisely!

New Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2013!

In order to graduate in 2013, you will need to earn 27 credits including all of the required courses and electives of your choosing. You will also complete a Senior Project and must Meet or Exceed the state standards in Reading and Writing.

FRESHMAN CLASS PARENT MEETING

Meeting is May 10th at 6:30 pm in the North Valley library. Do you have extra DC pictures or brochures? Bring them to swap and share? See you there!

TUTORING

Tutoring

Tuesdays and Thursdays

3:30 - 4:50

Contact Ms. Dorn for more info!

541.479.3388

ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEENS OF THE MONTH February

Grants Pass Kiwanis
Tikka Svendsen



Caveman Kiwanis
Alexander Grensky



Rogue Valley Rotary
Luke Willis

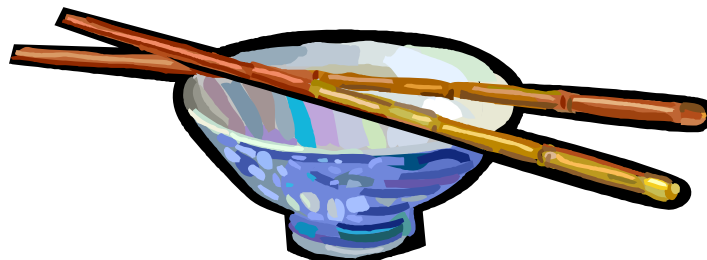


Lions
Kelly Riley



NEW HOT LUNCH CHOICE

The chopstick cart will be launching on Tuesday March 2nd. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday it will offer Teriyaki dipper rice bowls and on Tuesday and Thursday it will offer Chicken stir fry with Yakisoba noodles. This cart will be located in the commons.



ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH VALLEY KEY CLUB ELECTS INCOMING OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

Rebecca Dunn is our loving and highly devoted incoming Key Club President. Makayla Sanders became the new dynamic and determined VP, or Vice President. Jessyca Dennis is our new efficient and highly organized secretary. Laurel Bruggeman is our terrific new treasure, who is savy with the numbers. And Alexis Hartford and Melissa Case are sharing the duties of incoming Sergeant At Arms. We look forward to serving our community as well as North Valley High School.

Host Families Wanted

World Heritage International Student Exchange Program is a program which offers qualified students from Mexico, Denmark, Brazil, Spain, Italy, Portugal, France, Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain, Japan, Korea, Thailand, China and Canada the opportunity to spend a school year in the USA with a host family. The students pay their own expenses and have medical and liability insurance. We are seeking Host Families who would be willing to share their home with one or two exchange students. You will have the opportunity to select a student from our listings. All you need to provide is living space, meals and love. For more information call Andreas Goldner, area representative at 541-479-3161 or e-mail me at andyansu@aol.com. I am looking forward to meeting you and telling you more about our program.

E-MAIL MESSAGE LIST

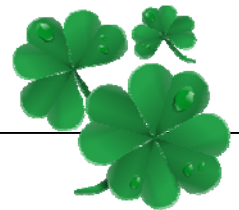
If we have your e-mail, you may have received e-mails from us regarding events coming up at NVHS. We are trying to become a bit greener by sending general announcements by email instead of by reams of paper. If you have not been receiving any e-mails from us (such as this newsletter) and would like to, please e-mail stephanie.phillips@threerivers.k12.or.us to request to be placed on the list. Thank you for helping us save paper.

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Yearbook Dates to Remember

March 5th—Deadline for placing a business ad or senior recognition page in the book. Get great advertising for your business or show your child how much you care with an ad in the yearbook!

Any questions or need more info? Contact Miss Converse at tiffany.converse@threerivers.k12.or.us



GOOD GRIEF

Good grief is a six-week peer support group for children who have experienced the death of someone important in their lives. Parents learn new ways to support their grieving children and themselves. The next group will be on Tuesdays March 23 –May 4th from 6-7:30 pm. Preregistration is helpful. Please call Walt or Lanette at 474-1193 to enroll.

March Puzzler

Some people remember phone numbers by using the letters on the dial to spell words. Given the numbers on a telephone from 2-9, each of which has 3 letters (2=ABC; 3=DEF; etc.), find 8 phone numbers that spell regular, uncapitalized 7-letter words without repeating any number twice. Each phone number must start with a different number.

Good luck! *Answer*
In April issue.



Answer to the February Puzzler

84 of the 285 grapefruit would weigh on the bottom center one with a total weight of 7-8 pounds of pressure



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MUSIC NOTES.....

Free Design is taking requests to sing happy birthday to your special someone during lunch. See Breeze (the bookkeeper) to sign up. The cost is just \$5.

YOU MIGHT QUALIFY FOR THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN

OHP standard provides free or low-cost health insurance to Oregon residents who:

- ◆ Do you have health care insurance
- ◆ Are ages 19 through 64
- ◆ Are not pregnant
- ◆ Have limited income
- ◆

Limited Openings—DHS is creating a list of people who would like to apply for OHP Standard. You must place your name on a reservation list for an opportunity to apply. You can place your name on the list by: fill out an application online at [www. Oregon.gov/DHS/open](http://www.Oregon.gov/DHS/open), Mail a request or sign up by phone by calling 1-800-699-9075.

Have children? Don't wait! Your children may qualify today for the Oregon Healthy Kids plan with no waiting. Please go to www.oregonhealthykids.gov or call 1-877-314-5678.

HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

Do you feel like you don't know about upcoming events? Here is how you can get informed:

1. Log onto threerivers.k12.or.us and subscribe to get our automated emails for our event calendar. Make sure you mark that you want to receive North Valley's event calendar information as this site represents the whole district.
2. Check out highschoolsports.net to find out about all our sporting events, afterschool events and things like that.
3. Make sure you have a 2009-2010 school year calendar. If you don't have a current calendar, you can ask the office for one or download one from threerivers.k12.or.us.
4. Ask your student for a copy of their extracurricular activities schedules (sometimes they forget to get you a copy.)
5. You might be receiving e-mail reminders from Stephanie.phillips (office manager) if you listed your correct e-mail address on your student's registration card. If you are not receiving these e-mails and would like to, just send her an email at Stephanie.phillips@threerivers.k12.or.us

I Hope this information helps. If you have other questions about our events, please feel free to call us at 541-479-3388.

Parent Assistant

Parent Grade Book Access



North Valley will be opening the parent access to our student record system starting on March 1st, 2010. If you would like access to see your student's grades, you must fill-out and return the form located on page 12 of this newsletter. Manzanita and Fleming have not opened this module yet so you will not be able to view your Manzanita and Fleming student's grades using this module.

If you have any questions regarding this access, please call Stephanie Phillips at 541-479-3388 or email her at stephanie.phillips@threerivers.k12.or.us. Please keep in mind that every teacher keeps their grade book differently and have their grades weighted differently. We are hoping this experience will be another tool for parents to use in helping their students achieve success at North Valley High School. Please feel free to let us know how things are working with this system. This is new to all of us. Thanks.

What can you view about your student?

- ◆ Current grade and percentage in most classes
- ◆ Specific assignments and tests and your student's points earned (in some classes)
- ◆ Up to the hour attendance information
- ◆ Credits earned so far and diploma information
- ◆ Discipline incidents (if resulted in a suspension)
- ◆ School calendar

What is eSIS?

eSIS is the name of the “Student Information System” that is used by all schools in the District to maintain Student data.

How do I login to the system?

You must have a username and password that is supplied from your child's school. You will be required to provide a photo ID to get a username and password.

I don't have a username and password. How do I get one?

We ask that you pick up your username and password at the school of your youngest child. You will be required to present a photo ID to get your username and password. We also ask that make certain the operator at your school has your other children listed as siblings on your youngest child’s record.

Can I request changes to my contact information online?

Yes you can. When you log into the system and select your child's name from the menu, click on the “General info” menu and select “Emergency Contacts”. You can update information in fields by simply clicking into them and typing. School staff will review and verify any information changes before they are displayed on the system.

Can someone else gain access or change my information?

No. Each family is assigned a unique username and password. This gives only you access to your family's information. Please be sure you protect your username and password and do not give them to anyone.

My username and password are not working, what should I do?

You should visit one of the pilot schools that your children attend. They can confirm your username and can also reset your password if necessary. You will be required to provide a photo ID for assistance with usernames and passwords.

Some windows will not open or start to open but then close. What should I do?

Make sure that your pop-up blocker is turned off when visiting this site.

How do I log off the Parent Assistant system when I am finished?

Please click on the “Log Off” button in the upper right corner of your window. Then just close your browser.

Why does it take so long for my student’s assignments to be graded?

Different schools and teachers operate differently and on different timelines.

I don’t see any assignments, or grades but I know my student has had homework.

Not every teacher is using the Teacher Assistant module of eSIS. If your son’s or daughter’s teacher is not using this software, the assignments and grades will not be available in Parent Assistant.

Why can’t I see the information on my second or third student?

When I login, I only see one. If you have two children attending a Parent Assistant pilot school and you do not have a student selection dropdown available with your other students, you should contact your school and request that the registrar update the siblings in eSIS. Once this is done, you will have access to your other students with the same login.

Some of the screens in the program are blank. Why is there no information available?

Parent Assistant only displays information that has been entered into the Student Information System. Example: If your student is on a team, but it has not been recorded in the system, the teams screen would be blank and not reflect your student’s membership.

Why doesn’t my student's average on the Current Progress screen add up correctly?

Each teacher applies different weights to assignments so the current average will not necessarily reflect the average of all displayed scores. For a detailed explanation on the weighting please contact your student's teacher.



eSIS Parent Assistant Account Request Form

Parent Name _____ Date _____

Parent
Email Address _____ Password Requested _____
(6 to 10 numbers and letters)

Please Note, it is important to keep your password secure so that information is not modified without your approval (emergency contact information etc.)

Student's Name	School	Grade

Below Is For Office Use Only

Account set up by: _____ Date _____

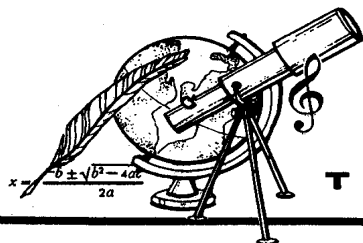
Date parent notified of account information _____ By _____

How was parent notified? _____

Special Comments _____

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Coming Soon!



THE *Academic Masters*

Are you an Academic Master? Get ready for the 26th Annual Countywide Academic Masters Competition!

Last year, North Valley High School won the competition with 3 first place honors! Let's see a repeat!

Sign up for as many of the written tests at NVHS as you want. Choose from:

English
Social Studies
Math
Science
Music

Step one: Take the written test. Top 3 scorers move on.

Step two: Semi-finalists compete against other NVHS scholars in the oral competition on March 18th. If you're not competing, you may be able to watch the competition and cheer on our competitors.

Step three: Finalists take a written test at RCC in April and meet the professors who will judge the competition.

Step four: Finalists compete in the public competition at Hidden Valley in April.



Thank you, Josephine County Cultural Coalition for grants supporting Free Design and Ms. Converse's US History classes' local history project!

Your support for the Oregon Cultural Trust makes local grants to the arts, heritage and humanities possible.

KNIGHT ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORTS BANQUET

The Winter Sports Banquet will be on Wednesday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons. All participants of Men's and Women's Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Cheerleading, and Bowling should attend.

North Valley HOME Games

TRACK

5/5- JV/V @ North Valley—Dual- 3:30

Baseball

3/15- V vs. Cascade Christian—4 pm

3/16- JV vs. North Medford—4 pm

3/18- JV vs. Rogue River—4:30 pm

3/20- V vs. Mazama—12:00 pm

4/1- V vs. Riddle—4:30 pm

4/5- V vs. Rogue River- 4:30 pm



Softball

3/15- V vs. Cascade Christian- 4 pm

3/18- V vs. Rogue River- 4:30 pm

3/20- JV vs. Mazama 12:00 pm

3/29- JV vs. Phoenix- 4:30 pm

4/5- JV vs. Rogue River- 4:30 pm

Woman's Golf

3/29- Host Hidden Valley @ TBA

3/31- Host Roseburg @ Umpqua Golf—10 am

4/8—Host Phoenix @Centennial- 12 pm

4/12- Host Rogue River @ TBA

4/19- Host North Valley @ GPGC—8 am

Men's Golf

3/31- Host Roseburg @ Umpqua Golf—10 am

4/8—Host Phoenix @Centennial- 12 pm

4/12- Host Henley @ Reames CC- 12 pm

KNIGHT ATHLETICS

On the Pitch /with the Lady Knights Soccer Team

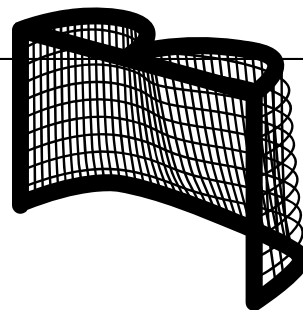
CHALK TALK

INDOOR OPEN GYM @ NVHS 3pm -3/6-3/13-3/20 watch for emails and listen for announcements...off Saturdays in Feb we may just play outside weather permitting. We invite and encourage any 8th graders to play as well!!! Pass the word!!!

SOCCER JOUST End of May..alumni /faculty/ and students

GO Lady Knights Basketball!!! Parents players come out and support these ladies!!! They are working and playing hard!

Recreation and Competitive sign ups are now for GPYSC teams contact GPYSC.



THANK YOU COACHES

We want to thank all of our coaches who put in the time with our athletes. The Three Rivers School District pays a stipend to a total of thirteen coaches although we have over thirty-five coaches in our programs. The amount of time, energy and their dedication to our students and the NV Sports teams is very much appreciated by everyone.

These folks are supporters of our school and our athletes and without their help we would not have the programs to offer our students. Research shows when students are engaged in co and extra curricular activities it makes them a much better rounded student.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

We have a 5 and 10k running event on Saturday, May 15th at NV. It is a fundraiser for the North Valley High School Athletic Committee. Information will be posted on our website shortly.

NORTH VALLEY KNIGHTS BOOSTER CLUB

YOUR NORTH VALLEY BOOSTER CLUB HAS
FUNDED SEVERAL CLUBS AND PROJECTS THIS YEAR.

- ★ Landscaping the driveway ★
- ★ Men's Basketball Uniforms ★
 - ★ Wrestling Singlets ★
- ★ Music Performance Polos ★
 - ★ Front Entrance Signs ★
- ★ Outdoor Exercise Equipment ★
- ★ Women's and Men's Golf ~ bags and shirts ★
 - ★ Men's Baseball ★
- ★ Women's Soccer Uniforms ★
 - ★ Men's Soccer Uniforms ★
 - ★ Self Defense Class ★
 - ★ Physics OMSI trip ★

For a grand total of over \$12,000!!!

This was made possible by the wonderful people who help in the concessions stands during home games. We have had a great crew and I want to personally thank all of you for your support and efforts. We cannot provide these opportunities for North Valley without your help.

Booster Meetings are held on the **third** Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the NVHS Commons.

The dates are: March 17, April 21 and May 19

In March, we will be asking for nominations for the Executive Board.

If you are interested please attend the meeting.

Renew your membership at the bookkeeping window or mail your form to North Valley. All memberships received now will be active for the 2010-2011 school year. Your membership entitles you to 50% off all home games and 20% off merchandise.

Concessions are the way we make most of our money to give back to North Valley Athletics, Clubs and Knights Pride Projects. We will be asking for help during all home games so please watch the schedules, attend the games and help in the concession stands when you can.

Thank you for your support!

nvboosters@live.com

KNIGHTS PRIDE ~ Ian Kassab, NV Knights Booster Club President



North Valley High School Booster Club Membership Form

2009/2010

Membership is \$25.00 per family

Make checks payable to "NVHS Boosters"
100% of your donation goes directly back into N.V.H.S.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone #'s _____

E-mail _____

The NVHS Booster Club is a non profit organization, consisting of involved parents, students and NVHS staff members who assist the school in many ways, from beautification of the school grounds, running concession stands for sporting events, as well as helping athletic groups, all non funded clubs, extracurricular activities and many other school wide projects.

- ◆ **With your NV Knights Booster Membership you get** ◆
- 20% off all booster merchandise**
- 50% off entrance fees to all home sporting events**

If you would like to help support your child's school in any way, please fill out this form and return it to North Valley High School.

I would like to help with:

_____ **Food Concessions @ Football,** _____ **Food Concessions @ Basketball,**

_____ **Banquets,** _____ **Membership drive,** _____ **Apparel Sales,** _____ **Misc. Activities**

**Mail or hand deliver to:
North Valley High School Booster Club
6741 Monument Drive
Grants Pass, Or. 97526**

Student's Name/s _____

Grade/s _____ **Activities** _____

Grade/s _____ **Activities** _____

**North Valley High School
Three Rivers School District**

6741 Monument Drive
Grants Pass, Oregon 97526



Non-profit Organization
**U.S. POSTAGE
PAID**
Permit No. 11
Grants Pass, Oregon

Or Current Occupant



**INFORMATION FOR
KNIGHTLINE NEWS**

Please send information
for the newsletter
via e-mail or disk by the 20th of each
month to Stephanie at
stephanie_phillips@threerivers.k12.or.us

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

March 5- End of 2nd Trimester
March 8 - Clerical Day—No Classes
March 12- Late Start—School starts at 10:42 am
March 18 — Academic Masters Semi-Finals
March 22-26- Spring Break—No classes
April 26- Conferences
April 30- Senior Superstars
June 2—Graduation—7 pm