October 2022

# Cougar Nation

Illinois Valley High School

Hello Cougar Family,

It has been an incredible start to the 2022-23 school year. We have been able to start school with a sense of normal that we haven't had in almost two years! We have students in our halls, and athletes on the fields and courts. Our career and technical education programs are filled with students in shops, barns, and on construction projects. Our band recently had the opportunity to march on the field with the University of Oregon band prior to a home football game at Autzen Stadium!

I would love the opportunity to introduce the several new staff joining the IVHS family, as well as staff that have been here for many years, but have recently changed rolls.

They include...

Erica Butler ~ Asst. Principal/AD

Sam Serrage ~ Math

Luke Campbell ~ Social Studies

Tyler Wallace ~ Science

Sara Kinstler ~ English

Asia Pasmant ~ Attendance Clerk

Madison Larson~ Special Ed

Desiree Holbrook ~ Ed Asst.

Bob VanMater ~ Ed Asst.

Ian Hensley ~ Ed Asst.

Heaven Mosley ~ Ed Asst.

Kaya Doolaege ~ Art

Scott Thornhill ~ PE

It is also my first year as Principal at IVHS and it is an incredible honor to serve the families and communities here in the Illinois Valley.

In an effort to increase our communication with you all we are using a new safer, more secure messaging system called Parent Square. Please be sure to download the app on your phone. We are also able to send messages to our students using this system. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact the office.

Thank you for sharing your student with us. We are looking forward to an outstanding school year.

Sincerely,

Justin Wright Principal

#### From The Academic Enhancement Program, SOSA IV Campus, and SOSA GED

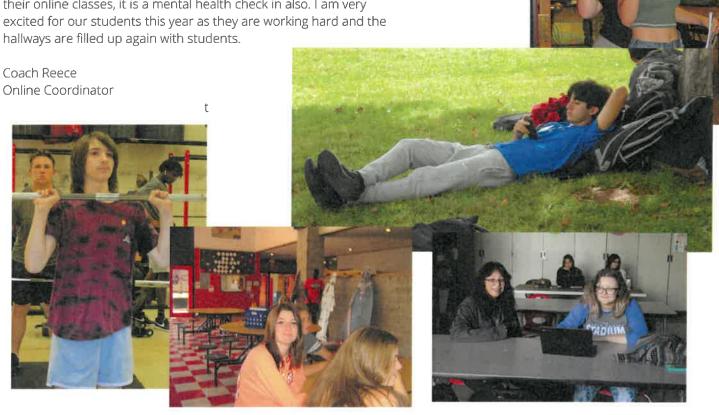
We have successfully transcribed 259.25 credits and 543 classes last year. We have already transcribed 4.75 credits and recovered 10 classes. The students in the Illinois Valley are ready to make a change in their lives.

The IVHS students we serve are working hard to get caught up on their classes. We are averaging 15 students from the building each period. The SOSA students we have are with us all day. We have 2 GED students currently and will have 6 total by next week.

We also have IVHS and SOSA students working from home. We contact them weekly to check in on their progress. The call is not all about their online classes, it is a mental health check in also. I am very excited for our students this year as they are working hard and the

#### News from the Art Room

The Art Department is starting a photography class. If you have an old or new DSLR and Film camera you would like to donate, our students would greatly appreciate it.



### Dates to Remember Senior class mtg (graduation info)......Oct. PSAT.....Oct. 12 College & Career Fair @ GPHS...... Oct. 12 Homecoming Dance (8-11).....Oct. 15 Picture Re-take Day(AM only)......Oct. 25 Sports Awards(6-7) Nov.09

## The Benefits of Being Bilingual

Better problem solving



Maintains strong ties to family/community



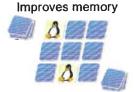
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Perform better on reading tests



**Evergreen Elementary** Stephanie Hogate and Kelly Bethke (541) 592-3136

Illinois Valley High School Jaime Szijiarto and Sara Kinstler (541) 592-2116

Perform better on math tests





Slows brain aging

Increases sensitivity to others

Can boost self control

Opens new career opportunities









IVHS offers many levels of Spanish classes for all students. Students have the opportunity to be recognized for their proficiency in Spanish with the Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy on their diplomas and a formal certificate of biliteracy.

College credits are also available.

## Los beneficios de ser bilingüe

Mejorar soluciones de problemas



Mantener fuertes lazos con la familia/comunidad



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Hacer mejor en las pruebas de lectura

Mejorar la memoria



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Mejorar atención y enfoque



Hacer mejor en las pruebas de matemáticas



Desacelerar el envejecimiento cerebral



Aumentar la sensibilidad a los demás



Aumentar el autocontrol



Abrir nuevas oportunidades de carrera



IVHS ofrece varios niveles de español para todos los estudiantes.
Ellos tienen la oportunidad de ser reconocidos por su proficiencia en
Español con El Sello de Bilingüismo del estado de Oregón en sus
diplomas y un certificado de bilingüismo.

También, podrían recibir créditos universitarios.