

ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

January Board Report

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.”

-Abraham Lincoln

Winter Holiday Music Concert

Due to a power outage and some unforeseen complications, Mr. Hawks had to move the winter music concert to December 18th. It finally happened and was a great success. Mr. Hawks and his music students impressed the audience with a variety of holiday classics. It was a tremendous payoff for the countless hours that Mr. Hawks and his students spend perfecting their craft. There was a good sized crowd to watch our students perform, and everyone that attended came away uplifted from the beautiful holiday music.

Winter Sports

Our sports teams had an exciting break with multiple tournaments. The wrestling team was able to prepare for the state meet with a large regional tournament in Reno, Nevada before the new year. We had one wrestler that placed in this prestigious tournament that includes the entire West Coast. Coach Miller is excited with the improvement of his wrestlers and is looking forward to continued success after the break as they prepare to make a run at the 3A state title.

Our Basketball teams were each able to pick up a win as they traveled to Crow on Dec. 23rd. After Christmas both teams competed in the Sisters Tournament in central Oregon. In speaking with the athletes, they had a great time and really were able to come together as a team in preparation for their league schedules that begin this month.

State Testing

This January we will begin the state testing for our seniors that have not met the essential skills. Ms. Brown and Ms. Butler are working hard to prepare our seniors for their final OAKS attempts. We have about 22 students that still need to meet in some area. There is optimism around their success as they have been preparing over the last little while in order to maximize their potential. Furthermore, As a school staff, we have decided on a Smarter Balance testing schedule that is exciting and fresh for our students and staff. We are looking at completion incentives as well as minimizing

disruptions to the majority of students' classes. It was nice to see our staff come together to provide input for this important decision on the testing schedule.

IVAC

Our Ivac program has seen an influx of students for a variety of reasons, and by all accounts the success of the students and the program is something to laud. We now have five HS students and three MS students in the program. Mr. Wilton has a very caring heart and works tirelessly for student success. It is amazing to see the respect his students have for him and the IVAC program.

Fire Watch

Due to the current dilapidation of our fire alarm system, we now have a fire watch whenever students are in the building. The substitute custodian that has been performing this duty has been great to work with and was very flexible during the break to accommodate our sports teams and their practices.