



Board Report for September- 2012

Being a new principal at an established high school is an exhilarating experience. Learning how the primary employees function (assistant principal, office manager, head custodian, counselor among others) and picking up the pieces of things that need attention and working with new and old faculty to develop a cohesive, productive team has been a joyous and challenging job. There are a LOT of incredible people and kids at North Valley. I am honored that you all have selected me to be the person to manage a good school and turn it into a great one. That is our goal and mission.

We have hired a new assistant principal/AD (who is learning rapidly and making a positive difference,) a new registrar (a NVHS and SOU honors graduate,) two new math teachers (and looking for a third) and I am delighted with the performance of all of them. We have spelled out our goals and expectations to office staff, the faculty, and fall athletes and leaders, our incoming freshman and all new students. We will finish the orientation process with a full school assembly on Friday and a fall sports parent information night. We want to be clear about what we are trying to accomplish.

This Friday morning, I will meet with all students and staff to propose a class competition that promotes strong academic growth. I am asking all students to:

- Earn B's or better in all classes.
- Attend all classes 92% or more of the time.
- Collect zero referrals for poor behavior.
- Gain a positive character reference from teachers.

We will develop a class reward for each trimester and seek opportunities to reward high achievement. I believe that we have a strong foundation on which to build. I will keep you posted on the progress we are making.

Dennis Misner
Principal