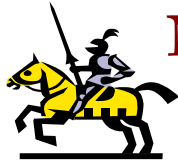


Board Briefing

October 2009



North Valley High School

Home of the Knights

KUDOS

Congratulations NV Knights for highest duck adoptions – 2 years in a row! And a huge thanks to the Rotary and all of the volunteers for this year's Duck Derby.

Congratulations to Devon Dorn for winning the BRO 2009 Equality Champion award for her work against school bullying.

Kudos to Stephanie Phillips who figured out how to send mass emails to parents! So far we've been able to email the Newsletters, notices about Parent Conferences and special messages to grade level parents.

Academics

Staffing is very tight at North Valley with the loss of 5.5 FTE teachers in the past two years. Additionally, we have had to nearly 1.0 FTE of our sparse classified staff to cover locker rooms since losing a female PE/Health teacher. Class sizes are larger, scheduling is much less flexible and there are fewer elective choices for students.

Next week, all sophomores and some juniors will take the PSAT at North Valley. We receive excellent data from College Board from the PSAT that is shared with teachers to guide instruction. It is in fact much superior to what we receive from OAKS in the "strand data".

We will begin OAKS statewide assessment testing with our sophomores this month. There are three testing opportunities and we will soon have our baseline data to inform instruction prior to the second testing window. NVHS sets targets for each class of sophomores. Those targets are the highest achievement of any of the Josephine County high schools over the past five years.

Facilities

Technology has been a challenge this fall with numerous problems and some classes facing huge obstacles to implementing lessons and curriculum. We are very appreciative of the hard work Debbie Breckner and Mark Kimzey and the rest of the tech team have put into trying to get our systems up and running. While we still have significant problems, things are getting better.

We have learned that the Cemer Outdoor Fitness Equipment we ordered last spring has arrived at the port in Oakland. Our Booster Chair, Ian Kassab, is driving down this weekend to pick up the equipment. We are still looking at options for installation but with a little luck it will be available for student, staff and community use before the weather turns on us!

Activities

We started the year off with a spirit week in September and Homecoming will soon be upon us. Students and advisors felt that school spirit could use a boost with a couple of additional spirit weeks.