

Illinois Valley High School



COUGAR CHRONICLE


3rd Edition
October 2009

YOUR STUDENT'S PROGRESS— HALFWAY THROUGH THE TRIMESTER

Progress reports were mailed home on Monday, October the 5th. If you did not get one, please contact the school so that we can make sure we have the correct mailing address in our system. By the time you receive this newsletter, the conferences for the first trimester will be over. Hopefully, you were able to make it to meet with your student's teachers. If you have concerns about your student's grades, it is important that you communicate with the teachers. Cell phone numbers for teachers are on page 9 of this newsletter. If you have internet access, go to www.threerivers.k12.or.us and click on Illinois Valley schools, Illinois Valley High School, and then staff directory (lower left hand side). All teachers' emails can be accessed from there. Teachers will respond to emails and cell phone messages within 24 hours during the school week.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP

One of the things that our 21st Century grant funding allows us to do is run an after school tutoring / homework help program. We have budgeted this year to run it four nights a week: Monday—Thursday. After school tutoring will run from 3:40 until 5:40. The buses will leave the school at 5:45 PM.

Any student who is in an after-school activity may ride the activity bus. Students who are staying for after-school tutoring and who are riding the bus are expected to stay in the classroom the entire time. Students who are walking, being picked up, or driving themselves may leave when they are finished working. Students may not leave the campus and return later. Students are given a 15 minute break and a sack "dinner" about 4:30. There is no cost to this meal. No student will be allowed to ride the activity bus if they are not in an after school program or a sport.

Students are required to sign in and out. If you are assuming your child is coming to after-school, you may call the school the following day to check on attendance. Many students could benefit from this extra help, so encourage your students to attend if they need the help.

The computer lab is open every night between 3:30 and 4:30 for student use.

IVHS made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is the federal government's plan to make sure that all students become proficient readers and math students by the year 2014. Schools who meet the standards set by government are said to have made Adequate Yearly Progress or AYP. Though the laws are comprehensive and complicated the essence of NCLB is:

- ◆ All students (100%) will reach high standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading and mathematics by 2013-2014.
- ◆ By 2013-2014, all students will be proficient in reading by the end of the third grade.
- ◆ All limited English proficient students will become proficient in English.
- ◆ All students will be taught by highly qualified teachers.
- ◆ All students will be educated in learning environments that are safe, drug free and conducive to learning.
- ◆ All students will graduate from high school.

We are pleased that IVHS met the criteria and made AYP again for school year 2008 – 2009. The testing scores for reading and math were based on last year's sophomore class. The class of 2011 rocks!

For the seven years that AYP has been calculated, IVHS has made it six times. We are very proud of this accomplishment.

The standards go up this year with 70% of the students required for reading and 69% required for math. We are working hard to help our students achieve to this standard.

IV Booster Club



Meeting Date: October
21, 2009

Place: IVHS Café.

Time: 6:00 PM

Projects working on: Cleaning up the track for the spring sports.

Planning:

Holiday movie night. Date and Time to be announced.

Community Track Meet. Date and Time will be announced soon.

Please bring your ideas for these events and others.

A BIG Thank you to all the sports teams that helped with Cycle Oregon. The event was a huge success. We raised approximately \$5,700.00.

OSAA Sports Statement

Illinois Valley High School is a member of the Oregon School Activities Association.

As a member, it is our responsibility to establish policies for sportsmanship and ethical conduct consistent with the educational mission and goals of our school and to continually educate students, coaches, teachers, parents and all involved.

Key Elements of Citizenship

Honor: Performs within the letter and spirit of the rules of the game.

Honesty: Obeys prohibition against lying, cheating, stealing, and violence.

Responsibility: Accepts duty to behave in a consistent, trustworthy manner.

Self-Control/Discipline: Ability to hold disruptive emotions.

Courage: Fortitude to stand up for what is right.

Respect: The Golden Rule of treating others as we would like to be treated.

Integrity: The quality of having strong moral principals.

Knowledge: An understanding of the realm of citizenship.

WEBSTORE ANNOUNCEMENT TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

- We are pleased to introduce our upgraded Web Store. The online student store allows you to easily purchase items and pay for activities and debts, all securely via the internet.
- For detailed instructions on how to setup your online account, go to http://webstore.activenetwork.com/school-software/the_cougar_den/ and click on the Quick Start Guide.
- Please note that purchase at the Cougar Den will include a 7.1% convenience fee, to cover the charges for this service. For example, if you are purchasing a \$60.00 Season Family Sports Pass, you will be charged \$64.26.
- If you have any questions, or if you would like to see more items added to the Cougar Den, call Dianna Hall at 592-2116.

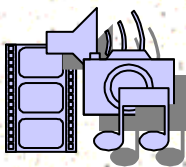
Find out what is available !

Parents, educators and concerned community folks are invited to come and have a closed door discussion about specific resources that may be available to help their child's unique and individual needs. School folks can come to see if a child is receiving services with community partners and or to make a referral for a child to get services.

We have a board of professional people ready and available to talk about what their agency can provide and how to go about accessing services. This process is confidential. This process is intended to support families and kids and keep good communication with our schools. Child welfare, the juvenile department, drug and alcohol counselors, mental health counselors, teachers, school counselors and school administrators are just a few of the folks that are available for you to talk with each week. We also invite SOASTC and Family Friends to send from their agency's also.

Please feel free to come and see what the meeting is all about. If you have a child you would like to get information about or for, please **call Kristi Ramsey, 541-472-9960** to reserve your spot. The meeting is each Thursday from 3-5pm. Always call ahead to make sure the team is meeting and has an opening for you.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Coffee House "Goes Hollywood" concert on Thursday October 29th at 7:00 PM. Featuring music from the movies and TV. If you have any question please call Mr. McKee at 541-592-216.

Parent and Students Needed

IVHS needs students and parents to help with upcoming fundraisers and events. Each class holds several fundraisers each year to help with Prom and the Grad Night party for their Senior year. The more money the students earn their freshman and sophomore years the better.

The Juniors need help with Prom and the Concession Stand.

The Seniors need help with the ALL Night Grad Party.

The Sophomore and Freshman earn more for these two large events.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the high school at 541-592-2116 and the office personnel will put you in contact with the right person.

HOMECOMING WEEK



Homecoming is the week of October 26 thru October 30th, the dance will be held on October 31st.

We would love to see as many people as possible out supporting our athletes at games and at the parade. Please see the sports section for dates of games.

We have a new parade route this year. If you would like to come and watch and support our students, we would appreciate it.

Here is the route:

- ◆ Leave IV at 12:45
- ◆ Travel down River Street crossing Hwy 199
- ◆ Go through the Evergreen School turn-around
- ◆ Travel back east on River Street
- ◆ Turn South on Kerby Street
- ◆ Left on W. Lister
- ◆ Left on S. Junction Ave. (Lorna Byrne)
- ◆ Right on River Street
- ◆ Back to IVHS

IMPORTANT DATES

October 19	School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM @ Lincoln Savage
October 29	Coffee House Concert @ 7:00 PM
October 30	Late Start Day—School starts at 10:40
October 30	Homecoming Parade and Football Game
October 31	Homecoming Dance—8:30—11:30
November 11	Veterans Day—no school
November 17	Fall Sports Awards—6:30 PM—Bring a dessert to share
November 16	School Board @ 7:00 PM @ Manzanita
November 20	Late Start Day and last day of the 1st Trimester
November 23 & 24	Clerical and Planning Days—No school for students
November 25	Budget Reduction Day—No school for staff or students
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Vacation—No School for staff or students
November 30	Classes resume
December 14	School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM @ Jerome Prairie
December 17	Winter fest Concert @ 7:00 PM
December 22-January 1	Winter Break
January 5	Classes Resume
January 11	School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ District Office



Senior Information—News for the class of 2010



The Balfour representative will be here Monday, October 26th from noon until 6:00 PM. Please pick up an order form for your cap and gown, announcements, and various memorabilia. He will return November 9th for any late orders.

Other things that need to be done:

- ♦ 2 letters of recommendation from non-family or non-school adults
- ♦ Get a PIN to apply for FAFSA. Both parent and student will need their own PIN
- ♦ Financial Aid/Scholarship Information Night is tentatively set for December 2nd at 6:30 PM. Be sure to be there.
- ♦ Begin writing responses to specific questions - see senior packet for question.
- ♦ Take the SAT testing either October 10th @ IVHS or November 7th @ Grants Pass High School.
- ♦ Graduation—June 1, 2010

Fall Sports

JV/Varsity Football

October 9 JV/Varsity Here North Valley @ 4:00/7:00pm
 October 16 JV/Varsity Here Phoenix @ 4:00/7:00 pm
 October 23 JV/Varsity @ Hidden Valley @ 4:00/7:00 pm
 October 29 JV @ Henley @ 5:00 pm
 October 30 JV/Varsity Here Henley 4:00/7:00 pm Homecoming Game

Cross Country Coed Team

October 17 @ Lithia Park
 October 21 @ Elmira
 October 31 @ Skyline Conference

JV/Varsity Volleyball

October 8 JV/Varsity Here Hidden Valley @ 5:15/6:30 pm
 October 13 JV/Varsity Here St. Mary's @ 5:15/6:30 pm
 October 15 JV/Varsity Here Phoenix @ 5:15/6:30 pm
 October 20 JV/Varsity Here North Valley @ 5:15/6:30 pm
 October 27 JV/Varsity @ Hidden Valley @ 5:15/6:30 pm

Boys Soccer

October 10 Varsity Here Hidden Valley
 October 15 Varsity Here Mazama @ 4:00 pm
 October 17 Varsity @ Eagle Point @ 10:00 am
 October 24 Varsity @ North Valley @ 10:00 am
 October 27 Varsity Here Phoenix @ 4:00 pm
 October 31 Varsity Here Henley

Girls Soccer

October 10 Varsity @ Hidden Valley
 October 13 Varsity @ Henley @ 4:00 pm
 October 17 Varsity Here Rogue River
 October 20 Varsity @ Cascade Christian @ 4:00
 October 24 Varsity Here North Valley
 October 27 Varsity @ Phoenix @ 4:00 pm
 October 31 Varsity @ Henley



ATHLETES—Remember you must maintain academic eligibility in order to play winter sports. If you were on probation this season and do not pass 4 out of 5 classes and have a 2.0 GPA or better, you will not be able to wrestle, play basketball, swim, bowl, or ride for the sequestration team. Make sure you are keeping your grades up. This trimester will be over before you know it. Also, remember student athletes are required to continue making adequate progress toward the graduation requirements. Any question, please contact Mr. Higgins at the school.



Winter sports will start practice on November the 9th. Make sure if you are planning to participate that you have your athletic packet and sports physical completed.



HEALTHY KIDS—HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Three Rivers School District is joining with the Josephine County Health Department and other neighboring school districts in launching **Healthy Kids – Healthy Schools** so that we can reduce the chances of getting sick and help limit the spread of germs.

By doing a few simple things, we can stop the spread of germs:

- **Wash your hands often using soap and water.**
- **Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when coughing and sneezing. Throw used tissues into the trash and then wash your hands.**
- **Cough into your sleeves.**
- **Stay home if you are sick and stay away from others as much as possible.**
- **Keep children home if they are sick.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**



Spread the word. Tell family and friends about these simple measures.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines an influenza-like illness as having the following symptoms:

Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher

AND

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Cough**
- **Score Throat**
- **Headache**
- **Muscle ache**



If your child shows flu-like symptoms while at school, he or she will be sent to the office for screening (symptom check and/or taking temperature). If the student meets the definition as described above, he/she must be excluded from school until symptom free. This means that your child will not be allowed back in school until 24 hours after the fever is gone (**without the use of fever reducing medications**). Additional information is posted on the Three Rivers School District website.

Message from our Bookkeeper

It is not too late to validate your ASB card. Validation costs \$10.00. With a validated card, students may attend all home regular season Football, Volleyball and Basketball games for Free. This is a great value! Bring your \$10.00 to Mrs. Hall in the office and get a sticker for your student ID card.



CREDIT MAKE UP

Credit makeup is now available after school on Monday thru Thursday from 3:30—5:30 with Ms. Anna Gutierrez. If you have any question about what classes are available or just general information please call her at 541-592-2116. Credit makeup must now be done after school. All students participating will be asked to sign a contract of commitment. Ms. Anna is also available to help any Freshman who may need help with school work at this time as well.

Program at Illinois Valley High School To Help Homeless Students and Families

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am Heather Merrill, the Family Advocate for Illinois Valley High School. The purpose of the Family Advocate is to help students overcome barriers to success. I will help students acquire jackets, clothes, school supplies, hygiene supplies, glasses, dental appointments, haircuts, etc. I will also advocate for students. Examples of this are: helping them get testing or counseling, acquiring birth certificates, arranging for extra tutoring and other related services.

In addition, there is a federal law called the **McKinney-Vento**, which gives additional assistance to students that meet the federal definition of "homeless". Examples of "homeless" under the federal definition include:

- Living in a home with no heat or running water
- Staying with friends or other relatives because they lack housing choices
- Fleeing a domestic violence situation
- Living in a car, van, bus, tent, or other non-permanent structure
- Living in one of the above situations may also entitle a student to:
 - Transportation to their home school should homelessness require a move
 - Immediate enrollment, even if there are issues with not having the appropriate enrollment forms.

Please help me identify homeless students with specific needs that may be in your care. Do you have a child that may benefit from the services listed above? If so, please list the student's name and needs.

Student's Name: _____

Needs School supplies/Backpack: _____

Needs clothing/shoes: _____

Needs a haircut: _____

Needs personal hygiene items: _____

Needs emotional support: _____

Misc.: _____

Please return this completed form to the office. You can put more than one name on this form or just send a note to the office. You may contact me at 592-2116, Monday – Friday between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM.

IVHS After Hours

Fall 2009 (classes start September 21st)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<i>Sign Language</i> 3:30-5:30 pm	<i>Yoga</i> 4:00-5:30 pm	<i>Scrapbooking</i> 3:30-5:30 pm	Archery 3:30-5:30 pm
Orchestra 3:30-5:30 pm	Martial Arts: Tai Yuan Tao 3:30-5:30 pm	Orchestra 3:30-5:30 pm	<i>Poetry Writing Workshop</i> 3:30-5:30 pm
<i>Home-Style Cooking</i> 3:30-5:30 pm	<u>Mountain Biking</u> 3:30-5:30 pm	Salsa Dancing 3:30-5:30 pm	<u>Mountain Biking</u> 3:30-5:30 pm
Basketball Open Gym 6:00-8:00 pm (Girls)	CAREER CONNECTIONS for the CULINARY ARTS 3:30-5:30 pm (starts Oct. 6 th)	Basketball Open Gym 6:00-8:00 pm (Boys)	CAREER CONNECTIONS for the CULINARY ARTS 3:30-5:30 pm (starts Oct. 6 th)
Homework Help Credit Retrieval Monday - Thursday 3:30-5:45 pm	Brain Bowl 3:30-4:30 pm	SMILE Science and Math Club 3:30-4:30	IVHS Annual 3:30-5:30 pm
			College Prep ASPIRE 3:30-5:45 pm

TO CONTACT A TEACHER

There are three ways to contact an IVHS teacher:

1. Email—can be accessed on webpage. Email addresses are all in this format:
firstname.lastname@threerivers.k12.or.us
2. Call the school and leave a message.
3. Call their school cell phone. Teachers will not be able to answer during the school day, but if you leave a message, they will return your call within 24 hours.

Ms. Barker—787-0854

Ms. Hardy—787-0861

Ms. Meyer—787-0858

Mr. Bradley—787-0855

Mr. Higgins—787-0862

Mr. Morgan—787-0867

Mr. Duffy—787-0871

Ms. Hipps—787-0872

Ms. Schiermeyer—787-0868

Mr. Enoch—787-0856

Mr. Knight—787-0863

Ms. Szijarto—787-0869

Ms. Farmer—787-0857

Mr. Lathen—787-0864

Ms. Valenzuela—787-0870

Mr. Grosenbach—787-0859

Mr. McHugh—787-0865

Ms. Hansford—787-086

Mr. McKee—787-0866

RAFFLE WIN 1/2 of a Beef or 1/2 of a Pig

Date: 10/5/09 to 10/30/09

Drawing on 10/30/09

**ILLINOIS
VALLEY
HIGH
SCHOOL**

This raffle is sponsored
by the Illinois Valley
High School Staff. The
proceeds will go towards
incentives for students
to encourage good
attendance.

There will be two drawings.
One is for 1/2 a pig and the
other will be for 1/2 a beef.
Drop by the school to
purchase one or more raffle
tickets. Cost is \$1.00 a ticket
or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

A very special thank you to
Carol Windes for donating
these prizes and to Taylor Sau-
sages for donating the cutting
and wrapping of the meat.



Illinois Valley High School

There will be two drawings. One is for 1/2 a pig and the other will be for 1/2 a beef. Drop by the school to purchase one or more raffle tickets. Cost is \$1.00 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. A very special thank you to Carol Windes for donating these prizes.

Phon: 592-211



We are on the web

**[http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/
index.asp](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/index.asp)**

Speed Limit on School Grounds

Students and parents please remember that the speed limit on school grounds is **5** miles per hour. That speed is going to feel **very slow** but it is the law. We have had several issues of either parents or students going over the speed limit which can cause safety issues on campus. We do not want anyone hurt.

Watch the school zone signs on Laurel Rd and River Street. The speed limit is 20 mph. Many tickets have been issued in the school zone this year so be aware the speed limit is being monitored. We want to keep our students who walk safe. Take a deep breath and enjoy the ride! It will add up to seconds of your time that could save someone's life.



Family Advocate Fundraiser

TWO LETTERMAN'S JACKETS WILL BE RAFFLED OFF EACH SEASON AT THAT SEASON'S AWARDS BANQUET. PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY ADVOCATE PROGRAM AT ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. THE MONEY RAISED GOES TO HELP STUDENTS IN NEED.

TICKET PRICES ARE:

1 FOR \$2.00 OR 3 FOR \$5.00

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A TICKET PLEASE SEE EITHER HEATHER MERRILL OR DEANA ENGLER OR YOU MAY CALL THE SCHOOL AT 541-592-2116.