

Cougar Nation News

February 2024

Dear Illinois Valley H.S. Friends Family & Community,

Thank you so much for your amazing support.

Recently, last year's state graduation rates have been released. Illinois Valley high school achieved the highest graduation rate in Josephine County and one of the top graduation rates in the state of Oregon with 95%. This could only be achieved through the amazing hard work of our students and staff and impossible without the support of our community.

As we enter, the second semester of the year, students are exploring new classroom opportunities, as well as finishing off the winter sports season.

Boys and girls basketball continue to compete and are now in league play. With all teams, working hard to overcome limitations from both injury and rescheduling of games due to weather up north.

Both boys and girls wrestling continue to dominate and boys wrestling finished second in the Oregon Classic. They have had the honor of being invited to the Reser's Tournament of Champions.

We are currently preparing to host Academic Masters at Illinois Valley H.S. this year. We are inviting all community members to come out and support our students for this event on March 8 @ 6:30pm. Academic Masters is a head-to-head competition between the brightest minds in Josephine County with significant cash rewards. IV has consistently exceeded all expectations finishing second only to Grants Pass H.S last year which has an enrollment of approximately 1800 students.

As we enter the deepest part of the winter, please be aware of the inclement weather and for potential school delays or closures.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events planned in the coming months from athletic to academics to musical and art celebrations.

Justin Wright
Principal

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IMMUNIZATIONS

The immunization exclusion day is February 21, 2024. Feel free to contact Tara Thornhill with any questions @

tara.thornhill@threerivers.k12.or.us



ART CLASSES

The IVHS Art Class is looking for donations of art materials, cameras, sculpture supplies, and much more! If you or someone you know is willing to donate supplies please bring them to the school or email Kaya Miranda at kaya.miranda@threerivers.k12.or.us



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2.....Groundhog Day
February 6.....Mathletes to SOU
February 6.....Cheer Camp Performance
February 14.....Valentine's Day
February 17.....Winter Ball
February 19.....No School Presidents Day
February 20-22.....Spirit Week
February 20.....ASVAB testing
February 23.....Academic Masters @ RCC
February 28.....Honor Society Induction
February 29.....FFA Auction



ATTN: ATHLETES

Track & Field season kicks off Feb 26th, we will continue to have conditioning after school from 4-5:30, Mon-Thur until Feb 22.

Set up your appointment for your physical in the Health Center before the season kicks off.



YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are on sale NOW for \$50.00.

Please see the bookkeeper in the front office to order you book.

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SPIRIT WEEK FEBRUARY 12 ~ 15

**Monday the 12th - Sleeping Beauty Day
(Wear PJ's)**

**Tuesday the 13th - Anti-Valentine's Day
(Wear Black)**

Wednesday the 14th - Queen of Hearts

**Thursday the 15th - Fantastic Beasts
(Dress up as a Wizard or a Fantastic Beast)**



Candy Gram's

We will be selling Valentine candy grams for \$.50 each. Each one consists of a chocolate heart candy and a message. They will go on sale Monday, February 5 and delivered on Valentine's Day.

WINTER BALL

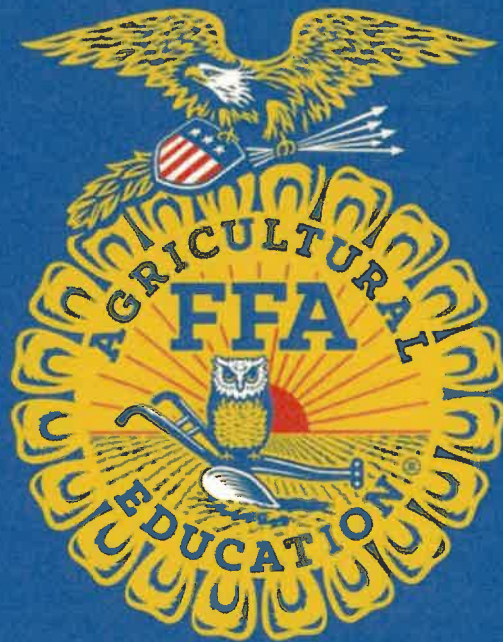
Winter Ball is February 17.
From 8pm -11pm. The
theme is Enchanted Forest:
Sadie Hawkins.

Purchase your tickets from
Miss Joan in the office.
Ticket are \$10.00 for single
and \$15.00 for couple (pre
sale). The price will go up if
purchased at the door.
Singles \$15 and couple \$20.

Illinois Valley FFA Dinner & Auction

Lasagna Dinner

\$20 per
ticket



\$100 for a
table of six

Thursday, February 29, 2024

Silent Auction at 5:30 - 6:30pm

Dinner at 6pm

Live Auction & Dessert Auction

Illinois Valley High School Commons