

## Three Rivers School District

# COUGAR CHRONICLE

2nd Edition

September 2009

### IT'S BEEN A GREAT START TO THE YEAR!!

#### CHECK OUT THE THREE RIVERS AND IVHS WEBPAGES

It is our goal to keep the IVHS Web Page current and up to date this year. All the teachers are working on creating web pages that can be accessed through the school's webpage. Teachers will be posting assignments and due dates as a tool for students and families. Though several teachers have their websites up and running, some others need a little more time to learn this new technology. Please give the teachers a couple of weeks to get these sites ready for your use.

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

Go to the Illinois Valley area schools

Go to IVHS

Go to Teacher Pages

Click on teacher's name

#### PARENT—TEACHER CONFERENCES

**October 8, 2009**

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

3:30 PM – 7:00 PM

(Teachers will take a dinner break from 3:00 – 3:30. Please be here by 2:30 to have time to see all teachers before the break and by 6:30 to see them before the end.)

Parent-teacher conferences for the 1st trimester for the high school will be on October 8, 2009. Parents will be able to meet individually with teachers to discuss their student's progress. All conferences will be held in the commons area of the high school.

It is especially important that the parents of students who are struggling with progress grades of D's or F's come to talk with teachers. Progress reports will be mailed home on the 2nd of October, so all parents should know where students stand. This is a most critical time to brainstorm some strategies for getting the grades up before the end of the trimester and transcription of final grades.

Students whose parents come to conferences will get extra credit points in class.

Parents who attend conferences will have their name placed in a drawing for a \$50 gas card.

Please put this date on your calendar and pick a time that works for you.



#### FOODS CLASS

After many years, we are excited to offer a Foods class at IVHS. It is an elective class that many students are interested in taking and certainly one that teaches students an important life skill. However, it is also an expensive class to run. We are not charging the students a fee and have built into our school budget some money to support it. But, in order to give the students more opportunities to prepare and taste their creations, we would appreciate support from parents or the community in the form of commodities. The students and class could use some donations of food items to help sustain the program this year. Items needed are flour, sugars, butter, shortening, baking soda, baking powder, spices, etc. All items must be new (not past expiration dates) and unopened! Next time you are out shopping and see a good sale on basic cooking supplies, remember the Foods class. Items may be brought to the office. Call Mrs. Meyer at the school if you would like more information.





## From the Athletic Director’s Desk

High School athletics exists, in great part, to build important qualities in young people.

These qualities include the value of hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Athletes can be supported in this process by coaches, parents, friends, and their teammates.

Specifically, in the area of sportsmanship, we ask our athletes to learn respect for their coaches, their teammates, the opposing team, and officials.

Therefore, student athletes, coaches, spectators and all others associated with high school activities programs and events should adhere to the fundamental values of fairness, honesty, responsibility, and respect.

Remember what high school activities are all about: participation, teamwork, effort, and sacrifice.

Please cheer in a positive manner and respect the decisions of the contest officials. Thanks for your help and enjoy each athletic contest.

## Band

Marching Cougar uniforms!! The Cougar Marching Band will be purchasing new uniforms for the first time in many years, and we need the community’s help. Several students worked very hard over the summer to raise money towards the outfits and we have received some donations and help from the school, but in order to assure that each student receives a complete uniform, more donations are needed. Show your Cougar pride and donate to the IVHS Band Uniform Fund.



## Problem Solving Behavior Intervention

This year we are implementing a Student Problem Solving Intervention to assist in teaching students to monitor their own behavior. For minor inappropriate behaviors, students will be asked to complete a Student Problem Solving (SPS) sheet as a first step instead of being issued a referral or being sent to the office. Referrals will continue to be used for recurring inappropriate behaviors, minor behavior issues that require administrative intervention and major infractions.

By filling out the SPS, students are able to explain the problem, their behavior, and how they can solve the problem in a reasonable and respectful manner. The SPS enables the student to voice their perspective, understand the problem, and learn proactive ways to deal with a situation while remaining in the classroom.

Completed SPS sheets will be sent to the office and the situation will be discussed with the student. A copy will be sent home so parents can also discuss the problem with their kids.

Public Law 105.17 known as IDEA (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults ages 0 – 21. Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 and 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is 862-3111, Ext. 5202.

## A QUICK REMINDER ABOUT DRESS CODE

School is a place of work—both for the staff and the students. It is important that both staff and students dress appropriately for work—showing respect for themselves and respect for others. Our dress code does not seek to judge clothing tastes by individual students and their families. Its purpose is to define what is appropriate for the work of teaching and learning. We sincerely encourage students to express themselves and their personalities in their clothing, while adhering to a few basic rules. Examples of inappropriate clothing are:

- Shorts and skirts that are above **mid-thigh** length.
- Low cut, immodest, and revealing blouses, tank tops, and shirts.
- Any clothing that depicts or advertises drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual acts, profanity or that in any way demeans others (i.e., race, gender, sexual orientation). SKIN clothing that depicts the silhouette of a naked woman is an example of clothing that demeans a gender.

- Pajamas – unless part of sanctioned school activity.
- Bathing suits, halter-tops, ‘tube tops’, backless and strapless tops.
- Clothing that reveals underwear including wearing low hanging or loose pants.
- Footwear not intended for outside use, i.e. slippers.
- Items that present a safety hazard cannot be worn, i.e., sunglasses inside the building.

When a student is not appropriately dressed for school, they will be reminded of the rules by staff members, asked to change clothing, and will receive a citation. Parents may be called and asked to bring a change of clothing. Students who continue to fail to respond to the rules will be given consequences, up to and including suspension.

## NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

If they have not done so, students must apply for free or reduced lunch status in order to receive that help with purchasing breakfast and lunch. Until the Free and Reduced applications have been turned in and cleared by food service, students must pay for their lunches. Please feel free to call Peggy at Food Service to check on the status of an application—476-4183.

If a student is receiving a reduced fee for lunch, they can eat breakfast at **no** charge.

Regular costs for meals this year:

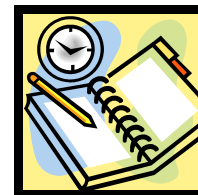
Breakfast Prices—\$1.10	Lunch—\$2.35
Milk—\$.50	Reduced Lunch—\$.40

Students who pay for lunch at either the regular cost or the reduced cost are encouraged to pay a week or month at a time when possible.

We cannot charge lunches for students or staff, but students who are unable to pay will be given a sack lunch with a PB&J sandwich.

## STUDENT PLANNERS

All students have been issued a student planner / handbook at no charge. There are expectations that each teacher is requiring each student to use the planners on a daily basis. The school rules and expectations are in the front of it. Ask to see your student's planner. Check to see that they are writing assignments and due dates in it.



Also, it is important that parents read through the handbook so they can be fully aware of the high school systems and expectations.

In order for students to get a hall pass from a class, the student must have the planner with him/her.

This helps with safety, where in the case of an emergency, the teacher will know who has left the classroom. Additionally, the planner can be a place for the teacher and parents to communicate with each other about the student's progress.

If a student loses their planner, they will be required to replace it for a \$2.00 fee. This is less than the purchase price, so we are hopeful that students will keep track of their planners.

# IMPORTANT DATES

- September 25 First Two- Hour Late Start Day for Staff Development—School starts at 10:40.
- October 2 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- October 8 Conference Day—No school for students
- October 9 No School—Statewide In-service Day
- October 29 Coffee House Concert @ 7:00 PM
- October 30 Late Start Day
- October 30 Homecoming Parade and Football Game
- October 31 Homecoming Dance—8:30—11:30
- November 11 Veterans Day—no school
- 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 17 Winterfest Concert @ 7:00 pm



# THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN!

**See Ms. Hall in the Main Office**

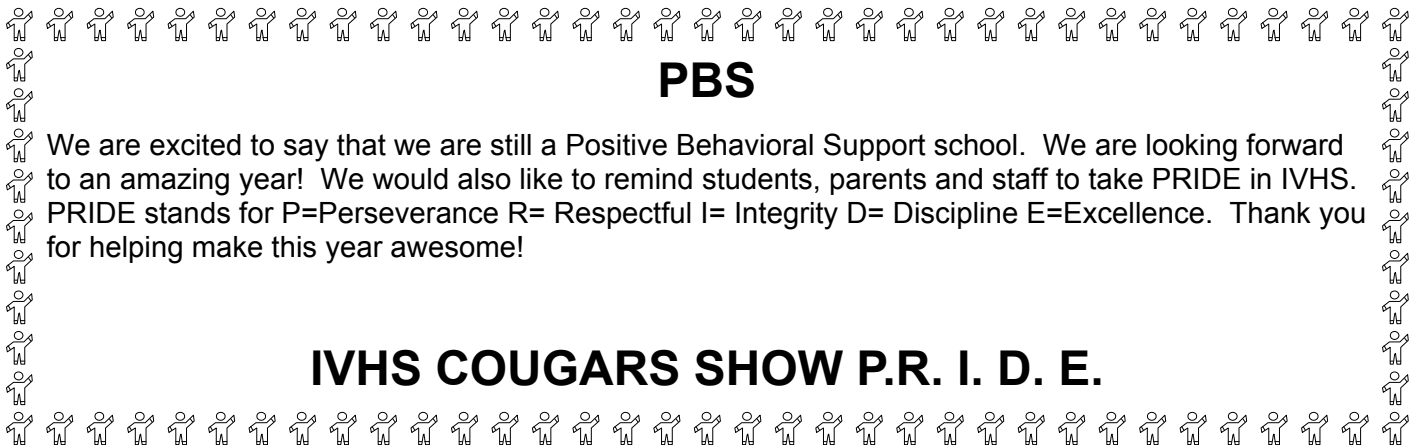
ASB Card validation costs \$10.00. With a validated card, students may attend all home Skyline Conference regular season Football, Volleyball and Basketball games for free. This is a great value! If you like to attend the games and you can pay the \$10.00 now, it will save you lots of money.



## PBS

We are excited to say that we are still a Positive Behavioral Support school. We are looking forward to an amazing year! We would also like to remind students, parents and staff to take PRIDE in IVHS. PRIDE stands for P=Perseverance R= Respectful I= Integrity D= Discipline E=Excellence. Thank you for helping make this year awesome!

## IVHS COUGARS SHOW P.R. I. D. E.



## Fall Sports

### JV/Varsity Football

September 18 JV/Varsity @ Gold Beach @ 4:00/7:00 pm

September 24 JV @ South Umpqua @ 6:00 pm

September 25 Varsity Here South Umpqua @ 7:00 pm

October 2 JV/Varsity @ Brookings @ 4:00/7:00 pm

October 9 JV/Varsity Here North Valley @ 4:00/7:00pm

### Cross Country Coed Team

September 16 @ Bear Creek

September 26 @ Lane Community College

October 3 @ Rogue River

October 17 @ Lithia Park

### JV/Varsity Volleyball

September 15 JV/Varsity Here Happy Camp @ 5:15/6:30

September 19 Varsity @ Gold Beach @ 9:00 am

September 22 JV/Varsity Here St. Mary's @ 5:00/6:30 pm

September 24 JV/Varsity Here Henley @ 5:15/6:30 pm

September 29 JV/Varsity @ Phoenix @ 5:15/6:30 pm

October 1 JV/Varsity @ North Valley @ 5:15/6:30 pm

October 3 Varsity @ St. Mary's @ 9:00 am

### Boys Soccer

September 22 Varsity @ Mazama @ 4:00 pm

September 26 Varsity Here North Valley @ 10:00 am

September 29 Varsity @ Phoenix @ 4:00 pm

October 3 Varsity Here North Valley @ 6:00 pm

### Girls Soccer

September 15 Varsity @ St. Mary's @ 4:00 pm

September 19 Varsity @ Rogue River @ 10:00 am

September 22 Varsity Here Cascade Christian @ 4:00 pm

September 26 Varsity @ North Valley @ 10:00 am

September 29 Varsity Here Phoenix @ 4:00 pm

October 6 Varsity Here Henley @ 4:00 pm



The Rotarians of Josephine County are business people who are focused on service to their communities. The major fundraiser they do is the Duck Derby where they sell little, yellow rubber ducks to the public and then send them down the Rogue River. The owners of the first ducks to reach the finish line are winners of a variety of wonderful prizes.

All profits raised through the sale of the ducks is currently going to the four high schools in the county to improve athletic facilities. Depending on the amount of money made, the Rotary matches the funds that are raised by Booster Clubs. The money that IVHS will receive is dedicated this year toward the continued construction of our new *Field of Dreams*. The new press box on the football field and new batting cage on the softball and baseball fields are the result of previous Duck Derbies as well as the dedicated work of the IV Booster Club and members of the community.

Every duck that is purchased means more money that the Rotary will be able to give to schools.

So, buy a duck at one of the businesses in town or come by the school or a football game and we can sell you one. All entries must be received by September the 25th.

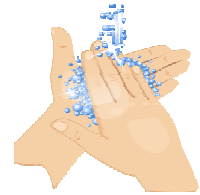
Each year there have been winners from the Illinois Valley. Buy a duck—maybe this is your year to win! But if not, you have still helped our kids.

# 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.



## CELL FREE ZONE

Classrooms and hallways between classes are 'cell free zones'. Students may use their phones before school, at lunch, and after school. We are asking for parent's cooperation in this matter. Ringing or vibrating phones in class are extremely disruptive. If a cell phone is seen or heard in class or if a student is seen on the phone in the hallways between classes, the teacher or staff person will take it from the student and send or take it to the office where it will be safely stored in the vault. On the first offense, students may pick up their phone at the end of the day. On the second offense, a parent will need to come and get it. Chronic offenders will not be allowed to have a cell phone at school. Please do not call your student during school hours. If there is an emergency, call the office and we will get your student immediately.

## 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.

## **SCHOOL - PARENT COMPACT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009 – 2010**

*This compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students of Illinois Valley High School will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help students achieve the State's high standards.*

### **ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL will:**

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards. We will provide:
  - ▶ Quality instruction and programs in reading and mathematics
  - ▶ Appropriate and effective remedial programs in basic reading and math skills
  - ▶ Individualized assessment and instruction as necessary
  - ▶ A staff committed to meeting the needs of the whole child
  
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences at the mid-point of each trimester during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:
  - ▶ October 8, 2009
  - ▶ January 27, 2010
  - ▶ April 26, 2010
  
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
  - ▶ 6 week progress Reports at mid- trimester
  - ▶ Report Cards at the end of each trimester
  - ▶ Monthly School Newsletters
  - ▶ Phone calls from teachers or staff with any concerns about behavior, grades, or attendance.
  
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
  - ▶ Parents may call at any time to schedule appointments.
  - ▶ Parents may leave a voice mail for teachers who will return your calls promptly.
  - ▶ Parents will be notified via the school's webpage and by newsletters of upcoming events and opportunities.
  
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their student's classes and to observe classroom activities, as follows:
  - ▶ Parents are encouraged to volunteer and be active members of the IVHS community. Please call your child's teacher to find out about how you may best offer your time and services.
  - ▶ Parents should call an administrator if they wish to observe classroom lessons or activities.

### **Parent Responsibilities**

Parents will support their student's learning in the following ways:

- ▶ Monitoring attendance.
- ▶ Making sure that homework is completed.
- ▶ Staying informed about the student's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by their child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.

### **Student Responsibilities**

Students will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, they will:

- ▶ Be engaged in the classroom and show perseverance by doing assignments and homework every day.
- ▶ Set personal goals for their education and future.
- ▶ Be on time for each class and make every effort to be in school each day.
- ▶ Ask for help when needed.



# IVHS After Hours

Fall 2009 (classes start September 21<sup>st</sup>)

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	<b>Archery</b> 3:30-5:30 pm
<b>Orchestra</b> 3:30-5:30 pm	<b>Martial Arts: Tai Yuan Tao</b>	<b>Orchestra</b> 3:30-5:30 pm	<i>Poetry Writing Workshop</i> 3:30-5:30 pm
<b>Home-Style Cooking</b> 3:30-5:30 pm	<u>Mountain Biking</u> 3:30-5:30 pm	<b>Salsa Dancing</b> 3:30-5:30 pm	<u>Mountain Biking</u> 3:30-5:30 pm
<b>Basketball Open Gym</b> 6:00-8:00 pm (Girls)	CAREER CONNECTIONS for the CULINARY ARTS 3:30-5:30 pm (starts Oct.	<b>Basketball Open Gym</b> 6:00-8:00 pm (Boys)	CAREER CONNECTIONS for the CULINARY ARTS 3:30-5:30 pm (starts Oct.
<b>Homework Help</b> <b>Credit Retrieval</b> <b>Monday - Thursday</b> <b>3:30-5:45 pm</b>	<b>Brain Bowl</b> 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

IVHS *After Hours* programs are funded by a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant. All classes are free and open to students, staff and parents/guardians. For more information contact Jen Marsden at 592-2116.

## 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

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Athletic Director: Mr. Mark Higgins  
Office Manager: Ms. Janie Pope



**We are on the web**

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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In compliance with the requirements of the *No Child Left Behind* statute the Three Rivers School District informs parents that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s). The following information may be requested:

- ◆ whether the teacher has met the Oregon Department of Education's requirements for certification for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- ◆ whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Oregon qualifications or certification criteria have been waived;
- ◆ the college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher;
- ◆ whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's qualifications, please contact your child's principal: JoAnn Bethany.

Sincerely,

Peter Maluk

Director of Elementary Education and Federal Programs.