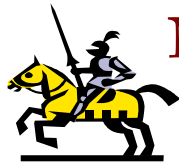


Board Briefing

December 2009



North Valley High School

Home of the Knights

KUDOS

Kudos Knights! On December 8th, we will be BBQing for 350 students (over half!) who had excellent attendance and no referrals during the first trimester. And this during a crippling H1N1 outbreak! We are so proud of our kids who come to school every day and give it their best.

Academics

This year we have Brenda Richardson as a part-time Freshman Advocate, monitoring and supporting freshman classroom performance, attendance and discipline patterns. We also have worked hard on providing classroom supports and transitional services to our incoming freshmen, such as with Link Crew. Thanks to everyone's hard work, our freshman failure rate has dropped substantially in the past few years.

2006-07: 45% of NVHS freshmen earned one or more Fs

2008-09: 23% of NVHS freshmen earned one or more Fs

First Trimester, 2009-10: 15.6% of freshmen earned one or more Fs.

First trimester is historically the worst academically for freshmen. We'll keep working at this with a goal of 10% or fewer – while not reducing the rigor and expectations we already have.

We completed our first round of OAKS testing in November, testing about 2/3 of our sophomores in each of the subject areas and many freshmen, juniors and seniors also in math. At NVHS, we set goals each year based on the highest percentage met in any of the 4 high schools in the county. Already we are close to those goals in English and Science but have a ways to go in Math. Students have 2 more testing opportunities and we expect the picture to improve further.

On Wednesday the 16th, we will have our recent alumni back to talk with all of our TEAM advisory groups about their first year of college. This is always an inspirational and revealing experience!

Facilities

Several facilities improvements this fall:

New fitness area for students, staff and community, thanks to grants and community

New picture board in front of the office introducing staff to our visitors, thanks to Boosters!

New welcome signs at the entrance to the school, thanks to Jeff Weiss!

Beautiful new façade on the Dragon's Lair, thanks to River Valley Church!

New public bulletin board in the entrance, thanks to Key Club and Kiwanis!

Redesign of Student Services office, thanks to Linda McClanahan!

Activities

We have a new club on campus, the Rotary Interact Club, advised by Ron Peck and volunteers from the Rotary Club. Interact is a community service club.

We ended the fall with a very successful Soccer season and our Women's Soccer team made us proud in the playoffs. We have just started winter sports competitions and have about 1/4 of our students participating in a winter sport.