



# CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER



March 2025

## News from the Principal

Spring is in full swing, and our students and staff continue to show what it means to live RED—Respect, Excellence, and Determination! We recently had the opportunity to celebrate our Academic Masters competitors, who showcased their incredible knowledge and dedication. Their hard work and perseverance truly reflect the excellence we strive for at IVHS.

As we shift into spring sports, we look forward to seeing our student-athletes bring that same level of commitment and determination to the sporting fields. Whether in competition or daily interactions, we encourage all students to lead with respect, give their best effort, and push forward with determination.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us build a culture where every student can thrive. Let's make this a great spring!

Mr. Lathen  
Principal



# COUGAR NATION NEWS



## Dates to Remember

March 1.....Choir to N.Medford  
March 3-7.....Classified Week  
March 8.....Band to Ashland  
March 11.....Band to Roseburg  
March 11.....Mathletes to SOU  
March 12.....6pm Spring Sports Night  
March 12.....6pm Board Meeting  
March 24-28.....Spring Break  
March 29.....Panda Express Fundraiser

## Battle of the Books

IV took first place at the OBoB (Battle of the Books) District Competition on the February 22. We going to regionals in Medford on March 8.Good luck!  
Ava Adams, Paige Paul, Morgan Clark, & Adilene Gutierrez-Gonzalez.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our wrestlers that made it to the state finals.

Aleigha Hix, Morgan Melton, James Conn, Jaxson Heckard, Justin Crowley, Talen Schaffer, Ethan Green, Kaiden Holbrook, Grit Charitram, & Garrett White.

Athletes will be wrestling in Portland February 28, & March 1. We wish them all good luck. Go Cougs!





# COUGAR NATION NEWS



## Music News

Congratulations to Bryce Merritt, Felix Becker, Brayden Peters, Dominic Thoms, and Shilo Farnsworth for their acceptance into the SOU Honor Band! We are so proud of you!

## PreACT

On Wednesday, March 12 we will offer the PreACT (for sophomores only) during school hours. If you have any questions please contact Crystal Welch @ 541-592-2116

## Prom Court

If you are interested in running for Prom Court sign up in the office by March 15. This is for Seniors only

## Prom tickets are on sale now.

This years prom is Friday, April 18 from 8pm-11pm.

The theme is Greek Gods & Goddesses

Pre-order: \$15 singles, \$25 double  
Door price: \$20 single, \$30 Double





**Learn how you can celebrate  
your music program this March!**

**#MIOSM | #UnitedThroughMusic | [nafme.org/MIOSM](http://nafme.org/MIOSM)**

#### Academic Masters

Good luck to our Academic Masters participants...  
Apollo Taylor-English, Indio  
Heberlein-Science, Manny Taylor-  
Social Studies, Dorian Whittinger-  
Math, and Felix Becker-Music.  
They will compete at GPHS against  
Grants Pass, Hidden Valley, and  
North Valley.







## Josephine County Juvenile Justice/Prevention Team

### What We Do:

Create opportunities for youth and families in our community by providing evidence-based prevention strategies.

School Outreach Officers collaborate with the Three Rivers School District to provide prevention focused support such as:

- ❖ **Relationship Building**
- ❖ **Advocacy**
- ❖ **Prevention Education Classes:**
  - **Vaping, Marijuana, Anger Management, Relationship Skills, Communication Skills, Nicotine Cessation, Problem Gambling, and more...**
- ❖ **Skill Building**
- ❖ **Re-engagement**
- ❖ **Truancy**
- ❖ **Barrier Removal**
- ❖ **Juvenile Justice Liaison**
- ❖ **Informal Counseling**
- ❖ **Family Support**



Josh Cox-HVHS, LSMS

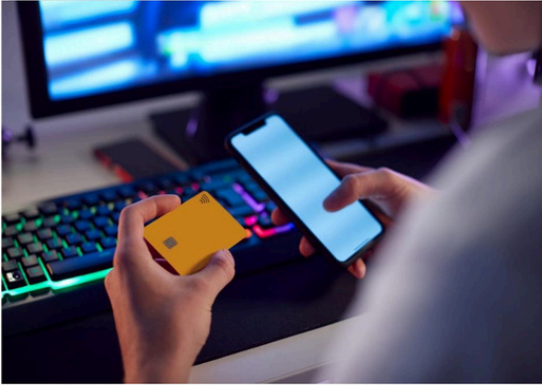


Ayden Snow-IVHS, LBMS



Craig Owen-NVHS, FMS

## PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2025



Research shows young people aged 10 to 24 years have higher rates of problem gambling than adults. Although most regulated gambling activities are illegal for adolescents due to legal age restrictions, youth still engage in various types of gambling activities

Types of Youth Gambling:



- ❖ Loot Boxes & Loot Crates
- ❖ Social Casino Games
- ❖ Skin's Betting
- ❖ E-Sports Betting
- ❖ Social Media Gambling

For more information scan the QR code

**For help with a gambling problem, call 1-800-GAMBLER, text 800GAM, or visit [www.1800gamblerchat.org](http://www.1800gamblerchat.org)**

**Problem gambling does not discriminate and can impact anyone who gambles regardless of economic, social, cultural or levels of education. This Problem Gambling Awareness Month let's work together to break stereotypes and provide support for everyone who needs it.**

By: Josephine County Prevention Team



## Principal of the Year

Congratulation to Mr. Erik Lathen he has been named "Principal of the Year." We love having him at Illinois Valley High School!





# ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

ERIK LATHEN, PRINCIPAL \* ERICA BUTLER, ASST. PRINCIPAL/AD \* SHERI LARSON, OFFICE MGR.

Dear Parent or Guardian of Student Athletes:

I wish to inform you of a sports financial assistance program called Every Kid Sports in which any student receiving Medicare, WIC or SNAP will qualify. If you have a student that will be involved in an upcoming sport you can apply online and the program will pay \$95 of the \$105 fee, you pay only \$10. The application period for winter sports has begun. The process opens at **10am daily** and ends when the daily quota is filled. This is not a guaranteed payment, the sooner you apply the better your chances of being approved.

To apply go to: [everykidsports.org](http://everykidsports.org)

Under Parent Portal choose EKS Pass Page then choose apply and fill out the application, it only takes about five minutes to apply.

Below is some information you may need for the application:

- How did you hear about The Pass? – School District
- The dates your sport starts and ends:
  - Basketball - November 18, 2024 – February 9, 2025
  - Wrestling - November 18, 2024 – February 27, 2025
  - Cheer - November 18, 2024 – March 4, 2025
- Hours of participation per week: 18
- Organization hosting your sport: Illinois Valley High School
- Schools website: <http://iv.3riverssd.org>
- Contact person: Joan McCaslin  
joan.mccaslin@threerivers.k12.or.us 541-592-2116
- Cost of sport registration: \$105
- Grant amount requested: \$95

**You will need to attach and submit your Medicare, WIC or SNAP information to your Every Kid Sports application.** Funds are not available for previous sports participation.

Once approved, typically within 8 – 11 days, ChekSpend will email you a digital debit card number, you **must call me** with that number and I will credit you your grant amount. If you don't receive it, check your spam or trash.

Every Kid Sports has a help site: <https://help.everykidsports.org/>

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ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
BAND AND CHOIR PRESENTS



**FESTIVAL PREVIEW**

**&**

**SPRING CONCERT**



MARCH 5, 2025

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ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH  
SCHOOL COMMONS





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# Prom

*Friday, April 18th*

*8 pm - 11 pm*

*Ticket prices*

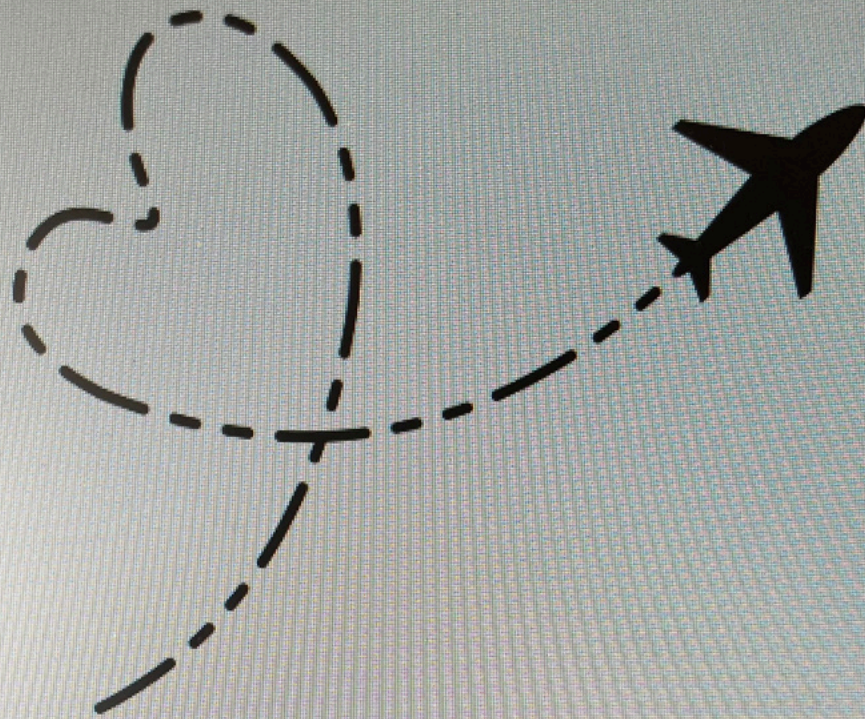
*Pre-Order : \$15 single, \$25 double*

*At The Door: \$20 single, \$30 double*

*Theme*

*Greek Gods and Goddesses*





# March Penny Drive for Student Travel to France and Spain

Please send your pennies (or any change!!) with your high school student or bring them to IVHS during the month of March!

Collection jars will be in the office and room 12.

Thank you!! ;Gracias! Merci!

