

April 2019



ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Cougar Nation

News from Mr. Smith

Hello Cougar Nation!!!

We are to the home stretch! The year has flown by and I would imagine that the 4th quarter of the school year which is almost upon us will go quickly as well. This has been an outstanding year so far at Illinois Valley High School. We need to continue giving a Championship Effort and it could end with one of the most productive years in quite some time.

Spring Fever is truly a "thing" for everyone! Please make sure to talk with your student and stress the importance of attendance and how it can help or hinder education. I am very confident that if your child is at school, my staff and others will get them across the finish line. If they aren't here, we can't help.

This time of year brings along with it some special events that IVHS will be hosting. We will have our National Honor Society Induction, Scholarship Night and we are proudly hosting the Academic Masters competition between Illinois Valley High School, North Valley, Hidden Valley and Grants Pass. All of these are opportunities to support our students who have done a great job academically! I am quite proud of every student that walks through our doors, but especially those that choose to represent our school in such a positive way in extra curricular ways.

State Testing will be happening for the Junior class so if you are a parent of a Junior please talk to them about testing and let them know that it is simply a way to check how we are doing with regards to others in the state and state standards. By no means do we judge students based on State Tests as they do not measure Heart, or take into account what some have already overcome just to be here.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and our new Instagram account! These are new ways to keep up with what is happening at Illinois Valley High School! Also if you haven't stopped by in a while please come and see us. We have made some amazing changes to our front office and done some new painting in our entry ways and halls. The IVHS trophy case has gotten a remodel and our students have done some great projects to benefit our school courtesy of our amazing CTE program of study.

As I often say, I am so honored and proud to be the Principal of this High School. I have been blessed to have this opportunity and hope that I am able to give my all for the students and parents of this Valley each and every day. We have wonderful people who work here at the High School and I assure you that they all want your child to have success.

We're going to Nationals!

Zoe Brock is part of our Speech and Debate team. For the first time in Cougar history she has qualified for Nationals in Dallas, Texas in June!

Zoe will be fundraising to help with the cost of travel and lodging. If you would like to sponsor Zoe please contact the Illinois Valley High School office. At 541-592-2116.

Way to go Zoe!



Dates to Remember

Senior Parent Mtg.....	April 01
ECMC Night 5:30PM.....	April 03
Jostens @ lunch (seniors).....	April 08
Honor Society Induction 6PM.....	April 08
Academic Masters @ IVHS 6:30PM.....	April 16
District Spelling Bee @ D. O. 6PM.....	April 18
Easter Day.....	April 21
Conferences (no school).....	April 25
Conferences (no school).....	April 26
Prom 8PM.....	April 27

Academic Masters

This year IVHS is hosting Academic Masters on Tuesday, April 16. This is a competition between all 4 Josephine County Schools in the categories of Music, Social Studies, English, Science and Math.

Students within our school take a test and the top 5 in each category then move on to the Simi-finals where they do a presentation in front of a panel of judges and their peers. From there the student with the top score moves on to the finals.

This year we have the following students representing Illinois Valley High School...

Music ~ Annie Hertler, Social Studies ~ Jonathan Wood, English ~ Owen Dwyer, Science ~ Dani Shinerock, and Math ~ Raina Fuson.

Please plan on attending on April 16 to support our students for all their hard work.

We are very excited for our students. Congratulations to them all!

Senior Information

Seniors, if you owe any money to the school, your diploma will be withheld until you are paid in full. See Dianna Hall in the office to check your account.

Thank You's

IVHS thanks Ethan Lane, owner of the Cave Junction Grocery Outlet for their support! Grocery outlet has jumped in with both feet since opening in our community, and has donated food and drinks, raised money for donation to youth programs in our valley, and allowed youth to bag groceries to raise funds for various sports, teams, and activities. Thank you Grocery Outlet!

IVHS SMILE

The IVHS SMILE (Science Math Investigative Learning Experiences) will have their annual High School Challenge April 25th and 26th at OSU. Students will travel to Oregon State University and compete in Science and Math challenges with other High School SMILE clubs from all over the state. Good Luck IVHS SMILE club members!



Athletic Department

Our Equestrian team is off to a good start. They have already competed in one meet this season and have two more meets before state meet. They are set for another very successful finish.

Track and Field has been working hard to get into shape this year for their competitions. They have already started to compete. After a few more meets Coach Thornhill will settle in on who will give them the best chance to win at the Regional Meet. There are 36 athletes on the team.

There are 5 girls on the Girls golf team. They've started competing already and are working very hard to get better lower their scores.

Boys golf has 15 players out as right now. The top five players will compete at the varsity meets. We have two new coaches helping this year, James Secret and Jaime Drake. They are both very knowledgeable and work well with student athletes.

This year Softball has an experienced team and has 14 players. They have started the season off right with a couple wins under their belt. Come watch them play they are a fun group to watch.

Baseball is also off to a great start. They are 2-0 and have scored 20 runs each game. They have 23 players out this season. They have schedule a few JV games and are looking for a few more.

2019 Junior/Senior Prom

"A Night in Wonderland" will be held at Illinois Valley H.S. on April 27, 2019 from 8PM to 11PM. Tickets will go on sale Monday April 8th.

Our Cougar Closet is open for all your prom needs.

Rogue River Florist will be taking orders for corsages and boutonnieres. They will deliver them to Illinois Valley High School Saturday, April 27. Please see attached flyer.

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