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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- TANNER SMITH

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COUGAR NATION

Upcoming Dates

- Sadie Hawkins Dance - April 1st
- Spring Concert - April 4th @ 7 pm
- Spelling Bee- April 14th @ DO
- End of 3rd Qtr - April 14th
- **Clerical Day**~ No School for Students April 15
- Semester Conferences - April 21st Evening
- **Semester Conferences** - April 22nd All Day No School for Students
- Academic Masters FINALS @ GPHS - April 28th
- Prom - Saturday, May 21st
- Memorial Day, Holiday - May 30th
- Last day for Seniors - Friday, June 3rd
- Graduation - Tuesday, June 7th

Our Mission:

Is to provide a safe and stimulating learning community for all students.

Our Vision:

Is to empower individuals to reach their greatest potential as productive citizens and lifelong learners.

Dear Patents/Guardians;

As we enter the home stretch of the school year it is vital for us to keep up the outstanding attendance and effort exhibited so far this year. With spring weather hopefully headed our way some obvious distractions from school will arise. I encourage everyone to buckle down and continue full steam ahead as the rewards will no doubt be worth it. So far we as a school have done a wonderful job with attendance and with that continuing we will have a great finish to our year.

Remember we have Homework Help House on Tuesday and Thursday with some amazing staff that are willing to stay and help anyone that shows up. Take advantage of this time and stay on top of your studies.

Springtime no doubt brings weather that will possibly change your wardrobe. Please refer to the student handbook for any questions of appropriate clothing for school. If you have any questions in that regard please see Mr. Smith in the office.

Let's finish this year strong and be able to reflect back on the outstanding year that we have put together.

Cougar Nation is Awesome!!!

Sincerely,

Tanner Smith

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

STUDENT CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES & CLARIFICATION

An **Emergency Contact person**, for student enrollment purposes is someone that you, as the Parent/Guardian, will list on their enrollment form in the event of an emergency. The office staff will **ONLY** use this contact **IF** an emergency arises, **AND** you or the regular contacts **CANNOT** be reached.

Emergency Contact persons do not have permission to randomly check your son or daughter out of school **WITHOUT** your **VERIFIED** permission.

We will not release a student to
someone listed as an
EMERGENCY contact
without your permission.

COMMUNICATIONS: SYNVOICE—AUTOMATED VOICE MESSAGING & ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS

We will use **Synvoice** to send out important messages about school closures and school events. When you get a call from the school using **Synvoice**, it is important that you say **"Hello"** as this triggers the message. If you have voicemail, it will leave a message. If you have email registered with the school, we will often send emails as well.

At this time, our Attendance Clerk, Tani Becker, personally follows up on absences on a daily basis. If your student missed all or part of school, please call the school by the next morning to clear your student's absences. The number is 541-592-2116; ask for the attendance office. You may also send Ms. Becker an email to verify or excuse an absence or tardy: tani.becker@threerivers.k12.or.us. It is very important for you and your student to have these absences cleared. Students will receive a disciplinary referral for un-cleared absences.

COUGAR CHATTER

- Pre-Order your Yearbook now for a special price of \$45.00. See Office or Ms. Muniz for details.
- Our sports teams will be selling Gold Cards. They are good until 5/17. They have two Cave Junction businesses on them along with multiple businesses from Grants Pass. The cost is \$20.00 per card and the money they make will support the various teams who sell them. We will be selling them for one week after spring break.
- Some students have fines / unreturned books that need to be cleared up. You will not be cleared for Sports if you have any past or present sports fees due. Your final report card will be withheld if you owe \$50.00 or more. You will not receive a diploma at your graduation if you owe for anything. See Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Stehelin to find out if you owe for anything. You may pay online at https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/the_cougar_den/

IVHS STUDENT-BASED HEALTH CENTER NEWS

SPORTS PHYSICAL INFORMATION:

ALL SPORTS PHYSICALS WILL COST \$25. THIS PRICE IS GOOD ALL THE TIME, AND AVAILABLE AT ALL SISKIYOU COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER SITES. THIS INCLUDES THE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS, THE CLINICS IN CAVE JUNCTION AND GRANTS PASS, AND SISKIYOU'S WALK-IN CLINIC IN GRANTS PASS.

PHYSICALS NEED TO BE COMPLETED OR UPDATED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SPORTS. CALL OR STOP BY THE HEALTH CENTER TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT!

- News from the Health Center: Teens can earn a \$15 gift card to Taylor's by having a well-child exam done at the school-based health center or at Siskiyou Community Health Center. We can also do a sports physical at the same time! Please contact the IVHS Student Health Center at [541-592-3749](tel:541-592-3749).



Illinois Valley High School 21st Century Enrichment After School Programs

The following classes have been provided by a grant through the 21st Century Learning Center. Classes are open to I.V. High School students, Lorna Byrne Middle School Students, Home Schooled students at the level of 9th-12th grades, and students enrolled in a registered GED program. Parents and relatives of any of these eligible students are also welcome to participate

All after school classes begin at 3:30 PM and end at 5:30 PM

Meal is provided for all after school classes.

Before School Homework Help

Mondays—Thursday 7:00—7:30 AM

Tuesdays

- ◆ Homework Help

Mondays

- ◆ Yoga for Athletes
- ◆ Vocational Welding
 - ◆ Wood Shop
 - ◆ Board Games
 - ◆ Sewing

Wednesdays

- ◆ Health Cooking
 - ◆ Vocational Welding
 - ◆ Wood Shop
 - ◆ Art

Thursdays

- ◆ Homework Help
- ◆ Battle of the Books
- ◆ SAT/College Prep
- ◆ Cooking w/Laura—Home Cooked Whole Foods

All classes are held at **Illinois Valley High School**, 625 E. River Street, Cave Junction, OR 97523

Coordinator: **Sara Creek**, (sara.creek@threerivers.k12.or.us),

For more information, send an email or call, 541-592-2116.



LIBRARY BOOKS FOR ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



Reading is the most important skill a child can learn. It is vital to every child's success and it is the door opener to the 21st century for all children. No matter how advanced technology becomes, reading will continue to be the key that helps kids master all others.

When kids get older they are easily distracted. Reading often takes a backseat to other pursuits and interests. However, the more a child reads, the more confident and skilled they become. Motivating a child to keep reading and to understand and think critically and creatively about what they have read are the end goals.

So, head to the library, the bookstore, the Goodwill, or any place where books are sold. Get more involved in reading, reading to each other and reading aloud. Together we can make a difference in kid's lives that will last a lifetime. We invite and encourage all the members of our community to READ! READ! READ!

With these thoughts in mind, our local Grants Pass bookstore, **Oregon Books & Games**, is a jewel.

- They will contribute **5%** of all purchases to **Illinois Valley High School**, if the customer requests **IVHS** to be the recipient of the contribution.
- The customer must request **IVHS** at the time of payment in order for our library to receive the gift certificate.
- In return, the library will use the money to purchase new books.
- As an added convenience, people may order online at www.oregonbooks.com and pick up their purchases in the store.
- Don't forget to designate **IVHS** when paying. The bookstore does not have the ability to accept payments online but will accept credit card payments over the phone; remember to mention **IVHS**. They will mail your purchase for a fee if you are unable to pick up at the store.

Oregon Books & Games is a full-service community bookstore that has served our area for more than twenty years. They feature a full range of books for young children, teens and adults. Book choices include mystery and adventure novels, fantasy, romance, graphic novels, and the latest bestsellers from more than 100 publishers.

For more information, please contact the **IVHS Librarian, Trudy Stehelin**, or, you may contact Oregon Books Games directly at:

150 NE "E" Street
Grants Pass, OR
541-476-3132
www.oregonbooks.com



Can you qualify for Oregon's new community college grant program?



Will you **graduate** from an Oregon high school or get your GED in the spring or summer of 2016?



**2.5+
GPA**

Will your **cumulative GPA** be 2.5 or higher?



Will you go to an Oregon community college in **fall of 2016?**



Will you be an **Oregon resident** for at least 12 months before enrolling for the 2016 fall term?



YES

 **Oregon
Promise**

New Oregon program could help you with tuition or costs. Apply between **Nov. 1, 2015 and March 1, 2016.**
www.OregonPromise.org

Students that don't qualify are encouraged to visit www.OregonStudentAid.gov to explore other financial aid options.

Administered by the HECC Office of Student Access and Completion.





FOOD DELIVERY

During School Hours



It is always our goal to help students learn, succeed, and thrive, and, as parents/guardians, you know that healthy eating is one tool that is beneficial.

We encourage our students to eat during the regularly scheduled breakfast and lunch times. We do understand that there may be times when this does not work as planned. As a supplemental time, the school schedule provides a morning break, and, for most of the week, an afternoon break, which allows students to grab a quick snack or drink, should they choose to.

If you need to bring food/drink to the school for your student, please understand that there is a guideline in place that will not allow class time to be disrupted.

The process of how food and/or drinks are delivered to students during regular class time hours will be as follows:

- ⇒ **ANY** food or drink brought to the school for a student will be delivered at a break time (morning or afternoon), or at the beginning of lunch.
- ⇒ Food/drinks left for student athletes, or, students going on a school-sponsored field trip, will be able to pick up **BETWEEN** classes, or, on their way out to the bus.
- ⇒ **NO** food or drink will be delivered to a student during **ANY** class time periods.
- ⇒ **Please pay close attention to the daily lunch time when delivering your student food. Allow enough time for him/her to eat what you have brought, without being tardy to the next class.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Cell Phone Policy



During School Hours

We encourage ALL parents/guardians and students to adhere to the Three Rivers School District/ Illinois Valley High School policy regarding the use of cell phones during school hours.

Students are allowed to carry their cell phones on their person while on school campus. While in class, however, students are asked to keep their phones in either their backpack or locker. Certain circumstances **MAY** allow the use of cell phones in the classroom with permission.

Students are **NOT** allowed to use their cell phones while in the office.

If you need to contact your student during school hours, please contact the school, we will get a message for him/her to call you as soon as the current class is done. If it is an urgent situation, or an emergency, we will get your student to the office at that time.

The following is a brief guide for basic cell phone usage. Please refer to the student handbook for detailed information, or, contact the office.

Cell phones CAN be used:

- Before/After school
- During lunch time and morning/afternoon break
- Special classroom assignments **ONLY** where permission is granted.

Cell phones CANNOT be used:

- **DURING CLASS TIME** (Including but not limited to texting, social media, internet surfing, photographing/recording).
- **IN THE OFFICE** (Students may use the office phone to call a parent for emergency purposes only).

THE ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

ON-LINE RESOURCES

YEAR ROUND ONLINE STUDY RESOURCES AVAILABLE

On-Line support to help your student keep the skills learned, in shape. Like exercising your muscles on a daily or weekly basis, so too does the brain need its physical activity. The following web sites are provided to assist with the "Summer Brain Exercise" routine.

My student doesn't understand their homework . . . now what?

We have all been in the situation where our students don't understand the homework and we are trying to dust off the files in our head to remember how to do that math problem or remember what happened in this historic battle. It can be frustrating for both the student and the parent to get through the homework. In today's world full of technology students have numerous resources available to help them re-learn the concepts. The following are just three of the many sites available.

Khan Academy – www.khanacademy.org

This website has over 4,000 videos on subjects from geometry to chemistry to computer science. This is a great tool that actually reteaches the material step by step. Many times hearing the concept explained by someone else makes that light bulb turn on and the student understands. Interactive practice is also available to solidify the concepts.

Sophia – www.sophia.org

Video clips are also available at Sophia, but there is also much more. Over 28,000 tutorials including slideshows and screencasts are available anytime. The site also tailors the information according to the student's learning style, which is determined through a short quiz.

Quizlet – www.quizlet.com

This is a great study tool. There are thousands of flash cards & quizzes on the site developed by students and teachers from around the world in nearly every subject you can think of. Students can use an already created tool or create one of their own to challenge themselves and others in their class. This is a great vocabulary tool.

We hope you will find these resources helpful. If you would like more information or other ideas how to help your child at home please do not hesitate to contact the office.



ODYSSEYWARE is an on-line academic website which provides innovative, 21st century learning opportunities for our students.

Three Rivers School District/Illinois Valley High School uses this program for students outside of the regular classroom setting, and for students that need to do make up classes (Credit Retrieval) to be eligible for graduation.

ODYSSEYWARE (OW) is web-based. If you have internet access, your student can access his/her assignments, which allows them the ability to complete the courses as fast as he/she needs to, whether they are in the classroom or at home.

To access the **ODYSSEYWARE** web site AFTER he/she is registered, your student will need to go to <https://3rivers.owschools.com>. From there, they will be able to login and access the courses that they are enrolled in.



J. Ongman would like for you to join Illinois Valley High School on Remind for class updates.



1. GO TO THIS LINK ON YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER

remind.com/join

2. ENTER THIS CLASS CODE TO JOIN

@illinoisv

Don't have a smart phone or computer? Sign up by sending a text message to 81019 with the message @illinoisv.