

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that this November finds you happy and healthy and anticipating time with family and other loved ones. As I count my blessings this year, I am grateful to be part of this community that is committed to serving and caring for our students here at Hidden Valley High School.

Please know that being the principal means taking on tough issues as they arise. This being said, I feel compelled to share with you a few serious topics this month and ask for your help in moving forward as a school community. School safety continues to create angst among parents, employees, and our students. Specific items come to mind immediately when I think of school safety. Emergency procedures for lockdown/evacuation, student bullying/harassment, and teenage drug and alcohol use all top the list.

Recent events have brought to light the fact that we have some students who are engaging in behaviors and making choices that are not positive. In every attempt, our school has taken action to enforce our policy while being cognizant of all students needs by focusing on changing the behaviors. Drinking and smoking marijuana have become commonplace for some of our students. Bullying and harassment is also an area that needs continual monitoring due to such things as technology and the diffi-

culty with supervision. Because of peer pressure to "fit in," coupled with easy access, any student can fall prey with making a poor choice.

Our district has spent countless hours planning and updating our emergency procedures. This has been no small task knowing the challenges that surround student/staff safety and our facilities. This being said, I am confident we have good procedures in place that are consistent and well communicated with all community safety partners. We will be hosting a live lockdown in the near future as a way to educate staff and students on how the logistics of a lockdown work. We will not be hosting a live event that includes a dangerous person or weapon. The focus of this drill will be on the details of how we evacuate the building after a lockdown. Parents can expect notification prior to this happening. At random, we also will continue to use police dogs to patrol our campus as a way to combat drugs from finding their way into our building.

Hidden Valley High School is a great community to be a part of for many reasons. I feel privileged to be the principal of this wonderful place. In a small community like ours, rumors can sometimes be a hurdle to overcome when disciplinary action is needed. Please know that when difficult situations arise concerning safety, our administration places a high priority to work together to determine a course of action that meets our policies. In the end, the most important thing to know is that we are doing

everything within our abilities to have a broad-based safety plan as a school that involves proactive measures as well as reactive steps to hold parties accountable with consequences.

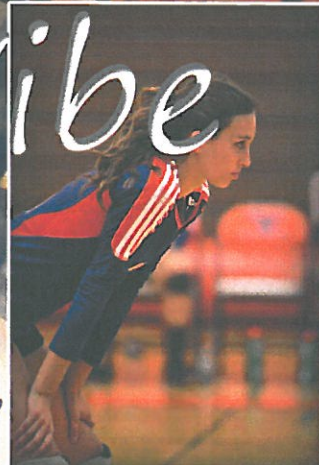
You will hear me talk often about the partnership between school and home. As your partner, I am asking you to please have difficult conversations with your son/daughter about themselves and their friends safety. I ask that you remind them of the message I shared with them at our beginning-of-the-year assembly- The decisions you make dictate the life you lead. Encouraging your child to think about making positive choices before they are faced with different kinds of situations will help them to be better equipped to deal with actual situations that are tricky when and if they do arise.

The young people that we serve at HVHS are bright and committed. They look to their teachers, coaches, and administrators as role models. They look to you, their parents, and the parents of their friends as role models. All of us are charged with an enormous responsibility in helping to form the character of our kids. Our partnership in this regard is essential. Thank you for continuing to support our school as we move forward as a school community that places a priority in regards to all things that deal with school safety.



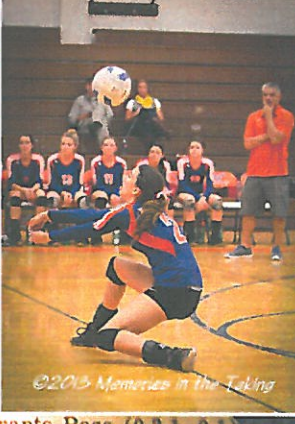
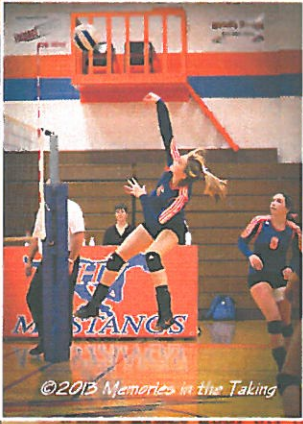
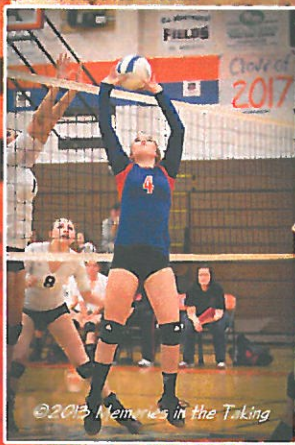
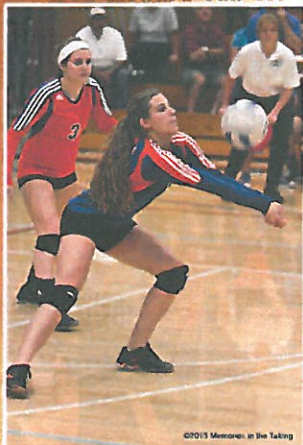
Mustangs rally in final frame for victory

Mustang Vibe



This month we are highlighting the Hidden Valley Volleyball team, who recently became District Champions, and earned a home playoff game. Coach Jackson has been coaching basketball, volleyball, baseball, and football for 16 years. His coaching career role models are Martin Connelly, Mark Vidlak, John Wooden, Chuck Shannon, Norm Hayter, and Harold Dabbs. He says that coaching is a very rewarding experience. In order to be a good coach one has to love the sports and love the kids, work hard, never stop learning, and put the sport and the athletes before yourself. His favorite moment this year was: "I can't narrow down one moment. I have enjoyed the entire experience coaching this year's team. They are great kids!"

Highlighted athlete of the month: Taylor Larson
 This year I've had the opportunity to participate in two sports. I'm so thankful for all of my teammates for their love, encouragement and support. I also appreciate both my coaches who have been extremely supportive and flexible. I'm honored to be able to be going to state in two sports. My teams and I aren't done yet. We all plan to at least trophy at state! This fall sports season has been crazy and wonderful! I'm so happy to have the opportunity to push myself and to get far with both of my teams! I can't wait to participate at both state events!



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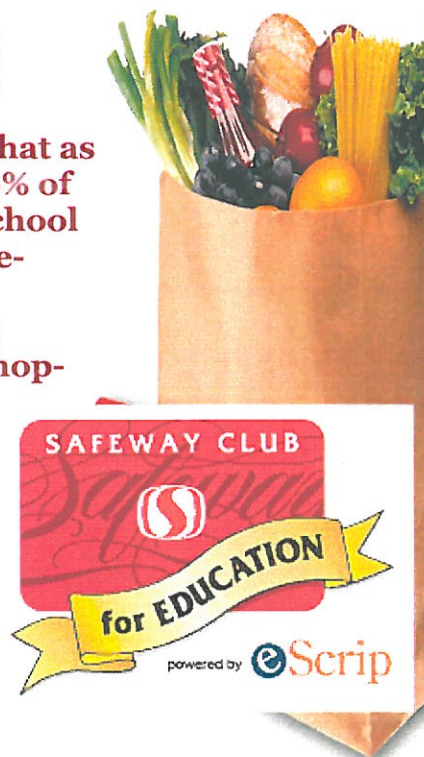
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Special points of interest:

- 11/7 Veterans Day
Assembly and lunch
- 11/11 Veterans Day
No Classes
- 11/14 Fall Sports Awards
- 11/21 End of First Trimester
- 11/22 No Classes
- 11/25-29 No Classes
- 12/6 No Classes
- 12/20 Last day of classes before break.
- 12/23 -1/5 Winter Break
- 1/6 Classes resume

Everybody has to shop!

Our records indicate that as of November 1st, 92.70% of Hidden Valley High School supporters were not renewed and now have stopped earning; even though they are still shopping. Stop by the office at Hidden Valley to make sure your card is registered so that Hidden Valley gets the benefit of your shopping at Safeway! Thank you for your support!



Veterans Day Event

November 7, 2013



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Information for School-Aged Youth



If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

Then, you have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.

You have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. You must be given access to the same public education provided to other students.
- Continue in the school you attended before you became homeless or the school you last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. The school district's local liaison for homeless education must assist you, if needed, and offer you the right to appeal a decision regarding your choice of school if it goes against your wishes.
- Receive transportation to the school you attended before you became homeless or the school you last attended, if you request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with students who are not homeless. Students cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrollment.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other students served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

When you move, you should do the following:

- Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education (see phone number below) for help in enrolling in a new school or arranging to continue in your former school. (Or, someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.)
- Tell your teachers anything that you think they need to know to help you in school.
- Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

Local Area Contacts:

Homeless Education Liaison
Phone: 541-862-3111, Ext. 5278

State Coordinator:

Oregon Department of Education
503-947-5781

If you need further assistance, call the
National Center for Homeless Education
at the toll-free HelpLine number:

1-800-308-2145



Enrichments

First Trimester is coming to a close and we need to begin planning our enrichment classes for 2nd Trimester. We are looking for community members who would like to volunteer their time once a week sharing their talent, craft or skill with our high school students. We have offered classes from cooking to beading and jewelry making, card games, dance, guitar, quartet singing and many more.



Your commitment would be for 8 to 12 weeks on Wednesdays. You could offer your class from 10:50 to 11:50 AM or from 1:50 to 2:45 PM or both. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the connections they are making with adults from inside and outside of Hidden Valley High while participating in their classes.

Please, share your knowledge and skill and make connections with our amazing students. Call Ms. Dickens-Turk at HVHS 541-862-2124.

Athletic Dates

- 11/14 Fall Sports Awards 5:45
- 11/18 Winter Sports Begin
- 12/4 First Day of Winter Contests.

Fall Athletics in Full Swing!

Football- Success is not measured in the win column, success is measured in the hard work and effort put forth in order to meet your goals, that's what, makes this team a successful one. Coach Schauffler and the players competed at a high level in every game. This level of competition has laid a ground work and foundation for years to come. This year's seniors are to be applauded as well as appreciated for the leadership and determination that they displayed, thanks for establishing a "new" tradition of excellence.

Volleyball- You don't have to write a huge article to describe this team; they can be defined with 3 simple statements: 18-1 regular season record, 10-0 Skyline Conference record, 2013 Skyline Conference Champions. Congratulations to Coach Jackson and the girls for a season that rewrote the record books. Good luck as they start the state playoffs the first of November.

Soccer – Each match that the Boys and Girls Soccer teams played were some of the best soccer in the Skyline conference, the girls dropped 2 heartbreakers to Mazama in shoot-outs and the Boys dropped their heartbreaker to North Valley in a shoot-out. The Stangs soccer teams are still waiting to hear their play-off fate with the completion of the regular season soccer matches through-out the state this week, regardless of their play-off berth the Stangs have matched the play of all their opponents this year.

Cross-County- Coach Goodell and the Cross-County runners have many great accomplishments to celebrate. This year the Stangs Boy and Girl teams have advanced to the State meet in Eugene. Shane Crowfoot and Zaruba Anderson were named the boy and girl runners of the year, senior Zach Blanco finished 2nd. Good luck to the Mustang Cross-County Runners this weekend.

Cheer- Wow what a group, one thing about the Hidden Valley cheer squad, under the direction of Coach Stephanie, is that they bring spirit and craziness to Mustang nation. Their continued effort and support of all programs have been instrumental in the fan power that Mustang nation brings to every contest. Thanks to the girls and the coaches for continuous support and effort. Good luck to the competitive cheer team as they start their run this winter.

COUNSELING/CAREER CENTER

On Wednesday October 16th PSAT was given to sophomores and some of the juniors. Results will be back in about six weeks. We will send a copy of the results home with your student as soon as we receive them. Thank you to all of the students for testing.

FAFSA NIGHT @HVHS
December 19th, 6pm

Seniors please be ready to work on your FAFSA form. The forms can be submitted online January 1, 2014. Priority is given to students based on the order of applications. You can go to fafsa.gov to begin the worksheet process.

FAFSA4caster helps students estimate their eligibility for federal student financial assistance.
FAFSA4caster.ed.gov

Oregon Student Access Commission (OSAC)

Access to over \$18 million in Oregon Scholarships!

2014-2015 OSAC Scholarship Application will be available November 1, 2013.

The deadlines are:

Early Bird: Feb. 15, 2014 @ 5pm

Final deadline: March 1, 2014 @ 5pm.

ACT Registration Deadlines

Nov. 8, Jan 10, March 7, May 9

ACT Test Dates

Dec. 14, Feb. 8, April 12, June 14

SAT Registration Deadlines

Nov. 8, Dec. 27, Feb. 7, April 4, May 9

SAT Test Dates

Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 25, March 8, May 3, June 7

Juniors: remember to sign up on collegeboard.org to take the SAT this spring 2014. You will need the scores in the fall for college applications. The score will also be used on scholarship applications.



Save the Date!

College Night in Oregon

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Rogue Valley high school seniors and juniors to learn about the many facets of college admission, financial aid, and scholarships.

Pizza will be provided as well as an opportunity to win one of 4 \$500 scholarships



Presented by:
Rogue Community College
College Dreams

For more information check out:

www.collegenights.org

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 14TH

5:30PM TO 8:00PM

Any questions contact

Jen Perry, College Dreams
541-218-4539

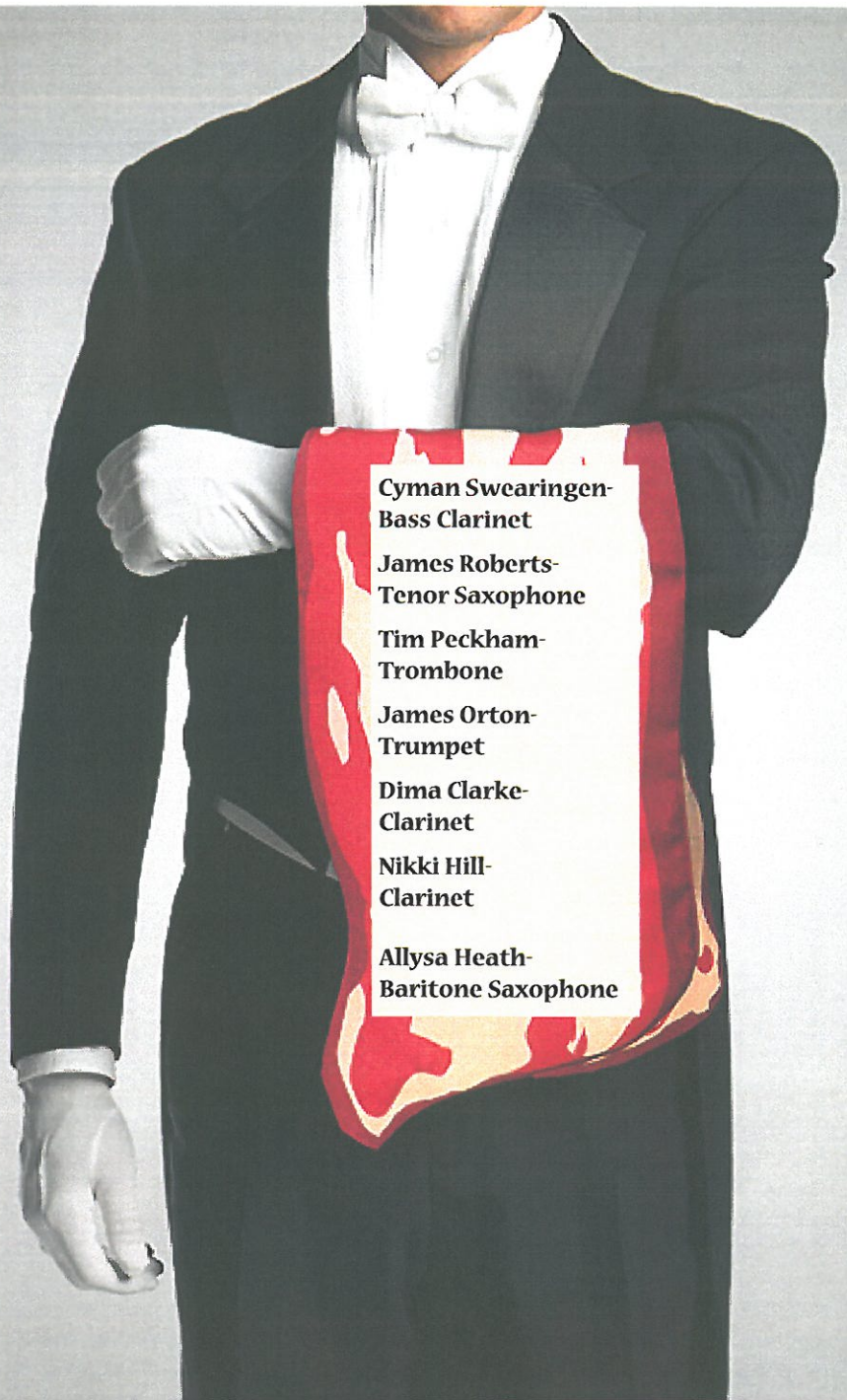
LOCATIONS:

RCC Redwood Campus (Grants Pass)

Illinois Valley High School

ECMC

Congratulations to the following students Band students for their acceptance into the *Western International Band Conference and Honor Band*. These students put in countless hours of practice and recording time and were selected from students across the nation. This event usually accepts less than 25% of all who apply.



Cyman Swearingen-
Bass Clarinet

James Roberts-
Tenor Saxophone

Tim Peckham-
Trombone

James Orton-
Trumpet

Dima Clarke-
Clarinet

Nikki Hill-
Clarinet

Allysa Heath-
Baritone Saxophone

STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE:

Hidden Valley is nearing the end of October, and Student Government is proud to announce another successful month. We started working on our Veterans Day Assembly, which is something we consider an honor. The assembly will take place on November 7, and will include veterans from the local area talking to all students in their individual classrooms. Student Government is also preparing our annual PowderPuff game. With special thanks to Reyna Graeber and Ashley Heeter, Powderpuff is running very smoothly and looks to be a very successful event. The date of the game is November 13, at 6 PM. There will be no cost to enter the game. Come support your Stangs and wear your Orange and Blue!

Also our winter sports season is around the corner! Don't forget to support your Mustangs all year round!!



Thank you for your time, Justin Elkins--Technology Director

Home of the Mustangs

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HV in Need of items!

Wrestling team needs a tablet to do score keeping on. They also need an exercise bike. If you have either of these items you would like to donate please contact the Hidden Valley Office at 541-862-2124



Veterans Day

We will be holding an assembly to honor local veterans. It will held on Thursday November 7th at 11:15 in the Hidden Valley Gymnasium.

Many veterans who attended last years tribute left me a card asking me to contact them regarding this year's tribute and I plan to start sending invitations in October.

All Veterans are welcome regardless of where they attended school or what branch of the military they were in. If you know of a alumni who is serving we would love to honor them too even if they are unable to attend.

If anyone has pictures from last year's tribute, please share them with us.

We are looking for photos from both our veterans and former students who are currently serving. They will be scanned and returned.

Please feel free to contact me at 541-862-2124 ext. 218

or at

marilyn.ackerman@threerivers.k12.or.us

Thanks for your help, *Marilyn*



Hidden Valley FFA

By John Spicer

The FFA is a great opportunity for all who want a head start on life. It is a program where people can learn about the joys and discomforts, of agricultural life. You can also learn about the more sophisticated side of life, such as Parliamentary Procedure, and Prepared Public Speaking.

FFA



FFA is fun for all of those who experience it, and the rewards are worth their weight in gold. For example, our first competition of the year was soil judging. We were proud to be the host school, and even more proud to hold it at our local Fort Vannoy Farms. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Bob Crouse, owner. We were able to take two teams, a Beginning team made up of freshman and sophomores who had not competed before, and an Advanced team made up of juniors, seniors, and sophomores who had competed before. Approximately 100 students from seven schools across the Southern Oregon FFA District participated. The Hidden Valley Beginning Soil Judging team placed second, and our Advanced team placed third. Congratulations to everyone who competed!

FFA also is a great way to get into college, allowing multiple ways to get scholarships. There is also the Josephine county Fair during the summer which everyone loves to be a part of. There may be painful growing experiences in FFA, like hitting yourself with a hammer, or not having an animal make weight for fair, or not placing higher in the speech contest. But, I have never heard anyone say they regretted anything about FFA, except not joining sooner!!

If you have any questions you can contact Chandra Green (President), Garrett Johnson (Vice President), John Spicer

(Reporter), Taylor Raska (Secretary), or Stacie Wimmer (Sentinel).

BOOSTER CLUB

We need you! Support your student's school by joining Hidden Valley's Booster Club. The Booster Club held their debrief meeting for the Hall of Fame Steak Feed on Thursday, October 24th. They have great ideas for next year to make the evening bigger, better and more exciting. They will be starting this spring to secure donations for the live and silent auctions, planning decorations and the meal. If you would like to help in this community event, please contact our office at 541-862-2124. The next Booster Club meeting will be held November 18 at 6:00 pm.

Other Booster Club projects:

**Veterans Day Celebration
Selling clothes at basketball games
Helping with concession stands
Scholarships
Membership Drive**

We look forward to hearing from you.



sparrowclubs

Cookie sales-\$6 or 2 for \$10-just email your order to dennis.decasas@threerivers.k12.or.us

Our new Sparrow-We have received overwhelming positive feedback from students regarding Lily, our Sparrow. I have already received over 50 hours in community service hours in less than a week! The Sparrow Club continues to hold fundraisers-donuts this week, The Fall Bazaar at the Suites Assisted Living on Nov 16th and T-shirt sales (please e-mail Mr, Decasas if you are interested in a T-Shirt the cost is \$12) I couldn't ask for a greater group of Sparrows-they totally rock!!!!





Hidden Valley FBLA

October 27, 2013



HVHS FBLA 12-Time Current State Champions in Business

Our Guest Speakers:



What we have done.

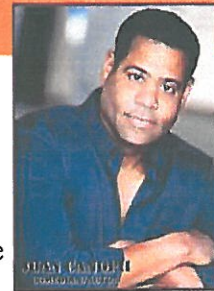
On October 8th we attended to CLT (Chapter Leadership Tour). CLT is the first trip that Hidden Valley FBLA goes on as a group and is where the members of Oregon FBLA get to meet the officers of Oregon FBLA; participate in a number of different workshops designed to teach new members more about FBLA and what we are all about.

On October 11th our Community Service Team set up and held the Sunny Wolf Care Faire. For the Care Faire we supplied families in need with clothes for their children, free teeth cleaning, doctor checkups, and flu shots. This Care Faire was focused on helping all the families in Wolf Creek and the surrounding area.

On October 19th we hosted the Hidden Valley Homecoming Dance. The chapter plans, sets up, and take down the dance. All of the prophets of the dance go towards helping members pay for upcoming trips and competitions.

On October 26th we participated in the Fort Vannoy Haunted corn maze, a community service opportunity. We were given our own special area, which we were allowed to haunt as we saw fit. It was a great way for new members of our chapter to experience one of the fun sides of FBLA.

Our first guest speaker of the year was Juan Canopii (an entertainer, singer, songwriter, actor, musician, television actor, performer, comedian, movie actor, and a military service member.) He spoke to us about his experiences from good to bad, and how we can set up our own future for success.



JUAN CANOPII

Our second guest speaker was Frank Ault, a philanthropist from San Diego and the Applegate Valley. He is also a valued business partner for Hidden Valley FBLA. His attendance at conferences, sponsorship of competitive events, and donation of scholarships help the students to succeed. He also dedicates his time to the FBLA chapter by being an adviser for the Josephine County Foundation (JCF) where he connects further with Hidden Valley FBLA members, FBLA members from other schools in the county, as well as other student leaders from Josephine County.

What is upcoming?

It is time to prepare! Our next big trip is the Oregon Leadership Institute (OLI). OLI is the second biggest trip that FBLA takes and it is focused on teaching students skills such as networking, public speaking and life skills. The trip is November 9th through 11th.

After OLI it is time to prepare for state! Hidden Valley FBLA members are just starting to select the projects that they are going for compete in.



Students can still join. See Mr. Pendleton in Room D6.