

# Knightline News

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## Hugle's Happenings .....

### Making College Real

Two years ago, when we set a goal to have 80% of our graduates enroll in college within 4 years, it seemed a huge undertaking. Several said it couldn't be done, that college was not for everyone. Some of the biggest obstacles were the numbers of students failing classes and a serious problem with truancy.

We've worked on building a College-going Culture at North Valley. You'll see college posters, banners and degrees in teachers' classrooms. Every Wednesday, the staff and some of our students proudly wear our college logo shirts or caps. With our entire Knight staff committed to promoting college and helping students get there, we have seen some good success:

- Class of 2006: 61% of graduates went directly to college
- Class of 2007: 73% of graduates went directly to college
- Class of 2008: 76% of graduates went directly to college

As you can see, we're not quite at our goal but we're still a work in progress. We've seen phenomenal improvements in student attendance and a dramatic reduction in the "F rate" this year.

Students and parents need to understand how Financial Aid for college works. 80% of the financial support college students receive is based on need (financial situation) not on merit (competitive scholarships). Understanding how this works takes some of the pressure off of families when your son or daughter announces s/he is dreaming of college.

Visit [fafsa.org](http://fafsa.org) and [education.yahoo.com](http://education.yahoo.com) to learn more about financial aid. Every senior and senior parent should file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance) in January — even if you're not sure about college.

Here is the simple formula used to calculate financial aid:

**Cost to attend the college of your choice MINUS your family's ability to pay (the Estimated Family Contribution) EQUALS Financial Need.**

e.g. Cost = \$20,000 per year  
 EFC = \$ 5,000 per year (each family is unique)  
 Need = \$15,000 in Financial Aid eligibility

Questions? Call Jenny Baldwin in our Student Services office.

View our athletic & school schedule at

[www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

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### Upcoming Dates

January 19 Holiday; No School

January 23 Progress Reports

### January 29 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Call to schedule an appointment



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# Seniors - 2009

## SENIOR SUPER STARS

Be ready class of 2009! Senior Super Stars will be held on April 24, 2009 at 7 pm **IN OUR GYM!** Keep watch for more details and get ready to dominate...

**The Senior Super Stars parent planning meeting will be at 7 pm on January 12, 2009, in the commons.**

## SENIOR CLASS PARENTS

There will be a Senior Class Parent Meeting on January 12th in the commons at 6 pm.

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the Senior Class of 2009 parents and students we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our generous donators. The Christmas Craft Bazaar has been a North Valley annual event, benefiting the all night drug and alcohol free graduate celebration. This year we were able to turn out another successful experience, but not without all the support received from our very generous local businesses. We are truly humbled by the warm and positive response that we have received and for this we are extremely grateful. In no particular order Thank You to the following businesses:

### **Ray's Food Place-Merlin, Skipper's Fish House, Lupita's Mexican Restaurant, Rogue Coffee Roaster's, JJ North's Buffet, Albertson's- Beacon, McDonald's,**

Wild River Brewery, Maria's Mexican Restaurant, Bi-Mart, Pepsi, Ray's Food Place-7<sup>th</sup> Street, Taqueria Mexican Restaurant, Hellgate Excursions, Tubby's Restaurant, Redwood Terrace, Della's Restaurant, Carl's Jr., Denny's Restaurant, Casa Amiga, Orchid Grill, C & D Market, Cary's Chocolate, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Frito Lay, The Brewery Restaurant, Jerry's Rogue Jets, Wendy's, Safeway, Inc., Costco, Back Road Grill, Wildlife Safari,

### **Gates Home Furnishing, The Riffle Cafe, Matsukaze Restaurant, Dutcher Creek Golf Course, Applebee's Restaurant, Evangel Books,**

Baskin & Robbins, Jesse's Barber Shop, Grange Co-Op, Ol Champion, Oregon Veterinary Services, Papa John's Pizza, Shari's Restaurant, Britt Festival, Probst Flower Shop, Sizzler's Restaurant, Abby's Pizza,

### **Coming Attraction Theatres, Ski Mt. Ashland, West Coast Game Park,**

Glamour By Jan, Red Mountain Golf Course, Caveman Bowl, Eric's Tree Service, Jocelyn's Magic Touch Massage Therapy, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Barbara/Dennis Brown Custom Window & Soft Furnishings, American Legion Auxiliary, Umpqua Bank, Home Valley Bank, Bill Thorpe State Farm, Logan Designs, Daily Courier, Medford Tribune, Three Rivers School District, Fleming & North Valley Staff, student & parents, and to all our crafters and patrons!

# Seniors - 2009

*Welcome back to our last year of exciting education! We are again REMINDING Senior families of the need to raise monies for "Operation Graduation".*

Your commitment to raising these monies is **essential**. We would like to **thank** those families who have already donated towards our goal. Your pledge is truly appreciated. In previous years parents and guardians have hosted a drug and alcohol free party for their graduating seniors, as well as hosting the Baccalaureate, Graduation and Graduation reception. We need to begin budgeting monies for their Graduation celebration. **We are asking that each family donate the full amount of \$100.00 (\$25.00 for each year)**. Note: If you move, your money will be refunded. Your input and participation are also greatly needed and appreciated! Please fill in the information below and return it to the office along with your payment in an envelope marked:

**Attention Class of 2009.** Let's make this happen!

Please make checks payable to **NVHS Class of 2009**.

**Your student and we thank you!** *Questions call Robin Kemper 471-2102*

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## DONATION TOWARDS THE N.V. CLASS OF 2009 GRADUATION PARTY

**Students Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of payment:** Check \_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_

**Money Order \_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Carnival a Huge Success

Nic Kemper would like to thank Amy Werner, Casey Werner, Kati DiDomenico, Ryan McKy, Phillip Renieke, Daniel King, Arielle Barton, Dakota Dean, Cierra Bruggeman, Kayla Wade, Mr. DeForrest & my mom Robin Kemper, for dedicating 8 hours of their first snowy day, Saturday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, towards the success of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Holiday Carnival. This event has been a very rewarding opportunity over the past three years. To all those who participated we hope you had a splendid time. Thank You everyone!

# Juniors - 2010

## ***Very Important!***

**College Planning Night** for Junior parents and students is Monday, January 12th at 6:30 in the NVHS Library. Learn about how to get ready for college, what is needed to apply to schools, how to get financial help to pay for college and much more! Other parents and students welcome also.

Individual PSAT Results will be given to students and parents at the Session and explanations of how to prepare for the SAT college admissions test also.

## **CLASS OF 2010**

(Juniors Parents)

MEETING JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

6:30 PM

N.V. COMMONS

PLEASE COME

Our kids will be seniors before we know it and we need to start planning graduation!

## **Why get involved with your class' Parent Meetings?**

- ◆ Parents are in charge of Baccalaureate, the after graduation Reception, the graduates' All Knight Party and have input into the graduation ceremony.
- ◆ Actively involved parents receive extra reserved seats for the graduation ceremony!
- ◆ Getting to know and work with other parents can be very rewarding. There's a lot to know and discover with a high school student—many you'll meet have done it before and can share valuable information!
- ◆ Because it's too big a job for just a couple of folks to do on their own.
- ◆ Because we all appreciate all of you who give of your time for all of our kiddos!

## **College Visitations**

We strongly encourage families to take their high school age students to college campuses for tours. This is one of the best ways for students to begin imagining themselves as college students and to begin to compare college campuses.



We're so committed to this that we offer every student a school-related absence day to visit a college campus with a parent or guardian. All that's required is a note in advance to the school and, when s/he returns to school, a business card from the Admissions Office. We will offer one school-related absence for this purpose per year. Additional visits will be Verified absences.

# Sophomores - 2011

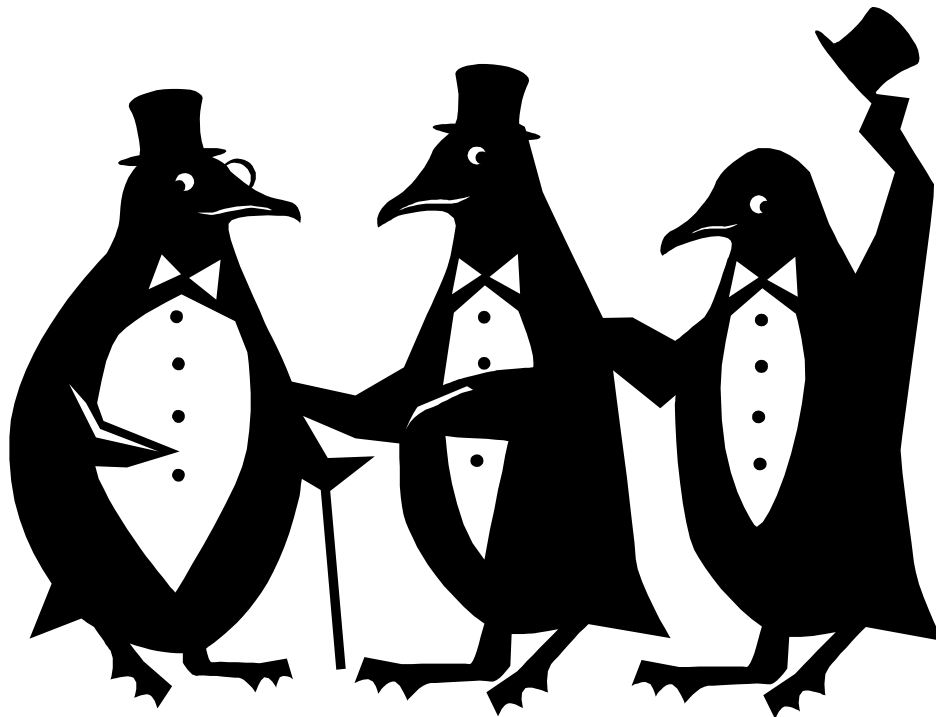
## *Very Important!*

**College Planning Night** for Sophomore and Junior parents and students is Monday, January 12th at 6:30 in the NVHS Library. Learn about how to get ready for college, what is needed to apply to schools, how to get financial help to pay for college and much more! Other parents and students welcome also.

Individual PSAT Results will be given to students and parents at the Session and explanations of how to prepare for the SAT college admissions test also.

## **Statewide OAKS Testing continues this month!**

Sophomores will have their second opportunity to take the online OAKS Reading Test the week of January 12th—15th. The Statewide Writing Test will be given also in a few weeks in each sophomore's English class. Please encourage your student to relax but do his or her best!







**INTERNET  
SAFETY  
FORUM**



THE LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
**tech**  
**smartz**  
KEEPING CONNECTED KIDZ SAFER

**January 20th, 2009**



**Manzanita  
Elementary School**

**310 San Francisco St.  
Grants Pass, OR 97526**

**From 6-7 PM • School Gym**

**FREE Public Forum**

# Freshmen - 2012



## Our new diploma standards meet changing needs

The staff of North Valley High School has been very busy helping your child prepare for a future most of us can't even imagine today.

It's no surprise the world is changing fast – which brings us to new high school diploma requirements beginning with the class of 2010. The challenges we face are fundamentally different than ever before, due to advances in technology, changes in society, the economy, the environment, and our “shrinking world.” Research tells us schools must change to give students new knowledge and skills to succeed in college, at work, and as a citizen. We agree.

In fact, we've known this all along – and *have* been changing. But now it's time bring you in on very specific changes to graduation requirements developed by the Oregon Department of Education in partnership with many educators and stakeholders over the last three years.

At NVHS, we've been involved in school reform and school improvement efforts – such as the conversion to Trimester, increased Advanced Placement opportunities and our new Gear Up Initiative. That's why we are embracing the spirit of Oregon's more rigorous diploma.

How is the diploma changing? One major change is that state credit requirements for graduation are increasing as are Three Rivers School District's, with an increased emphasis in math and science. In a nutshell, students need to accomplish three things to earn a diploma:

- 1) Successfully complete credit requirements;
- 2) Demonstrate proficiency in essential skills;
- 3) Meet personalized learning requirements.

First things first: This issue of the Knightline News details credits requirements. Each month we'll include more about how we're implementing new diploma requirements.

**Class of 2009** needs the following credits: English/Language Arts – 4; Math – 2; Science – 2; Social Sciences – 3; PE and health, each – 1; Second Language, the Arts, Career and Tech Ed (CTE) – 1; electives – 12, for a total of 25.

**Class of 2010 and 2011:** English/Language arts – 4; Math – 3; Science – 2; Social Sciences – 3; PE and Health, each – 1; Second Language, Arts, CTE – 1; Careers — .5 and electives – 11.5 for a total of 26 (2010) or 26.5 (2011).

**Class of 2012 and 2013:** English/Language Arts – 4; Math – 3; Science – 3, Scientific inquiry (2 with lab experiences); Social Sciences – 3; PE and Health, each – 1; Second Language, Arts, CTE – 3; Careers — .5 and electives – 8.5 for a total of 27. Beginning with the Class of 2012, graduates will also have to demonstrate the essential skills of Reading, Writing, Speaking, Math and Science.

## **FRESHMAN TUTORING**

There is Freshman tutoring available every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:00 pm. Please contact Ms. Dorn at 479-3388 for more information .

# ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH January

Caveman Kiwanis  
Andrew Wert



Grants Pass Kiwanis  
Christina Foster



### Virtual Enterprise classes at NVHS have formed two different virtual businesses this year.

One class is "Crystal Clear Waterpark" with Ashlynn Tucker acting as CEO.



The other class is "Seascape Spa and Fitness" with Kyle Hart and Natalie Landis serving as Co-CEO's.

Both companies will be having a grand opening January 28 in the commons from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Each company has created a product line, brochures, catalogs, websites, and newsletters.

Parents and staff are welcome to attend to make a virtual order (each person receives \$1,000.00 of virtual money). Have fun spending virtual dollars to support the virtual businesses at NVHS.



# ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SAT REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Register by February 10th for the March 14th SAT Test.

Register by March 31st for the May 2nd SAT Test.

Register by May 5th for the June 6th SAT Test.

Register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The basic SAT tests are \$45. Add \$20 plus \$9 per test for additional subject tests. (Required by highly competitive colleges.)



**Who?** Any student with great attendance and behavior first trimester!

**What?** Free tickets and transportation to the Portland Trailblazer game.

**Where?** Portland, you silly!

**When?** Wednesday, January 28th!

We're going to have a blast traveling to Portland, taking in a site or two and then watching the Blazers crush the Bobcats. Don't miss out! First 120 eligible students to return permission slips will go. See Mr. Uskoski for more information.

*Next Attendance Trips: Skiing Mt. Ashland for 2nd trimester  
Merlin Olympics for 3rd trimester*



### **Please Donate Old Used or Broken**

#### **Cell Phones**

#### **Support Our Troops**

A long as our troops are hard at work defending our country we at NVHS will continue to make a difference with this worthy and successful fundraiser. This marks our fourth year at NVHS in our commitment to helping the troops in Iraq with our donations. In 2006 we donated 240 pounds, in 2007 we top that and donated 270 pounds, in 2008 we only we able to gather 100 pounds of old, used, or broken cell phones. *The money raised from the sale of recycled phones as well as cash donations has allowed a group of students to send at least 6000 calling cards worth more than \$100,000 to troops stationed in the Middle East.* Thanks so much for supporting these men and women overseas.

Collection boxes have been set up in the office and library. We are making a difference. We appreciate you!

## **BINGO**

### **FLEMING MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM**

Thursday, February 26, 2009

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Fun, Food, Prizes

# ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ENGINEERING DISCOVERY SHOWCASE

The Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science (MCECS) at Portland State University is inviting all students interested in engineering and computer science to our 2009 Engineering Discovery Showcase which will be held on Friday, January 23, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a hosted lunch from noon - 1:00 p.m.

The Engineering Discovery Showcase will offer students the opportunity to learn about engineering student life and the many opportunities for fun hands-on engineering design projects.

Please visit our event website for more information and convenient **online registration** at: <http://www.pdx.edu/cecs/outreach.html>

## SKILLS USA TRIPS

The Skills USA snow trip will be to Diamond Lake on 1/19/2009 from 8:00-6:00. The cost will be \$30.00. The first 30 students paid get to go. See Mr. Klumpp for details.

The Skills USA camping trip will be to Harris Beach from January 30-February 1st. The cost will be \$50.00. The cost will include, transportation, meals, lodging and camping fees. See Mr. Klumpp for Details.

## Happy Birthday to You... 🎵

Wish your favorite student  
a Happy Birthday  
or send a brief Congrats  
for a job well done!

\$5.00 for 2 days on the  
Knight Reader Board!  
Please get the message to  
us a week in advance.

## January Puzzler

Use the numerals 1, 7, 7, 7 and 7 (a 1 and four 7's) to make exactly 100. You can use any of the function signs: +, -, x, ÷ as many times as you want.

For example:  $(1 + 7) \times 7 + (7 \times 7)$  would be a good attempt but would make 105, not exactly 100.



Good luck! *Answer in February issue.*

## Answer to the January Puzzler

Which three North Valley teachers' last names don't share any letters in common?

Ms. Dorn, Ms. Alves and Mr. Hitchko



# KNIGHT ATHLETICS

## North Valley Game Schedule

### WRESTLING

1/7– V/JV at Illinois Valley 5:15 pm  
1/10– V/JV at Riddle  
1/22– V/JV at South Medford at 5:15 pm  
1/29– V/JV at Henley at 5:15 pm  
**2/5– V/JV Home vs. Phoenix at 5:15 pm**

### MENS BASKETBALL

1/9– V/JV/F at Phoenix at 5:30 pm  
1/13– V/JV/F at Hidden Valley at 5:30 pm  
1/22– V/JV/F at Illinois Valley at 5:30 pm  
1/23– V/JV/F at Henley at 5:30 pm  
**1/27– V/JV/F Home vs. Phoenix at 5:30 pm**  
**1/30– V/JV/F Home vs. Hidden Valley at 5:30**  
**2/3– F Home vs. Cascade Christian at 6 pm**

### WOMENS BASKETBALL

1/9– V/JV home vs. Phoenix at 5:30  
**1/13– home vs. Hidden Valley at 5:30**  
**1/22– V/JV home vs. Illinois Valley at 5:30**  
**1/23– V/JV home vs. Henley at 5:30**  
1/27– V/JV at Phoenix at 5:30  
1/29– V/JV at Cottage Grove at 5:30  
1/30– V/JV at Hidden Valley at 5:30  
2/6– V/JV at Illinois Valley at 5:30

### SWIMMING

1/10– at SOU vs. Rogue Valley  
1/15– at GP YMCA vs. Hidden Valley  
1/24– at SOU vs. Skyline Meet  
1/31– at K-Falls vs. Basin Freeze  
2/13– 2/14– at SOU—District





**North Valley High School  
Booster Club Membership Form**

2008/2009

**Membership is \$25.00 per family**

Make checks payable to "NVHS Boosters"

100% of your donation goes directly back into N.V.H.S.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**The NVHS Booster Club** is a non profit organization, consisting of involved parents, students and NVHS staff members who assist the school in many ways, from beautification of the school grounds, running concession stands for sporting events, as well as helping athletic groups, all non funded clubs, extracurricular activities and many other school wide projects.

- ◆ **With your NV Knights Booster Membership you get** ◆
- 20% off all booster merchandise**
- 50% off entrance fees to all home sporting events**

If you would like to help support your child's school in any way, please fill out this form and return it to North Valley High School.

**I would like to help with:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Food Concessions @ Football,** \_\_\_\_\_ **Food Concessions @ Basketball,**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Banquets,** \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership drive,** \_\_\_\_\_ **Apparel Sales,** \_\_\_\_\_ **Open House**

**Mail or hand deliver to:  
 North Valley High School Booster Club  
 6741 Monument Drive  
 Grants Pass, Or. 97526**

**Student's Name/s** \_\_\_\_\_



**North Valley High School  
Three Rivers School District**

6741 Monument Drive  
Grants Pass, Oregon 97526



Non-profit Organization  
**U.S. POSTAGE  
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Permit No. 11  
Grants Pass, Oregon



**INFORMATION FOR  
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[stephanie\\_phillips@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:stephanie_phillips@threerivers.k12.or.us)

**Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:**

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