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**JANUARY EVENTS**

Three Rivers School District  
 Board Meeting

Tuesday 1/12/2016—6:00  
 PM

IVHS Site Council Meeting  
 1/21/2016 @ 3:45

- 1/6/2016 FAFSA: FAFSA workshop for students and parents  
 Wednesday, Jan 6, 2016 Time 3:30pm - 7:30pm  
 Location: IVHS
- 1/14/2016 SENIOR PRESENTATION: Senior Project Presentation  
 Thursday, Jan 14, 2016 Time 3:30pm - 5:30pm  
 Location: IVHS
- 1/18/2016 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY: No School For Students  
 Monday, Jan 18, 2016

**Santa & Frosty**



**visit IVHS**

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THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- JAMIE ONGMAN

Happy New Year!!!

Welcome back, we hope that you had a relaxing and eventful winter break. We are glad to be back into session and running the home stretch to the end of the first semester. It always amazes me at which how quickly the year goes. With the end of the first semester and the beginning of the second, there are many activities that students and staff are preparing for, a few of those are:

**Sophomore/Junior Science Testing:** Starting this month the students in the Sophomore class along with students in the Junior class will be completing the OAKS science assessment. These assessments are beneficial in providing feedback on where students are at as well as reflect on the school rating from the state.

**Senior Project Presentations:** On January 14th, the senior class of 2016 will be presenting their projects to members of the community as well as volunteers from the school district. The project as well as the presentation are a piece of the senior forum class and are required for graduation. Thanks to those that are volunteering your time to assist our students.

**End of the First Semester:** During the week of February 1st students will be completing finals for the first semester, which concludes on the 4th. The grades that students earn are the grades that will go on their transcripts. At the start of the year the staff set goals to have a minimum of 85% of students passing their classes. As the semester draws to an end please be in touch with your students teachers regarding their progress and needs, furthermore have conversations with your students about completing assignments and assessments that will impact their grade.

**School Accreditation:** This year Illinois Valley High School is up for Accreditation renewal. This is a certification from the state that happens every five years which allows our students access to postsecondary colleges and universities. Part of the accreditation process is a survey that is completed by our parents, we will be sending these surveys home with your student in the middle of January, we will also be emailing a link to take the survey electronically to the emails that you provide on your student's enrollment packet. Either way, please be looking of the survey as your feedback is valuable to our accreditation process. If you would rather take the survey here at the school we will have options for parents and community members to take the survey and enter a basketball game free with completion of the survey. Thanks in advance for your help!!!

**Increase in Communication:** A goal for this year was to increase the communication to the stakeholders on Three Rivers School District. Illinois Valley High School has added modes of communication with a Twitter and a Remind account where we post different news, activities and celebrate success. You can start receiving this messages through one or both in the following ways.

- Twitter:

- If you have a Twitter account just search @cougarsiv and follow

OR

- If you don't have a Twitter account you can still receive messages by texting "following @cougarsiv to 40404, you will start receiving messages as a text.

- Remind: No account needed

- Go to [www.remind.com/join](http://www.remind.com/join) and enter this class code to join @illinoisv

OR

- Text "@illinoisv to 81010



Jamie Ongman, Principal



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!



### IMMEDIATE UPDATE:

#### Oregon Immunization Partners

Senate Bill 895 made a change to school immunization law this year: old religious exemptions signed prior to March 2014 are no longer valid. Options for parents of children with old religious exemptions include:

1. Provide documentation of immunization, or
  2. Complete the new process for a nonmedical exemption by getting education from a health care practitioner or from the online video available at [www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption](http://www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption)
- This is a great opportunity for clinics to discuss vaccines with parents who claimed an exemption for their child years ago.

Want more information about how Senate Bill 895 affects clinics? Click here: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/GettingImmunized/Documents/SchSB895FAQprov.pdf>

The notice of temporary administrative rulemaking can be found here: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/RulesLaws/Documents/Law333-050NoticetoIntrstParties.pdf>

Please contact either IVHS at (541) 592-2116 or our school district at (541) 862-3111; if you have questions or concerns.



# Illinois Valley High School Attendance and Tardy Policy

12/1/2015

Parents and/or guardians have the responsibility to send their child to school on a consistent basis. Revised Statutes, **ORS 339.030**, *"Every pupil who has not completed the 12th grade and is between the ages of 7 and 18 years, is required to attend school during the entire school year. Students have the responsibility to report to school and classes on time and be prepared to learn. Irregular attendance is defined as eight (8) unexcused absences in any four week period. Irregular attendance will generate contact from resident school personnel. Parents should speak directly to the resident school staff to resolve attendance issues. Absences include full day, partial day or selected class period absences."*

If students are not attending school on a regular basis, it becomes extremely difficult to keep up with the coursework. Students who are missing **8 or more** days (that are not excused by a doctor) will from this point on be subject to school discipline.

## Tardy Policy

The staff and Administration at Illinois Valley High School expect **ALL** students to be in class and to be on time every day with materials out and ready to learn. In order to pursue the excellence we seek, it is imperative to have this be our common practice. Students at Illinois Valley High School have ample passing time as well as a lunch and two breaks during the day.

## Infractions for Unexcused Tardies

- **3rd, 5th, and 7th Tardies**.....Lunch Detention
- **9th and 11th Tardies**.....In School Suspension
- **13th + Tardies**.....Parent and student meeting with Administration for additional consequences.
- Additional Consequences may be extra lunch detention, In School Suspension, Out of School Suspension, revocation of ability to park on campus, or behavior contract.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Tanner Smith Vice Principal at Illinois Valley High School (541) 592-2116.



# SPORTS CALENDAR

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**Illinois Valley**

**Bruce Reece, Athletic Director**  
**Heather Merrill, Athletic Secretary**

For additional dates, times, and locations please click on the following link:

[Illinois Valley High School Events Calendar](#)

**January, 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						Wrestling 8:00am - B/Varsity Away vs. North Medford
	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Basketball 7:30pm - B/Varsity Away vs. Lost River Basketball 3:00pm - G/JV Away vs. Lost River Basketball 4:30pm - B/JV Away vs. Lost River Basketball 6:00pm - G/Varsity Away vs. Lost River	Basketball 5:30pm - B/JV Hidden Valley Basketball 4:00pm - G/JV Hidden Valley Speech/Debate TBD - Varsity Away vs. South Medford		Basketball 4:00pm - G/JV Lakeview Basketball 5:30pm - B/JV Lakeview Basketball 7:00pm - B/Varsity Lakeview Basketball 5:30pm - G/Varsity Lakeview	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Basketball 4:00pm - B/JV North Valley Basketball 5:30pm - G/JV North Valley			Basketball 4:00pm - G/JV Grants Pass Wrestling 4:00pm - B/Varsity Illinois Valley vs. Multiple Schools		Basketball 4:30pm - B/JV Away vs. Rogue River Basketball 6:00pm - G/Varsity Away vs. Rogue River Basketball 7:30pm - B/Varsity Away vs. Rogue River <del>Basketball JV</del> <del>(Cancelled)</del> Wrestling 11:30am - B/Varsity Away vs. Redmond	Basketball 4:00pm - G/JV Away vs. Brookings Harbor Basketball 7:00pm - B/Varsity Away vs. Brookings Harbor Basketball 4:00pm - B/JV Away vs. Brookings Harbor Basketball 5:30pm - G/Varsity Away vs. Brookings Harbor Wrestling TBD -B/Varsity Away vs. Redmond
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Basketball 7:00pm - B/Varsity Cascade Christian Basketball 5:30pm - G/Varsity Cascade Christian Basketball 5:30pm - B/JV Cascade Christian Basketball 4:00pm - G/JV Cascade Christian		Basketball 6:00pm - B/JV Away vs. North Valley Basketball 6:00pm - G/JV Away vs. North Valley Wrestling 4:00pm - B/Varsity Coquille vs. Multiple Schools		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Basketball 3:00pm - G/JV Away vs. St. Mary's Basketball 4:30pm - B/JV Away vs. St. Mary's Basketball 6:00pm - G/Varsity Away vs. St. Mary's Basketball 7:00pm - B/Varsity Away vs. St. Mary's		Basketball 7:00pm - B/Varsity Brookings Harbor Basketball 5:30pm - G/Varsity Brookings Harbor Basketball 4:00pm - G/JV Brookings Harbor Basketball 5:30pm - B/JV Brookings Harbor Wrestling 4:00pm - B/Varsity La Pine vs. Multiple Schools	Basketball 3:00pm - G/JV Away vs. Lakeview Basketball 4:30pm - B/JV Away vs. Lakeview Basketball 6:00pm - G/Varsity Away vs. Lakeview Basketball 7:00pm - B/Varsity Away vs. Lakeview Speech/Debate TBD - Varsity Away vs. Grants Pass	Speech/Debate TBD - Varsity Away vs. Grants Pass Wrestling 9:00am - B/Varsity Away vs. Crater
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# THE ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## Parent/Guardian Information

### COMMUNICATIONS: SYNREVOICE—AUTOMATED VOICE MESSAGING & ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS

We will use **Synervoice** to send out important messages about school closures and school events. When you get a call from the school using **Synervoice**, 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](mailto: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.*

### 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!**

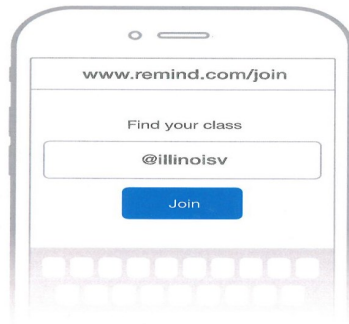


- **Ms. Goodwin will be starting a Running Club after our Holiday break... Please see her in counseling for more information.**
- **Oregon Battle of the Books is gearing up and preparing for our regional competition in the Spring. Keep Reading.**
- **Some students have fines / unreturned books that need to be cleared up. You will not receive a diploma at your graduation, unless you have cleared these issues. See Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Stehelin to find out if you owe for anything. We are able to receive payments by phone or in person, using your debit or credit MasterCard, VISA, Discover, or American Express.**





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 81010 with the message @illinoisv.

### **What is Remind and what makes Remind safe?**

**Remind is a free communication platform built for teachers.**

**Remind allows teachers to safely and efficiently communicate with students & parents about important classroom information and school activities. Participants sign up as a student or parent and choose to receive messages by text, email, or in our app.**

**We know that privacy and security are important issues when dealing with teacher-to-student and teacher-to-parent communication. We have worked hand in hand with administrators and teachers to design key product features based on those concerns.**

**Here is a bit more detail about our free messaging service and the restrictions we have in place to ensure privacy and safety:**

**No exchange of personal information:** Remind messages are not sent from personal cell phone numbers. Students/parents who sign up to get messages through Remind do not gain access to a teacher's personal cell phone number, nor will the teacher ever have access to a student or parent's personal information. (Students and parents opt themselves into messages.)

**Logged communication history:** A log of all announcements and chat history are saved in the teacher's account and on our server. These messages cannot be edited or deleted. This means an accurate log of communication history will always be at your fingertips should anyone question the content that you have or have not sent, and the message history is easily available for export.

**Report to Remind:** Keeping Remind safe is our priority, but it is a shared responsibility. We have posted our Community Guidelines to help everyone understand how to stay safe on Remind. If you need to report anyone to Remind, you may choose *Report* by clicking on any participant's name after clicking on the (i) info button.

**Personal information never shared or sold:** We do not rent, share, or sell user information with anyone. The only people with access to anonymous user data are the ones needed to operate our service. It's important to us that we only use your user information to operate our service. We do not rent or sell your information ever.

**Teachers have been seeing huge benefits from adding text messaging into their teaching strategy. We see increases in homework completion, improved test scores, class participation, parent involvement, and overall student motivation on a regular basis.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.**



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.oregonbooks.com)



# meet our sparrow



## *Illinois Valley High School Sparrow* *Brooke Davis*

Roxy Davis was 20 weeks pregnant when she and her husband Jason were told that their unborn baby girl had hydrocephalus. Hydrocephalus is a condition where cerebrospinal fluid doesn't reabsorb properly in the brain, causing a harmful build-up. This extra amount of fluid greatly increases pressure inside the skull, can cause the head to be enlarged, and can lead to many other serious medical conditions as well.

Precious baby Brooke was born at 37 weeks on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and spent her first month of life in the NICU, due to problems with breathing and eating. Brooke underwent her first brain surgery to try and relieve fluid accumulation at only two months old. Since then, she has had three additional brain surgeries, for a total number of four...all before her first birthday. During her fourth surgery, doctors installed a shunt on the right side of her head in order to help with the ongoing need for fluid to drain from her brain into her spine, where it then reabsorbs into her body.

In addition to hydrocephalus, it was discovered that little Brooke was missing part of her brain called the corpus callosum (the band of white matter that connects the two hemispheres of the brain.) As a result, Brooke has experienced some delays in development. She does not yet crawl, but receives physical and occupational therapy twice a month.



Since January of 2015, Brooke has had to travel to Portland for hospital visits over 15 times, with many more trips likely to be in her future. Even with these challenges, Brooke has many good days. She likes to be outside, loves her bounce chair, and is adored by her 3-year-old big brother, Bentley.

Brooke will be adopted as a Sparrow to Illinois Valley High School in Cave Junction. Students at IVHS will work hard to raise money for Brooke through sponsored community service and fundraising projects.

Empowering kids to help kids in medical need

sparrowclubs<sup>USA</sup>





# 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 ON-LINE 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](http://www.khanacademy.org) This web-site 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](http://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](http://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.





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