## NOVEMBER 2025 HIDDEN VALLEY MUSTANG

### NEWSLETTER

#### A Message from Principal Crowson

Dear Hidden Valley Families,

As we turn the page into November, I'm reminded once again how much there is to be thankful for in our Mustang community. The fall colors around the valley are changing, the mornings are crisp, and inside our school, there's a sense of purpose and pride in the air. This time of year always brings reflection — on the growth we've seen in our students, the dedication of our staff, and the continued support of our parents and community members.

Hidden Valley High School is more than a building — it's a partnership. The connection between school and home is one of the most powerful influences on student success. When parents stay involved, ask questions, check in, and attend school events, students feel that support and rise to meet expectations. Whether it's joining us for conferences, cheering from the stands, volunteering at an event, or simply talking with your student about their school day, your presence matters.

As we approach the holidays and the heart of the school year, I encourage all families to stay engaged and communicate with us often. Reach out to teachers, counselors, or administrators if you have questions or need support. Together, we can make sure every Mustang feels connected, capable, and cared for.

Thank you for continuing to make Hidden Valley High School such a special place — one built on relationships, respect, and community pride. I'm grateful for each of you and the role you play in helping our students grow into their best selves.

Enjoy the season, stay safe on those slick Southern Oregon roads, and thank you for being an essential part of the HVHS family.

Give Thanks

Go Mustangs!

Damian Crowson
Principal, Hidden Valley High School

#### Veterans Day Assembly - November 6th @ 11:00 AM

Hidden Valley High School is proud to continue one of our most meaningful traditions — our annual Veterans Day Assembly. This year marks the 15th anniversary of this incredible event, and it remains one of the most heartfelt gatherings of the year. On Wednesday, November 6th at 11:00 a.m., our students, staff, and community will come together to say a collective THANK YOU to the men and women who have served and protected our country. This assembly is not about politics or ceremony — it's about gratitude. It's about recognizing the courage, sacrifice, and commitment of our veterans, past, present, and future.

It's a true honor to stand together as a school and community to say, with pride,

"Thank you for your service."

#### Veterans Day Community Music Concert - November 10th @ 6:00 PM

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Join us for a special evening of music, community, and gratitude at the Veterans Day Music Concert on Sunday, November 10th at 6:00 PM. The event will take place at the River Way Plaza in downtown Grants Pass — between 6th and 7th Streets — the same plaza that's home to Rogue Salad and the new Human Bean, directly across from Gates Home Furnishings. This concert will feature the talented bands and choirs from North Valley, Illinois Valley, and Hidden Valley High Schools, coming together to perform patriotic selections in honor of the men and women who have served our country. We're also honored to welcome Grants Pass Fire and Rescue, who will be displaying their impressive ladder truck and a giant American flag as part of the evening's tribute. Bring your family, bundle up, and join us as we celebrate unity, service, and the spirit of Southern Oregon. We look forward to seeing you there!

### The Hidden Valley Veterans Memorial Garden Dedication

We are thrilled to announce the unveiling of the Hidden Valley Veterans Memorial Garden, also on November 6th. This beautiful courtyard space has been a longtime dream of our HVHS community, and through generous donations, tireless volunteer work, and a refusal to let the idea fade away — that dream has become a reality. The garden now stands as a peaceful, reflective space for students to eat lunch, study quietly, or strum a guitar under the Southern Oregon sky. Most importantly, it honors the service men and women connected to Hidden Valley High School. We invite you to visit and experience this special place. If you're interested in sponsoring a bench or table within the courtyard, please contact our front office at 541-862-2124.

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### **Culture Shift: Purpose Matters**

This month, we're focusing once again on the P in P.W.R. — Purpose! Every spring, our juniors participate in OSAS state testing, an opportunity to showcase their learning and growth throughout their years at Hidden Valley. In the past, some of our brightest students have opted out — but we're ready to make a culture shift. We want all students to approach testing with pride, effort, and purpose. These assessments are a reflection of the dedication and learning that happens every day in our classrooms. Our goal is 100% participation and 100% effort from every junior. It's never too early to start building that mindset! Thank you for encouraging your student to give their best — we believe in our Mustangs, and we know they'll rise to the challenge. Go Be Great, Mustangs!

### What Are Mustang P.W.R. Notes?

At HVHS, we love celebrating our students for showing what it means to be a Mustang! Each week, our staff writes Mustang P.W.R. Notes to recognize students who demonstrate (P)urpose, strong (W)ork Ethic, and consistent (R)espect. These positive notes are a way for us to say, "We see you. We appreciate you. Keep it up!" Students who receive Mustang P.W.R. Notes will be entered into drawings for Mustang Swag and invited to join in fun activities during lunch or assemblies. Keep an eye on your email — you might just get a message celebrating your student's great work!

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Conferences are coming! Conferences are coming! With the end of the first quarter upon us, it's time to reconnect and reflect. Hidden Valley will host Parent-Teacher Conferences on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, November 6th: 4:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, November 7th: 8:00-11:30 AM and 12:00-3:00 PM

We value our partnership with families and believe that open communication between home and school is key to every student's success. These conferences are a great opportunity to discuss progress, celebrate growth, and make plans for the months ahead. We look forward to seeing you — your involvement truly makes a difference at HVHS!





### THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO

NORTH VALLEY, HIDDEN VALLEY AND ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOLS

# VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Join us as we honor our nation's heroes and enjoy patriotic music from our high schools' bands and choirs.

10 NOV 2025

6:00 PM

AT RIVERWAY PARKING LOT BETWEEN 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> STREETS

Special thanks to the Ausland Group for hosting this event.

