



HIDDEN VALLEY MUSTANG NEWS



Important Dates to Remember:

- January 24 - Winter Court Dance 8-11 pm Commons
- January 29 -MS & HS Conference Day—No classes
- February 9 - Senior Parent Meeting 6:00 pm Commons
- February 13 - Sweet Heart Dance
- February 16 - President's Day No Classes
- March 2 - Sophomore Parent Meeting 7:00 pm - Commons
- March 6-8 - District Equestrian Meet - Expo
- March 9 - Junior and Senior Parent Meetings 6:00 pm Commons
- March 11 - Clerical Day - No Classes
- March 23 through 27 Spring Break—No Classes
- March 27-29— District Equestrian Meet— Expo

Dear Mustang Country:

Happy New Year to you and your family. I trust that you enjoyed an extended period of time with your kids. We got right back to the business of daily classes, and it is important that you encourage your kids to do well in every class.

As we are in the middle of winter I am asking that you know and follow plans to get information about school delays or closure. Our district website, local radio and television are your best sources of information. The decision on snow days to delay or close is made about 5:00 am when it is needed and posted on our website by 6:00 am.

We are nearing the halfway point of the second trimester. Most kids are doing really well and they are learning that it is important to stay current in their classes. Progress reports will be ready for parent conferences on January 29. Conferences with our teachers will be from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm. Please complete the conference request form in this newsletter or call our counseling department to request a conference. If you have any need to communicate and you want individual time, you must make a reservation. From 5:00—8:00 pm. All faculty members will be at tables and will be holding 5 minute conversations about your child's performance. Please make arrangements in advance of that date.

Near the middle of February we will start working with our kids to register for classes for the 2009-2010 school year. We will be working with students in TEAM and you will be getting pre-registration materials at home.

Our winter sports programs have began league play. There are lots of basketball, wrestling, swimming, bowling, fencing and equestrian meets and games. Our kids really enjoy your support. I am inviting you to experience Mustang Mania and attend sports events when you can. Our teams are doing quite well.

As we look toward spring there will be a number of concerts, art shows, a play, and other academic co-curriculum performances. You will be very entertained by the performance of our kids.

Overall our days at school are busy, filled with activity and are very safe for your kids. I work hard to know as many kids as possible and I am impressed with the large numbers of friendly, caring, connected young people in our community. Your kids make me smile and laugh every day. I am honored continually to be the Principal at Hidden Valley.

Sincerely,

Dennis Misner



**Freshman Class
Parent Information**

Parent Meetings:

January 23 – 3:45 pm—in the Commons

February Meeting—Will be decided on at the January meeting.

Freshman Contact Parent:

Claudia Baker—472-1311

**Sophomore Class
Parent Information**



Parent Meetings:

March 2—7:00 pm in the Commons

**Please plan on attending this meeting.
We need to get started on graduation
fund raisers!**

Sophomore Contact Parent:

**Debbie Lawrence—862-8223 or
761-2332**



**Junior Class
Parent
Information**

Parent Meetings:

February 9—No meeting this month

March 9—6:00 pm—in the Commons

Agenda—Junior/Senior Prom

**...Please try to attend this
very important meeting...**

***A Special Thank you to all the Parents
who helped with the Holiday Craft Bazaar!***

The class made \$103.00!

Junior Contact Parent:

Rebecca Orton—761-5994

**Senior Class
Parent Information**



Parent Meetings:

**February 9—6:00 pm—in the Commons—
Graduation is fast approaching! Come join us
in the Commons **February 9th at 6 pm** to
help with the planning for the remainder of
our fundraising for the all night graduation
party, Sr. Superstars and the all night grad
party itself. It's a lot of fun and with every-
one taking a small portion of the planning, no
single individual gets overwhelmed. If you'd
like to help, but can't come to the meeting,
call Jill Smith at 472-9771.**

March 9—6:00 pm—in the Commons

Senior Contact Parent:

Jill Smith—660-9140 or 472-9771

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EASTER LILY SALES



Senior parents will be selling Easter Lilies to help pay for the all night drug and alcohol free graduation party.

These are beautiful, affordable, fresh from the grower, and perfect for gifts.

Pre-sales begin later this month;
Watch for an order form in March's newsletter or call Jill Smith at 472-9771.

FAFSA/OSAC Scholarship Workshop

February 18 from 4-8 pm in room B-5

Parents can drop by anytime during the workshop to get FREE help from an RCC/TRIO Financial Aid Advisor. Mr. Farmer and Jodie Apland will be there to help with OSAC Scholarship Applications.



To All Parents Project Graduation Needs Your Help!!!



Each year, it is the responsibility of Senior parents to sponsor, plan and raise funds for the all night alcohol and drug-free Graduation Party. This much anticipated event is available to EVERY graduate at no cost.

Each class respectfully requests all parents to donate \$40.00 toward this party. If all parents made this donation, nearly half of the fundraising would be complete! Many families choose to donate \$10 per year to spread out the financial commitment.

However you choose to do it, please submit your contribution to YOUR teen's graduation party. The money can be turned in to HV's bookkeeper and you'll get a receipt (tax deductible!) Please be sure to note on checks that the money is for "Project Graduation" **AND the year your student graduates, so it gets credited to the proper account.**

Each class also has a group of parents already working on the graduation party and could use your help. If you'd like to help with this endeavor for your teen's class, the office can put you in touch with the appropriate person.

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Hidden Valley FFA

The Hidden Valley FFA had a very memorable 2008. With the election of the 2008-09 Officer Team at the Annual FFA Banquet last May, President- Cheyenne Charley, Vice President- Josh Andrews, Treasurer- Jesse Hoffer, Secretary- Tamara Knowlton, Reporter- Lauren Still, and Sentinel- Kimee Prowell, plans were made to make this year a most successful year!

The first week in July gave the team their first opportunity for success. The Southern Oregon FFA District leadership camp was held for two days at Camp Cottonwood near Lakeview, where the Oregon State FFA Officers taught leadership, and trained the new officers on how to fulfill the duties of their position. The first competition of the year was the District Rituals contest where each team competes on how well they perform the opening and closing ceremonies for their FFA meetings. Hidden Valley had not placed in this contest in nearly ten years, but after much dedicated practice, Hidden Valley placed third out of the twelve teams competing!

With the beginning of school, activities always pick up. For the HV FFA and Agriculture classes this is true also... We hosted the annual "plow in" with the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Club, held a "kick off the year BBQ" with Matt and Amy Charley manning the grill, continued to construct our new 30 x 42 greenhouse, held FFA meetings every other week, introduced our new students to tractor driving and safety and then plowed and planted 15 acres of hay fields! We also put on a bowling and pizza night in honor of our two visiting State FFA Officers who spent all of one day teaching Mr. Speelman's agriculture and welding classes about self control, leadership, and positive participation.

In between these activities, class time in the fall is always dedicated to studying the soil that we are working with. We fielded an Advanced Soil Judging Team consisting of Jon Emerson, Kimee Prowell, Tamara Knowlton, and Jesse Hoffer who maintained our mission for success by bringing home a third place banner in the Southern Oregon District Soil Judging Career Development Event. Tamara Knowlton placed sixth over all out of the 100 plus students competing and won one of the highly sought after "I Love Loam" T shirts. Look for her sporting it proudly at school.



Missing the last two days of school prior to Christmas vacation interrupted our plans to make wreaths in the "Introduction to Horticulture" class, but be on the lookout for some Valentine creations! With growing season just around the corner, the Intro to Hort. class will also be purchasing soil, containers, seeds, and everything else needed to get plants started for the big plant sale held Mothers Day weekend. The completion of the new greenhouse will make room for 300-400 awesome hanging baskets, along with all of the flowers, bedding plants, and vegetables you could ever want! Be looking for our flyer as the big day approaches!

On the FFA horizon are many more activities and competitions. February brings plans for the FFA Winter Retreat at the coast, the District Leadership competitions (Parliamentary Procedure, FFA Creed Speaking, and Public Speaking), followed in the spring with Floriculture, Ag Mechanics, Meat Judging, and Livestock Judging. We are all about Agriculture and Leadership, and you might say "we're not letting the grass grow under our feet!"

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CHECKOUT THE ART WORK AT CLUB NORTHWEST DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Will be featuring all levels plus our new digital photography class

- Salmon fish are currently for sale in the HVHS staff room, in February at Club NW.
- Hope you caught our show at the Blue Stone Bakery in December. Thank you for those who bought fish from that exhibit.
- Travel opportunity for this year is coming to an end! We are taking off soon for England, Ireland, and the Whales. However if you still want to sign up call Mrs. Bickle **ASAP!**
- Look forward to our next Art of Poetry night in the spring and our annual Spring Art Show in May.



Chelsea Pennington at our first trimester's poetry night.

Yearbook Announcements

- Buy your yearbook now for \$55 through Lisa the bookkeeper. If you would like personalization please fill out a sheet and turn it in. Sheets available at the bookkeeper.
- Students, please bring in extreme sports pictures (snowboarding, dirt bike riding, surfing etc.)
- Parents and Friends!!! If you would like to write a message and show your affection to your child or best friend, we have spots available to buy. Please purchase by March 21st.

1/8 space - \$100

¼ page - \$200

½ page - \$350

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HVHS FENCING CLUB

The Hidden Valley Fencing Club is having a great year. We have 25 fencers, including 12 returning fencers. This is the tenth year of fencing at Hidden Valley, and we have our largest team ever. We have already had some good success, with four HV fencers participating in a beginner's tournament in Medford. We were very pleased with the outcome, as our own Sarah Valladao-Strahan tied for first place in the woman's division, and tying for third place overall. The tie occurred due to her having an identical record with another woman fencer. In addition to this accomplishment, Sarah defeated the eventual overall winner of the event during the seeding pool. She only lost two bouts during the event, one of those by 5-4.

We look forward to more success during the year as our fencers get more experience. We have some very good beginners and some great returning fencers, so I expect more victories in the spring tournaments.

Jim Earley, Alan Cook

HVHS Fencing



Sarah Valladao

A Special Thank You to Rays Food Place

Rays Food Place supported both the Wrestling Team and the History Club, by letting both groups bag groceries as a fund raiser. This generous support paid for new warm-ups for the wrestling team and will help the History Club pay for their trip to the East Coast during Spring Break.

Support Rays because they Support the Mustangs!

HVHS EQUESTRIAN TEAM

You can go on-line to learn more about the
Southern Oregon High School Equestrian Teams

www.sohset.org



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Science Question:

What land mammal has the richest milk and why?

The answer will be in the next Newsletter!