



May 2017

Cougar News

"Our Mission is to provide a safe and stimulating learning community for all students."

"Our Vision is to empower individuals to reach their greatest potential as productive citizens and lifelong learn-

Dates To Remember:

- 5/2 - AP Testing - Spanish
- 5/3 - AP Testing - Lit/Comp
- 5/5 - Home TRACK Meet - 4:00pm
- 5/6 - SAT Testing at IVHS - 8:00 am
- 5/9 - AP Testing - Calculus
- 5/10 - AP Testing - English
- 5/11 - AP Testing - History
- 5/11 - Scholarship Night
- 5/12 - Grad Night Dinner - 5:30pm
- 5/20 - Prom 8:30pm
- 5/20 - IV Golf Tournament
- 5/24 - Booster Club Mtg. - 6:00pm
- 5/29 - Memorial Day - No Classes
- 5/30 - Senior Cap & Gown Tour
- 5/31 - 8th Grade Orientation
- 5/31 - Spring Sports Awards - 6:00pm

~ ~ ~ Coming Soon ~ ~ ~

Graduation 2017
June 7th
7:00 PM
IVHS Football Stadium



Cougar Nation,

I can't believe it's May already! The last full month of school! We have accomplished a great deal this year, but we aren't done yet! It is important to finish strong. Our students are capable of great things and it is very important that we hold them to this.

Trust the process. This was something that we have focused on throughout the year as a staff at Illinois Valley High School. This is done by creating great relationships with our students, parents, and community members. We carry out the process by having clear expectations for everyone and then holding students accountable.

I would like to mention that some of our students competed at the Academic Masters Competition against students from the other high schools in our district and Grants Pass High School. This is a unique program that we are fortunate to be a part of. It was an awesome experience for our students and showcased the talents and abilities of not just our students but district wide. We have some phenomenal kids.

We are currently wrapping up our Spring sports seasons of Track and Field, Equestrian, Baseball, and Softball. Our student athletes are working extremely hard and I could not be more proud of them.

We will be doing some schedule forecasting for next school year in the coming weeks as well as hosting the 8th grade from Lorna Byrne Middle School. I encourage you to speak with your child about the classes they want to take or will be taking. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

IVHS Principal
Tanner Smith

"Go Cougs!"



CELEBRATING Student Success

Principal's Student of the Month

March

Adriana Flores



April

Brooke Smith



Regional Spelling Bee

4/29/17

Southern Oregon University

IVHS has two students representing at the regional spelling bee this year. Congrats to:

Jay Kniffen *PLACED 3rd*
and
Savannah Vogel *PLACED 2nd*

Community

'Shout-Out'

IVHS Cougar Nation

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34th Annual Academic Masters Competition

April 28, 2017 6:30 pm North Valley High School

Congratulations to our finalists:

Music - Ariel Dwyer - 3rd Place

Math - Jenny Park - 4th Place

Science - Raymon Sutherlin - 4th Place

Social Studies - Quinn Dietz - 4th Place

English - Owen Dwyer - 4th Place



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May Sports Calendar

Activity	Type	Date	Time	Versus	Location
Softball: Girls JV	Game	5/1/2017	4:30pm	Ashland	Illinois Valley High School
Baseball: Boys Varsity	Game	5/2/2017	4:30pm	Lost River	Lost River High School
Softball: Girls Varsity	Game	5/2/2017	4:30pm	Lost River	Lost River High School
Baseball: Boys JV	Game	5/4/2017	3:30pm	Lakeview	Lakeview High School
Softball Girls JV	Game	5/4/2017	3:30pm	Lakeview	Illinois Valley High School
Softball: Girls JV	Game	5/4/2017	4:30pm	Ashland	Illinois Valley High School
Track: Varsity	MEET	5/5/2017	4:00pm	Various	Illinois Valley High School
Baseball: Boys JV	Game	5/5/2017	4:30pm	Umpqua Valley Christian	Illinois Valley High School
Boys Golf: Boys Varsity	Tournament	5/6/2017	9:00am	TBA	Bandon Crossings
Softball: Girls Varsity	Senior Night	5/6/2017	12:00pm	Lakeview	Illinois Valley High School
Baseball: Boys Varsity	Senior Night	5/6/2017	12:00pm	Lakeview	Illinois Valley High School
Softball: Girls JV	Game	5/6/2017	12:00pm	Hosanna Christian	Hosanna Christian School
Softball: Girls Varsity	Senior Night	5/6/2017	2:00pm	Lakeview	Illinois Valley High School
Baseball: Boys Varsity	Senior Night	5/6/2017	2:00pm	Lakeview	Illinois Valley High School
Softball: Girls JV	Game	5/6/2017	2:00pm	Hosanna Christian	Hosanna Christian School
Girls Golf: Girls Varsity	District Regionals	5/8/2017	8:00am	TBA	Bandon Crossings
Boys Golf: Boys Varsity	District Regionals	5/8/2017	11:00am	TBA	Bandon Crossings
Baseball Practice Schedule		5/8/2017	3:30pm-5:30pm		
Softball \ Girls JV	Game	5/8/2017	4:30pm	Lakeview	Illinois Valley High School
Baseball: Boys JV	Game	5/8/2017	4:30pm	Lakeview	Illinois Valley High School
Boys Golf: Boys Varsity	District Regionals	5/9/2017	9:00am	TBA	Bandon Crossings
Girls Golf: Girls Varsity	District Regionals	5/9/2017	11:00am	TBA	Bandon Crossings
Baseball: Boys Varsity	Game	5/9/2017	4:30pm	St. Mary's	St. Mary's High School
Baseball: Boys JV	Game	5/10/2017	4:00pm	Gold Beach	Illinois Valley High School
Softball: Girls Varsity	Game	5/10/2017	6:00pm	Gold Beach	Illinois Valley High School
Baseball: Boys Varsity	Game	5/10/2017	6:00pm	Gold Beach	Illinois Valley High School
Softball: Girls JV	Game	5/10/2017	6:00pm	Gold Beach	Illinois Valley High School
Track: Varsity	District Regionals	5/12/2017	2:30pm	Lakeview	Lakeview High School
Track: Varsity	District Regionals	5/13/2017	9:30am	Lakeview	Lakeview High School
Softball: Girls Varsity	Game	5/13/2017	12:00pm	Rogue River	Rogue River High School
Baseball: Boys Varsity	Game	5/13/2017	12:00pm	Rogue River	Rogue River High School
Baseball: Boys Varsity	Game	5/13/2017	2:00pm	Rogue River	Rogue River High School
Softball: Girls Varsity	Game	5/13/2017	2:00pm	Rogue River	Rogue River High School
Baseball: Boys JV	Game	5/15/2017	3:30pm	Umpqua Valley Christian	Umpqua Valley Christian School

Important message to all ATHLETES and PARENTS!!!

Due to weather issues beyond our control, game dates and times are constantly changing.

It is nearly impossible to state for certain that we can keep to the posted schedule.

Of course, we will make every effort to do so, while keeping in mind the safety of all involved.

Please check with the school if you have any questions. 541.592.2116



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Athletic News:

IVHS Athletics update.

The athletic depart here at IVHS has been extremely busy this spring. The weather has not cooperated very well for most of our spring sports.

Baseball and softball have had multiple cancellations and reschedules. The Baseball team is 6-7 overall as of now, with a 1-4 league record. Our softball team is 4-7 overall and 0-3 in league play.

Our track program is competing weekly and they are doing very well. We are gearing up to have our second annual track meet here at Illinois Valley High School, on May 5th, at 5:00 PM. We are looking forward to another great event.

Our Equestrian team is working hard to get ready for their district and state competitions.

Our Golf program is entering the regional tournament with all six players competing. They are looking forward to a good showing.

Go Cougs!

"Sports Fee Family Cap"

Families that have siblings playing multiple sports in a school year will not be required to pay more than \$400.00 in one school year for sports participation fees.

This applies to students that parents have legal guardianship over and all siblings are attending the same school. This cap is only available during the same school year and does not include the team or athletic department or towel fees.

2017
IVHS GOLF TOURNAMENT
 SPONSORED BY
ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
GOLF TEAM
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017
SCRAMBLE FORMAT

⇒ REGISTRATION BEGINS: 7:45 AM ⇒ SHOTGUN START: 9:00 AM
 ⇒ TEAM STRING (30 FT): \$20.00 ⇒ MULLIGANS: \$5.00 EACH

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE
\$60.00 PER PERSON / \$220 FOR A FULL TEAM (4 PLAYERS)
Includes 18 holes of play, golf cart, Tee prizes

For more information, please contact our Athletic Department.

Ask for Bruce Reece or Heather Merrill IVHS 541.592.2116



21st Century Grant Enrichment Programs

The following classes have been provided by a grant through the 21st Century Learning Center. Classes are open to IVHS, LBMS, Home School, and registered GED students grade level 9 - 12. Parents and relatives of any eligible students are welcome.

~ ~ **Classes run from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm** ~ ~
~ ~ **Monday thru Thursday** ~ ~

A meal is provided for all after school class attendees.

MONDAYS

- ◇ **3D ART**
- ◇ **Yoga for Athletes**
- ◇ **Board Games**
- ◇ **HHH (Hipps)**

TUESDAYS

- ◇ **College Dreams**
- ◇ **HHH (Celmer, Wright)**

WEDNESDAYS

- ◇ **Healthy Cooking**
- ◇ **Art**
- ◇ **3D Printing**
- ◇ **HHH (Gray)**

THURSDAYS

- ◇ **SMILE Club**
- ◇ **Vocational Welding**
- ◇ **HHH (Wright, Lathen)**

All classes are held at Illinois Valley High School
625 E. River St., Cave Junction, OR 97523
For more information, call 541.592.2116 or email
sara.creek@threerivers.k12.or.us

or

sara.parker@threerivers.k12.or.us

Where Are They Now ??

These alumni are part of your hard working IVHS staff. We love the beautiful Illinois Valley and working at the Illinois Valley High School.

	Sara Creek '99 <i>Sara has been with TRSD for 8 years and is currently an Ed Assistant.</i>	
	Jaime Drake '94 <i>This is Jaime's first year with TRSD and is currently the school librarian.</i>	
	David Holmes '04 <i>Dave has worked for TRSD for 3 years and is currently the Lead Custodian.</i>	
	Robin Jackson '73 <i>Robin has been with TRSD for 23 years and is currently the school Office Mgr.</i>	
	Gene Merrill '92 <i>Gene in in his first year with TRSD and is currently the College & Career Coordinator.</i>	
	Heather Merrill '94 <i>Heather has been with TRSD for 21 years and is currently the school Athletic Sec.</i>	
	Megan Miner '09 <i>Megan has worked for TRSD for 7 years and currently works in food service.</i>	
	Sara Parker '78 <i>Sara has been with TRSD for 15 years and is currently an Ed Assistant.</i>	
	Julie Pope '76 <i>Julie has been with TRSD for 20 years and is currently the school Office Clerk.</i>	
	Nancy Powell '80 <i>Nancy has been with TRSD for 14 years and is currently our kitchen manager.</i>	
	Tara Thornhill '87 <i>Tara has been with TRSD for 24 years and is currently the school registrar.</i>	
	Shelly White '01 <i>Shelly has worked for TRSD for 3 years and currently works in food service.</i>	



⇒ **IVHS is a CLOSED CAMPUS ...** Students are not free to leave at breaks or lunch. If you want your student released for lunch, you will need to physically come in to the office and sign your student out.

⇒ **ANY FOOD AND DRINK ...** brought to the office for a student will be delivered at break, lunch, or afternoon break.

We will not interrupt classes for these deliveries.

⇒ **CELL PHONES...** can be used before and after school, during lunch, and at breaks. Exceptions are if it is allowed by a teacher. Please call the office if you need to speak with your student. Please do not call or text them during their classes.

⇒ **ATTENDANCE ...** If your student missed all or part of a school day, please call the school by the next morning to clear your student's absences. Dial 541-592-2116 and ask for the attendance office. You can also email Ms. Scroggins to excuse or verify an absence or tardy at: jamie.scroggins@threerivers.k12.or.us It is very important for you and your student to have these cleared. Students receive disciplinary referrals for un-cleared absences.

Spring

~ ~ **CLARIFICATION** ~ ~

The ENROLLMENT FORM does not serve as a check-out list.

We will only use any emergency contacts listed in an actual emergency situation AND the parent or guardian cannot be reached.

Thank you for your understanding.

McKinney-Vento

Homeless Education Assistance Act

If your family lives in inadequate housing accommodations, or is living with friends or relatives because you cannot afford housing, then your school-aged children have certain rights or protections.

If you have any questions, please call:
Heather Merrill or Sara Creek at IVHS
541-592-2116 for assistance.

SYNERVOICE is used to send out important messages about school closures and school events. When you get an automated call from IVHS using this program, it is important to say "Hello", as this triggers the message to start. If you have voicemail, it will leave a message. If you have an email registered with the school, we will often send emails as well. Synervoice is also used for attendance calls. These happen twice daily; at 10:00 am and again at 4:00 pm. If your child has been marked absent in any class, the system will call you to make you aware of this absence.

PARENTVUE AND STUDENTVUE

ParentVUE and StudentVUE are websites that offer secure, private access to school and student information, including assignments, grades, attendance, school calendar, and teacher contact details.

In ParentVUE, you can see the information for all of your students whether or not they attend IVHS, LBMS, or Evergreen.

To create an account, navigate to:

www.threerivers.k12.or.us/parentportal

Please call the school first for your activation key.

Information for Parents



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, your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.

Your children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended, if you or a guardian request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children 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 enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children 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 your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school. (Or, someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.)
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.
- 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



Spanish version available on request at the school office.

High School YEARS

Working Together for Lifelong Success



Short Clips

Spring fever

As the weather warms up, help your teen stay motivated by showing interest in her schoolwork. For example, if she's reading books by Edgar Allan Poe, watch a movie based on one of his short stories with her. Then, compare the movie with the story. How are they alike? Different?

Stepfamily fun

While it may take time for blended families to form comfortable bonds, stepparents can use special activities to make connections. Find out what your stepchild enjoys (tennis, puzzles), and spend time together. *Tip:* Frame pictures of the two of you together to show you're proud to be with him.

Humbly speaking

Being humble will make your high schooler more open to learning from others and help her get along with people. To foster this trait, encourage her to see herself as important, but not better than others. Suggest that she look for people's strengths, such as friendliness or a sense of humor, and avoid putting anyone down.

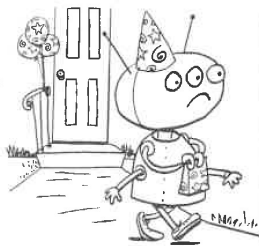
Worth quoting

"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." *Andy Warhol*

Just for fun

Q: Why did the alien want to leave the party?

A: The atmosphere wasn't right.



How to spend summer break

The long days of summer don't have to be lazy ones. Help your teen make the most of his school break with these ideas.

Stay sharp

Encourage your high schooler to sign up for a library's summer book program. He could read at the pool or beach or listen to podcasts while doing yard work. Also, he might take a summer school course in a subject that's tough for him (physics, foreign language). That way, he can concentrate on just one class. Or he could enroll in a study skills or time management class at a community college.

Build skills

Does your teenager like swimming, nature, or acting? Have him look for programs at pools, parks, zoos, and local theaters to attend (or work at, depending on his age). *Idea:* Suggest that he set a "stretch goal" to achieve over the



summer. He might learn to dive or get a role in a play.

Take on special projects

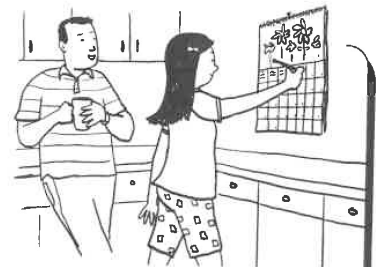
Let your high schooler be the family photographer and create a "Summer 2017" scrapbook. He might even take a photo a day for the entire summer and make a digital album. Or ask him to clear out your household clutter and organize a garage sale. Then, consider allowing him to keep a portion of the proceeds. 👍

Know where your teen is

Keep your teenager safe by making a plan for staying connected over the summer. Use these suggestions:

- Ask your teen to write her daily plans on a calendar or a whiteboard in the kitchen. Add your work schedule and events so she knows how to find you, too.

- Explain that she needs to answer her phone or text back when you contact her. Save her friends' numbers in your phone, and let her know you'll call them if you can't get ahold of her. You could also exchange numbers with her friends' parents as a backup. 👍



Preserve your online reputation

Does your high schooler's online reputation match how she wants others to view her? Share this advice.



will not make a good first impression. *Tip:* If she has an email address from when she was younger, now is a good time to update it.

Keep it positive. Online posts are fair game for viewing by college admissions officers and future employers. Suggest that your teen post items that paint her in a good light, such as links to interesting (and noncontroversial) news articles, photos of her volunteer work, videos of her sports performances, or inspiring quotes.

Keep it professional. Encourage your teenager to use an appropriate email address. Using a silly or provocative one

Keep it clean. The standard advice still holds: "Don't post anything you wouldn't want your grandmother to see."

Make it clear that your child should not post any words or pictures that are sexual or inappropriate in any way. Remind her that the instant she posts something online, it could be there forever. Even if she's on a private page or deletes her post, someone can take a screenshot and forward it.

Idea: Have your teen Google herself from time to time—she'll see herself as others see her online. 👍

Parent to Parent Reviewing the final report card

When my daughter's final report card arrives, school will be over, and her mind will be on summer. I wasn't sure how to handle a discussion, so I asked her school counselor for advice.

Mrs. Grant said that while it will be too late to change anything for this year, discussing Jasmine's



report card can help her get off on the right foot for the fall. She suggested that I begin by praising my daughter for high grades and ones that improved, as well as other positives like good behavior and regular attendance.

If any grades are low, I should ask Jasmine questions, she said. Were assignments turned in on time? How could you have studied harder? Did you understand the material? Then, we can talk about ways to adjust her workload or homework routine for next year. 👍

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Q & A

Pitch in at home

Q My son helps around the house—but only when asked. How can I get him to do chores without nagging him?

A Together, create a checklist of chores he is expected to do. Explain that these items aren't a "maybe"—they are his responsibility as a member of your family.

Then, have him devise a reminder system that works for him. He might set alerts in his phone or put sticky notes on his bedroom wall. Also, lay out consequences for not doing his chores, perhaps losing car privileges or not being able to go out with friends.

Finally, make chores more pleasant for everyone by setting aside time to do them together. Put on music, and use the time to enjoy each other's company as you get the jobs done. 👍



Get started on college essays

Summer is the time to get a head start on college essays. Here are strategies to help your teen write ones that will make his applications stand out.

1. Consider the question. Perhaps the admissions committee wants to know his greatest moment or why their college is right for him.

2. Brainstorm answers.

Have him make a list of his strengths or any life-changing events. *Hint:* His essay should reveal something that's not obvious from his application.



3. Add examples. Maybe volunteering at a homeless shelter taught him that every person has value, or visiting a civil rights landmark inspired him to think about a public service career.

4. Write and edit. He should use words that show rather than tell. Instead of "I learned a lot as club president," he might try "As club president, I was able to involve more students in school activities." *Tip:* Be sure he proofreads carefully. Even the smallest errors show a lack of concern for his work. 👍