

# COUGAR NEWS

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**SCHOOL YEAR 2011–2012 IS STARTING SOON**  
**We look forward to seeing you!**

## FRESHMAN & NEW STUDENT PARENT AND STUDENT ORIENTATION

September 1, 2011

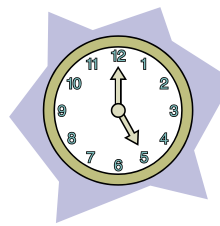
Orientation from 6:00—7:00 followed by an ice-cream sundae social



All incoming 9th grade students and their parents are invited to this important orientation. Other students who are new to IVHS and their parents are also invited to attend this orientation.

We are planning some great activities to help parents and new students learn about IVHS. New students will receive their schedules at this orientation.

## DAILY START AND END TIMES



The first bell rings at 8:45 and school starts promptly at 8:50. School ends at 3:30.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd periods will be before lunch—which starts at 12:32 on most days. 4th and 5th periods are after lunch.

Twice a month, there will be CREW meetings. These meetings do not affect start and stop times—but will change the lunch time slightly.

The school will not be open for students until 7:30 AM, so please do not arrive at school before that time. There will be no supervision until that time.

## PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND SCHEDULE

To enroll for the school year 2011-2012 it is important that you come by during one of these dates and times:

August 24—8:00 AM until 7:30 PM

August 25—7:00 AM until 3:30 PM

August 30—7:00 AM until 3:30 PM

September 1 —12:30 PM until 3:30 PM

These are the **only four dates** available for the enrollment process and to make schedule changes. Please do not wait until the first day of school to take care of this.

**See next page for more information on enrollment packets and schedule changes.**



## WHAT DAY DOES SCHOOL START?

**Tuesday—September 6**—is the first day of school for **9th graders** and other interested **new students only**. We have a great day planned for new students with lots of activities that will help them get familiar with the high school. If you are a returning student, please **do not** come on this day.

**Wednesday—September 7**—is the first day for all other students in grades 10—12.

## ENROLLMENT PACKETS AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

The four days and times listed on the first page are set aside for students and parents to come by the school and turn in all enrollment materials. There are two options available for getting and completing the packets:

1. Parents and students may pick up the packets during one of the enrollment times and complete them at school.
2. Parents and/or students may stop by the school at any time on or after August 18th to pick up the materials, take them home to complete, and return them during one of the four times.

We are asking that every parent complete a **free and reduced form** as part of the completed enrollment packet. We want to make sure that all eligible students are given the opportunity to receive free or reduced meals. The free and reduced lunch count also determines funding for many things, so it is imperative that we have an accurate accounting. Make sure that you are listing all family members in the household count, including grandparents, cousins, older siblings still at home, etc. **If your family receives food stamps, all you need is the food stamp card number.** Reminder to incoming 9th graders—you must pay for your lunch unless you are approved for free or reduced lunch. Your status from LBMS will not automatically carry over to IVHS.

Once all forms are completed and turned in, two important things can happen for your student:

1. They will be issued a locker by office staff.
2. They will receive their schedule for next year.
3. Necessary schedule changes can be made.

## FALL SPORTS

Football, volleyball, soccer (for both boys and girls), cross-country, and cheerleading practices begin on Monday, August 22nd. If you want to participate, make sure **ALL** paperwork and fees are cleared through the main office so you can practice. Under no circumstances will any player be allowed to practice without this clearance. Students may pick up sports packets and check academic eligibility starting August 17 in the office. Packets may be returned to the school on August 18th and 19th.

Physicals must be current and students must have health insurance (school insurance or personal insurance) in order to play. Physicals will be offered at IVHS and LBMS School Health Centers from August 22 — September 23. Call 592-4111 to make an appointment. If you are calling after August 22, call 592-6978 (LBMS) or 592-3749 (IVHS) to make an appointment. Cost is \$20.00. Students must have physicals every other year.

Please note that if your student needs a physical for fall sports and you are planning to use the school's health centers to obtain that physical, your student will not be eligible to practice until that physical has taken place. You may need to contact your regular doctor to schedule that physical in order to be eligible to turn out the first days of practice. Josephine County Public Health Department may also be an option. They will be performing school physicals for \$25. Call 541-474-5325 for an appointment.

## BUS SCHEDULES

The schedule should be published in the IV News on August 31st. . If you have questions, call FIRST STUDENT at 476-7733. The school should have copies of the bus schedules about a week before school starts.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL CLOTHES

As you think about your school clothes, remember there is dress code in Three Rivers School District and at IVHS.

**Shorts and skirts must be at mid-thigh.** Mid-thigh is halfway between the top of your leg and the top of your knee. This type of short is also called a Bermuda short. Students wearing shorts that do not meet this requirement will be asked to call home and request appropriate clothing be brought to school. There is also a limited supply of clean, used clothing from which students can pick something to put on for the day.

Reminder—Low cut blouses, tank tops, and shirts are not appropriate for school. Please layer clothing as needed to make sure the breast area is covered. If cleavage is visible, your top is too low. Students will be given a T-Shirt to wear if they are not appropriately dressed for school.

It is important that students understand that different situations require us to modify the clothes we wear. For example, what is perfectly appropriate at the beach or a day on the river may not be appropriate for church, school or work.

Students are asked to come dressed for school in a reasonably modest manner. Our primary mission is education and intellectual development. Students are asked to wear school clothing that contributes to a positive school climate and does not distract from our mission. Bizarre, immodest or revealing clothing demeans the value of the wearer and disrupts the educational atmosphere which cannot be permitted.

### Other examples of unacceptable dress include:

- Clothing that depicts or advertises drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual acts, profanity or that in any way demeans others (i.e., race, gender, sexual orientation). SKIN clothing that depicts the silhouette of a naked woman is an example of clothing that demeans a gender.
- Pajamas – unless part of sanctioned school activity.
- Halter-tops, ‘tube tops’, backless and strapless tops.
- Clothing that reveals underwear including wearing low hanging or loose pants.
- Tops, pants, skirts that are too tight, skimpy, or too low cut.
- Footwear not intended for outside use, i.e. slippers.
- Boots with cleats or nails, excessively high heels, chains, spikes or other items that present a safety hazard.
- Sunglasses inside the building.

When a student is not appropriately dressed for school, they will be reminded of the rules by staff members, asked to change clothing, and will receive a citation. Students who continue to fail to respond to the rules will be given consequences, up to and including suspension.

## VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

**All students must reapply for free or reduced lunch status in order to receive that help with purchasing breakfast and lunch. None of the incoming 9th graders** have had to pay for school meals while they were at Lorna Byrne. Until the Free and Reduced applications have been turned in and cleared by food service, students must pay for their lunches. Students at the high school who were free and reduced last year have a small grace period. However, all the 9th graders will be asked to pay unless the forms are turned in and approved for this school year. Please make sure you have filled those out on one of the enrollment dates. The sooner we get them in, the sooner students can get approved. It is NOT an overnight process, but if we are able to get them to Food Service on the by August 31, you should know about approval before school starts.

Breakfast Prices—\$1.10

Lunch—\$2.50

Milk—\$.50

# IMPORTANT DATES

August 8—Sept. 1	IVHS Office opens—7:00—3:30
August 22—Sept. 23	Sports Physicals at the IVHS and LBMS School Health Centers
August 17	First day to pick up sports packets and enrollment packets
August 18, 19	Turn in sports packets
August 22	Tryouts and practice for fall sports begin
August 24	Turn in enrollment packets and make schedule changes from 8:00 a.m.— 7:30 p.m.
August 25	Turn in enrollment packets and make schedule changes from 7:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.
August 30	Turn in enrollment packets and make schedule changes from 7:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.
September 1	Freshman and New Student Orientation for Students and Parents—6:00 pm—7:00 followed by ice-cream social
September 1	Turn in enrollment packets and make schedule changes from 12:30 pm— 3:30 p.m.
September 2	School closed—Furlough Day
September 5	Labor Day—No school.
September 6	Freshmen and other new students start school
September 7	1st Day of school for 10th—12th graders
September 9	Last day for schedule changes
September 12	Picture Day
September 19	Parent Open House—6:00—7:30 PM
September 20	Afterschool Homework Help Starts
September 23	Staff Development Day—No school for students
September 26—30	Homecoming Week
October 14	No School—Statewide In-service Day
October 17	Progress Reports Mailed Home
October 19	Evening Conferences
October 20	Conferences—No School for Students
October 21	No School for Students



## AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP

On most weeks of the school year, we will have after school homework help from Monday—Thursday from 3:30—5:30. The first afternoon of help will begin on September 20. We will send out more information in the September Cougar News.

## School Supply List

All students will be issued a school planner at no cost. Students are required to use these planners. If planners are lost, they can be replaced by the student at a cost of \$2.00

All students in PE classes are required to wear the PE uniform. Both the T-shirt and shorts can be purchased at the school for about \$15.00. Students must also have tennis shoes for PE.

All students should have the following basic supplies:

- One 2 to 3 inch three-ring binder
- Notebook paper – college rule – at least 200 pages
- Pens
- Pencils
- 3 to 5 spiral notebooks (at least 70 page)
- Binder Notebook pockets/dividers – package of 3 to 5
- Other supplies may be required for specific classes. Students will be notified of these needs during the first week of school.



If you are unable to get these supplies, you may see Mrs. Gamble on the first day of school and she will help secure the essentials for you.

## SCHEDULES FOR 2011 - 2012

The first day that schedules for all students will be available is August 24th. However, they will only be given to students when all the enrollment paperwork is completed and checked off by office staff. When you get your schedule, look at it carefully and make sure that you have gotten the classes that you need. If you want to make any changes you should to the following:

- Carefully compare your schedule with the school's schedule to see if what you want to take is possible.
- Carefully consider requirements and prerequisites to make sure that changes are possible.
- Go to counseling and work with Ms. Tucker or Ms. Thornhill to make the changes.
- If you do not come on one of the available days, you may not be allowed to make any changes. With the trimester system and because of the arena scheduling in June, we will not be changing schedules past September 9th.

**OPEN  
HOUSE**

All parents of students in grades 9—12 are invited to the IVHS Open House on **September 19, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM**. This will be a chance to meet all your student's teachers and to learn how the class is run. We have some new and special activities planned for this event.

Please put it on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you. We will have dessert available for you. Student attendance is desired but not required.

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**We are on the web**  
**<http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/index.asp>**

Or Current Resident

**Summer Office Hours 7:00 AM — 3:30 PM (August 8—September 1)**

**School Year Office Hours 7:15 AM — 4:15 PM**

## **SCHOOL PICTURES—SEPT. 12**

Information and order forms from Lifetouch will be in the enrollment packet. All students will be photographed for student body cards.



**WE NEED ONE OR TWO PARENTS TO SERVE ON THE SITE COUNCIL**

One or two parent positions are open this year. If you are interested in serving on the Site Council and meeting once a month for about 90 minutes to help with school improvement, please call Robin Jackson at the school and let her know. If you have previously served on a site council including ours, you may serve a second term.

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