

COUGAR NEWS

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IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

Communication is a tricky thing as it involves more than one person and there are multiple variables for all parties. The speaker or the writer must speak and write and the listener or reader must hear or read what was said. If the communicator does not do their job or if the person receiving the communication does not listen carefully or read thoroughly, there is what is called a “communication break down”. It is a goal of the school to do a better job of communicating with parents.

To that end it is our goal to do the following:

- Send out this parent newsletter approximately once a month.
- Use Synervoice for updates and important events.
- Use Synervoice as well as the Attendance Clerk, Ms. Paul, to keep you informed of your student’s attendance.
- Keep our school webpage current.
- Respond to parent emails and phone calls within 24 hours during the school week.
- Keep the Reader Board at the front of the school updated.
- Get information to the IV News in a timely fashion.
- Offer parents the ability to access Parent Assist and keep informed of their student’s academic progress as well as attendance and behaviors.

What we especially need from parents is the following:

- Read the newsletters. Many parents have admitted to us that they either just toss them or that they don’t open them. Communication is broken when this happens.
- Transfer important dates and events to your home or computer calendar.
- Listen to the Synervoice messages. Don’t just ignore them when you see the school is calling. Sometimes those messages will have attendance information but often will have important news.
- If you have access to a computer and an email account, sign up for Parent Assist and check your student’s account at least weekly.

PARENT ASSIST

If you have not yet signed up for *Parent Assist* through our student information system, eSIS, come by the school and see Janie Pope. You do need access to a computer and an email account. *Parent Assist* will allow you to check on your student’s academic progress as well as attendance, progress toward graduation, and many other things.

If you are already in *Parent Assist*, please know that all teachers will make sure their gradebooks are up to date each Tuesday morning—for all work due the previous week. There will be times that your student may say that what looks like a missing assignment is turned in but it is still showing up as missing in the gradebook you are seeing. Since it is impossible for teachers to keep up with grading on a daily basis, what you are looking for when you check may not be an accurate reflection of what has been turned in. However, if you check on Tuesday, you should be able to know that any blank places in the gradebook indicate work that has not been turned in.

HOMECOMING 2010

Homecoming Week 2010, was nearly picture perfect. Many thanks to Amy Hardy and her leadership students for their hard work to plan and organize this week. Thanks also to the cheerleaders for all the work they did to help with signs and school spirit. The students and staff were full of spirit, students dressed up in the theme of the day, and enthusiastically participated in the PEP assemblies. The weather was fantastic and the parade through town went flawlessly. Thank you to all the parents who helped with trucks, trailers, decorations, dance supervision and other support. The week ended with a great crowd at a winning football game and with a wonderful dance on Saturday night. Students were well-behaved and cooperative for each of the events during the week. Congratulations to the Homecoming King and Queen, representing the sophomore class: Colin Margason and Sarah Luna. Other members of the court were: freshmen, Josh Allan and Mariah Lopez-Boothe; juniors, Wesley Kendall and Caitlyn Jones; and seniors, Augustine Duarte and Laurissa Tausaga.



PBIS Supporters

The Positive Behavior Intervention Support Team would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to:

- * Z Coffee
- * Island Girl Coffee
- * Treehouse Florist and Gifts
- * Pizza Pit
- * Oregon Caves Chevron
- * Radio Shack



For their donations to Illinois Valley High School students. With their help our school is a fun and safe place for students. When you patronize these businesses, thank them for their support of our school.

Attention Seniors and Parents:

Senior Class Safe and Sober Grad Night meets the second Wednesday of every month at the high school at 6:00 PM. It is for all graduating seniors. A letter will be sent out informing all parents of what is expected of them and their graduating senior. If you are a senior parent, get involved with this group. They need the help. It is difficult when a few parents are taking on the responsibility of providing this great night for all the seniors. If you have a senior student, come to this meeting and find out how you can get involved.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP

One of the things that our 21st Century grant funding allows us to do is run an after school tutoring / homework help program. We have budgeted this year to run it four nights a week: Monday—Thursday. After school tutoring will run from 3:40 until 5:40. The buses will leave the school at 5:45 PM.

Any student who is in an after-school activity may ride the activity bus. Students who are staying for after-school tutoring and who are riding the bus are expected to stay in the classroom the entire time. Students who are walking, being picked up, or driving themselves may leave when they are finished working. Students may not leave the campus and return later. Students are given a 15 minute break and a sack "dinner" about 4:30. There is no cost for this meal. No student will be allowed to ride the activity bus if they are not in an after school program or a sport.

Students are required to sign in and out. If you are assuming your child is coming to after-school, you may call the school the following day to check on attendance. Many students could benefit from this extra help, so encourage your students to attend if they need the help.

The computer lab is open every night between 3:30 and 4:30 for student use.

NOTE FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

- In an attempt to use less paper, postage, toner and time, I have been emailing student balance due statements instead of mailing them. I can also email notices about upcoming events. If you did not supply your email address on your student's enrollment form and you wish to be included in these notices, please email your email address and your student's name(s) to dianna.hall@threerivers.k12.or.us.

Holiday Season



It's Never Too Early to Brighten a Student's Holiday Season



Since the holiday season is just around the corner, now is the time to remember IVHS students who may be less fortunate. The annual shoe box drive for Christmas needs your donations. Please, fill a shoe box with unwrapped boy or girl gifts and deliver them to IVHS or call Mrs. Heather Merrill at 541-592-2116 and she will pick them up. Deadline is December 10th.

A few ideas for girls would be jewelry, makeup, perfume, socks, school supplies, etc; for boys, a wallet, aftershave, socks, watch, hat, school supplies, etc.

Cash donations are also accepted. Mrs. Merrill uses such funds to shop for items to fill even more shoe boxes. Last year's gift drive was an overwhelming success. Over 85 students were surprised with much appreciated gift boxes. Please, help us show our students that people care about them.

Help with Health Insurance



Siskiyou Community Health Center's school based health centers (at Evergreen, LBMS, and IVHS) now have applications on hand to help families apply for health insurance for their children. Many children who would not qualify for Oregon Health Plan previously because their family income was a little above the threshold may now be able to qualify for free or very low cost health insurance through the state-provided "Healthy Kids" program. A family of 4 making as much as \$66,000/year may now be able to qualify for this insurance.

Please call the school based health center for more information or to pick up an application packet!

Evergreen Elementary 541-592-6491

LBMS 541-6978

IVHS 541-592-3749

Attention Parents/Guardians:

After receiving an automated call from our new phone messaging system, Syner-voice, please call the school in the morning to clear your student's absences. The number is 541-592-2116; ask for the attendance office. It is very important for you and your student to have these absences cleared.



THE FIRST TRIMESTER HAS ENDED

The first trimester ended on **November the 19th**. Teachers will be entering report card grades on Monday the 22nd. The grades students earn will be transcribed grades. Report cards will be mailed home on Tuesday, the 23rd. If you have Parent Assist, you should be able to see the report card by logging on the afternoon of the 23rd.

Remember—no school for students the entire Thanksgiving week.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 19	Last day of the trimester
November 22 & 23	Clerical and Planning Days—no school for students
November 23	Report Cards mailed home
November 24	Budget Reduction Day—No school for staff or students
November 25 & 26	Thanksgiving Vacation—No School for staff or students
November 29	First Day of the 2nd Trimester—Schedules Change
November 30	Balfour on Campus to meet with Seniors and parents
December 1	Booster Club Meeting @ 6:00 PM
December 2	Financial Aid Night—All senior parents who have students headed to college or vocational school next year should attend.
December 4	SAT testing @ GPHS
December 13	Balfour on Campus from lunch to 5:00 PM
December 13	School Board Meeting @ District Office @ 7:00 PM
December 14	Battle of the Bands—Grad Night Fundraiser @ 7:00 PM
December 16	Winterfest Concert in the Café @ 7:00 PM
December 20– 31	Winter Break
January 3	School Resumes

School Wide Advocates

Our school wide advocates are excited about another year and would like to remind parents and guardians that they are here to help your student during the school day. They can be reached at 541-592-2116

- Ms. Gutierrez works with 9th and half of the 10th graders
- Mr. Yarbrough works with 11th and half of the 10th graders
- Ms. Gamble works with 12th graders and scholarships
- Our Family Advocate Mrs. Merrill would also like to offer her service to the families at IV. If you have any questions regarding your student or any services available, please give her a call.

From Mrs. Gamble—Senior Scholarship Assistant

The Zonta Award application is available for girl's ages 16-19 years old. This is a cash award. Also seniors try to get your letters of recommendation together: one from a teacher and one from a non-school, non-family adult friend, neighbor, pastor, etc. Please give them to Mrs. Gamble in room 9.



Seniors Your Attention Please:

From the Counseling Dept. at IVHS:

A To Do List for Seniors and their Parents:

1. Take the SAT. It is recommended that juniors take the SAT in the spring, and take it again as seniors in the fall. The web site to register for the SAT is: www.collegeboard.com Our school code is 380150 (you will need this number). You may qualify for a fee waiver (inquire in counseling). SAT's are given here on Jan. 22 & May 7th. They can also be taken at various dates at Grants Pass High School. Dates to register for the SAT's and the **deadline dates** are posted in counseling.

2. Get letters of recommendation. Get a head start on the process. For our scholarship packet you will need **two** letters; one of the letters must be from an employer, community member, or friend of the family (not from a teacher/staff from the school).

3. Get a P.I.N. to apply for FAFSA. Go online at: www.pin.ed.gov. to apply for a P.I.N. The parent and the student need to apply separately for a P.I.N.

4. Come to our Financial Aid/Scholarship Information Night

Tentatively set for Dec. 2nd @ 6:30 p.m. Get information on how to apply for federal financial aid, and receive our local scholarship packet. Also available: Oregon Students Assistance Commission Scholarships (OSAC), go online at www.getcollegefunds.org and fill out the application, print it, and send.

5. Work on your activities chart: available at www.getcollegefunds

6. Begin writing your typed responses to the following (max. 150 words each): Explain your career aspirations and your educational plan to meet these goals.

- Describe a challenge or obstacle you've faced in the last ten years. What did you learn about yourself from this experience?
- Describe a personal accomplishment and the strengths and skills you used to achieve it.
- Explain how you have helped your family or made your community a better place to live. Please provide specific examples.

7. In January you need to file your FAFSA. Once you have your P.I.N. you can go online and submit your FAFSA. Attend our FAFSA/College Prep workshops (dates to be announced).

8. Apply to College or trade school. Admission application dates are as early as Nov. 1st ! Make sure you visit the web page of the school that you are interested in attending to get application deadline dates.

COUGAR ATHLETICS

November 2010

Mr. Alderson
Athletic Director

Sports Report from the Cougar Den

Cougar athletes have been on the prowl in the new Southern Cascade League! IVHS has had a great fall in the athletics arena and are getting primed for potential post-season play! Two teams are still alive for the playoffs and are hoping everything will go their way in the next couple of weeks.

BOYS SOCCER

The boys soccer team can secure a playoff birth with a win in their last game of the season against St. Mary's. Coach Enoch's team has lived off the energy of his younger players and the leadership of his seniors. They are currently 3-3 in league play with senior night on Oct. 30th.

FOOTBALL

This year's gridiron gang has been tearing through the SCL (3-1) with a high flying offense lead by Roger and Fred Hults, Curtis Paulson, Tyler Robbins, and the O-line crew lead by Augie Duarte and Josh Free. They currently have the top offense in the state for 3A. Their defense is lead by Andrew "Big Mac" McLaughlin, Matt Coultas, and Dean Hoyle. Hoyle's two sacks against Rogue River sealed the win and Big Mac's big hits are putting fear into the opponents. With the win

on Homecoming Night, the Cougs secured a playoff game against Horizon Christian High School in Tualatin on Nov. 12th. With a win against Horizon Christian, they secured a playoff game against Santiam Christian High School on the 19th in Independence. We are hopeful for a run at the state championships.

VOLLEYBALL

Coach Cathy Pope's volleyball team finished the year 4-16 but continued to fight in a very tough conference. The team had nine seniors that worked hard at practice everyday and continued to get better each contest. Defensive specialist Alex Miller, Kayla Johnson, Hailee Parker and Amy Weaver along with the other seniors will be missed by the Lady Coug's next season!

GIRLS SOCCER

This year's Lady Cougar Soccer program showed the intensity necessary to compete in a very competitive SCL. The girls posted 2 wins this year and had a very successful year. They were lead by Senior Laurissa Tausaga's toughness and youngster Stephanie Agee's quickness.

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Bill Yeoman's runners had a very successful year on the trails and finished the year on a high note with their SCL district meet at Valley of the Rogue State park. Senior Casey Robertson's 7th place finish paced the Cougar girls and led them to a 4th place team finish. On the boys side, Celilo Nordal and Tyler Delaney were the first Coug's to finish on the very wet course!

Dates to Remember

- November 12th—
First Round Playoff
Game—Football TBD
- November 15th
Wrestling Club Meeting
- November 19th
End of Trimester (2-
hour late start)
- November 22-26th
No School

Winter Sports Update

PARENT MEETING: There was good attendance at the Winter Sports Parent Night on November 9th. If you were unable to attend, there was important information for parents and athletes given in preparation for the next season. If you have any questions, call the

school and speak with Mr. Alderson or Ms. Jackson.

WINTER SPORTS PRACTICE:

First day of practice for winter sports was November 15. Please remember your student must have a current physical, either private or school purchased health insurance,

be on track to graduate, a 2.0 GPA and passing 4 out of 5 classes!

BASKETBALL PRACTICES

Girl's Basketball practice will be from 3:30pm to 6:00pm M-F and Boy's Basketball practice will be from 6:00pm to 8:30pm M-F.

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Principal's Students of the Month—October and November



Anthony Dilley is the son of Paul and Michelle Cox. Anthony is a sophomore at the high school this year. His future plans include keeping his grades up and joining some activities. After he graduates in 2013, Anthony plans to attend college.



Nick Dowd is the son of Mark and Rebecca Dowd. Nick is currently a member of the USBC (United States Bowling Congress Board). He has won over a thousand dollars in bowling scholarships. His future plans are to attend Rogue Community College for two years and get a general associates degree and then transfer to a university.



Josh Allan is the son of Joseph and Lalani Allan. Josh is currently the President of the Freshmen Class. He participates in basketball and track and is a member of the SMILE Club which is a science and math club. Josh has been student of the month every year of school since the 5th grade and also received Student of the Year at LBMS. After graduation in 4 years, Josh would like to go to college and have a well paying job to get him where he wants to go.



Jamie Sowell is the daughter of Jennifer and William Sowell. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA. Jamie is a member of FFA, National Honor Society, Mathletes and Varsity Girl's Soccer. She has earned the PRIDE Award, a Varsity letter in Soccer and the Scholar Athlete Award. After graduation Jamie plans to attend Montana State University for an agricultural degree and then return to the valley to restore her family's farm.



Kieran Rose is the daughter of Shannon Rose. Kieran is a senior and has maintained a 4.0 GPA. She is currently the Student Body Publicity Chair. Kieran is a member of Cougar Pals, Mathletes, National Honor Society, Spanish Tutoring Club, Varsity Girl's Soccer Team and the International Club. She has been awarded Captain of the Soccer Team, Most Valuable and Most Inspirational Player in soccer and she has received the PRIDE Award. Next year Kieran plans to go to college with her best friend. She is looking forward to playing intramural soccer in college as well.



Miranda Stiles is the daughter of Jeff and Karen Stiles. She was the Freshmen Class President last year and is currently the Sophomore Class President. She has maintained a 3.78 GPA. Miranda is a member of SMILE, Varsity Cheerleading for the football and basketball seasons, Mathletes, and TAG. She was awarded Most Improved Cheerleader last year. After graduation in 2013 Miranda is planning to attend Pacific University and major in teaching. She aspires to be a teacher in the coming years.



Fred Hults is the son of Ron Hults. Fred plays on the football, basketball and golf teams. He has earned six varsity letters and the Scholar Athlete Award. After he graduates from high school Fred plans to attend college.



Shelbie Mason is the daughter of Larry and Trina Mason. She is currently the FFA Historian and the FFA Vice President. Shelbie is a member of FFA and the SMILE Club. She has received the Discovery FFA Award and Student of the Month. After graduation in 2014, Shelbie wants to attend college to become a surgeon.

Mason Students of the Month



Audrey Mechling is the daughter of Joanne Stark. She has maintained a 4.14 GPA. Audrey has held the offices of Freshman Class President, Junior Class Secretary and is currently the ASB President. Audrey is a member of National Honor Society, Mathletes, Spanish Club and the International Club. Last year, Audrey was the math finalist for IVHS Academic Masters. After graduation Audrey plans to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and then get a Law Degree. She would like to pursue a future in politics.



Roger Hults is the son of Ron Hults. Roger has maintained a 3.78GPA. Roger is a member of National Honor Society, and the Football, Basketball and Golf Teams. He has been awarded Most Valuable Coaches Award in Football, Most Valuable Player in Basketball and Most Valuable Player in Golf. Last school year Roger placed 6th at State in Golf. Roger has received Skyline Conference Second Team – Corner in Football, Skyline Honorable Mention – Quarterback in Football his sophomore and junior years and Skyline Second Team –Guard in Basketball twice. After graduation Roger plans to attend the University of Oregon.



Marissa Litak is the daughter of Carolyn and Robert Litak. She currently holds a GPA of 4.14. Marissa has held the offices of ASB Student Representative and National Honor Society Vice President. She is currently the ASB Secretary. Marissa is a member of the Girl's Soccer Team, Cougar Pals and Mathletes. She was the co-founder of the Spanish Tutoring club. Next year Marissa will attend college at one of the several options on the West Coast.

Meet the Staff at IV!

Jerry Luke—Educational Assistant



Jerry is returning to Three Rivers School District this school year. He is now working as an Educational Assistant at the alternative school, IVAC. He worked for the middle school alternative school, LBAC, in the 02-03 school year with Jan Hagen. Jerry is a native Oregonian. He graduated high school in Salem, Oregon, and has been working with kids in the public school system since 1976. Jerry is married with two grown children. Jerry enjoys playing guitar, drums, and likes to sing. He is a Yo-Yo instructor and a mime expert. He likes to juggle and loves chocolate. Jerry loves working with young people and is happy to be working in a place where he has a chance to help students be successful.

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Patty Dickens-Turk—Assistant Principal

I am originally from Montana and lived in Mississippi, Idaho and Alaska before moving to Oregon 20 years ago. I received my Associates Degree in Alaska and worked as a bookkeeper / receptionist for one year before returning to school to become a teacher. I earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Montana in 1989. My first teaching job was in Clatskanie, Oregon where I taught English for nine years and attended Lewis and Clark College getting my Masters in Teaching. I then taught at Vernonia, Oregon for six years while attending George Fox University to earn my credentials as an administrator. When my husband took a job with Jackson County, I applied at Illinois Valley High School. I taught English and leadership for three years before moving into my current position as Assistant Principal. Together my husband and I have five grown children and six adorable grand children. I love the Illinois Valley and believe the students at IVHS are the best.



JoAnn Bethany—Principal

I lived most of my childhood in Oregon, including Vale, Klamath Falls and Salem. I went through elementary, junior high school, and part of high school in Grants Pass. I graduated from high school in Seattle, attending Seattle Pacific College and the University of Washington. In 1971, I moved to Southeast Alaska, and worked and raised my family there. In 1992, I moved back to Southern Oregon and began teaching middle school at Lorna Byrne. I taught for two years, worked as the counselor for one year, and then spent the next seven years working in the Talented and Gifted Program and Curriculum for Three Rivers School District. In June of 2000, I earned my masters in Educational Leadership from Portland State University and my administrative certificate. In the spring of 2002, I joined the administrative staff at Illinois Valley High School as the assistant principal and the following year became the principal. I have four amazing adult children (three are OSU graduates and one is an U of O graduate) and three young granddaughters. I am just as thrilled to be at IVHS as I was when I started nine years ago. The staff and students are so special, and I love spending my time with them all.



TO CONTACT A TEACHER

There are three ways to contact an IVHS teacher:

1. Email—can be accessed on webpage. Email addresses are all in this format:
firstname.lastname@threerivers.k12.or.us
2. Call the school and leave a message.
3. Call their school cell phone. Teachers will not be able to answer during the school day, but if you leave a message, they will return your call within 24 hours.

Ms. Barker—787-0854

Ms. Hardy—787-0861

Ms. Meyer—787-0858

Mr. Bradley—787-0855

Mr. Alderson—787-0862

Mr. Morgan—787-0867

Ms. Brown —787-0871

Ms. Hipps—787-0872

Ms. Schiermeyer—787-0868

Mr. Enoch—787-0856

Mr. Knight—787-0863

Ms. Szijarto—787-0869

Ms. Farmer—787-0857

Mr. Lathen—787-0864

Ms. Valenzuela—787-0870

Mr. Grosenbach—787-0859

Mr. McHugh—787-0865

Ms. Butler—787-0860

Mr. McKee—787-0866

Senior Information—News for the class of 2011

The Balfour representative will be here Tuesday, November 30th from noon until 5:00 PM. Please pick up an order form for your cap and gown, announcements, and various memorabilia. He will return Monday, December 13th for any late orders. Parents—make sure you have set aside one of these times to come by and place your orders. The students have been given the packets of information. If you cannot pay now, submit an order, because prices will increase after December 15th.

Other things that need to be done:

- ◆ **2 letters of recommendation from non-family or non-school adults**
- ◆ **Get a PIN to apply for FAFSA. Both parent and student will need their own PIN**
- ◆ **Attend our Financial Aid/Scholarship Information Night. The date for this event is December the 2nd at 6:30 PM.**
- ◆ **Begin writing responses to specific questions - see senior packet for question.**
- ◆ **Take the SAT testing either on December the 4th @ Grants Pass High**

