

Board Briefing

February 2009



North Valley High School

Home of the Knights

KUDOS

Kudos to JoAnn Bethany, Patti Dickens-Turk and the IVHS Math teachers. With only one round of testing completed, they already have 48% of their students meeting or exceeding the standard. I see some tough competition for us this year! Go Knights—catch those Cougars!

Academics

We are excited to share the preliminary data from our first trimester:

NVHS ATTENDANCE

Average Daily Attendance

Fall 2007: 90.9%

Fall 2008: 92.5%

Improvement: 1.8%

Average Daily Absences

Fall 2007: 9.1%

Fall 2008: 7.5%

Improvement: 21.3%

92% Attendance = Adequate (Oregon Standard)

2007-08: 65% of students had 92% attendance or better

2008-09: 76% of students had 92% attendance or better (491/650 for half year)

NVHS STUDENT FAILURE RATE

2006-07: 45% of Freshmen earned 1 or more F's (1st semester)

2008-09: 23% of Freshmen earned 1 or more F's (1st trimester -- 37/158)

RIGOROUS COURSEWORK

Advanced Placement Courses at NVHS:

	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Tests</u>
2005-06	3	3	61	3
2007-08	5	7	131	101
2008-09	6	6	136	

Seniors Enrolled in...

	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Lockout</u>	<u>Art/Music</u>
2005-06	52	47	9	91	69
2006-07	78	54	17	12	80
2008-09	88	82	30	10	95



Facilities

We are continuing to work with Kid Zone and the TRSD Foundation to finance the purchase and installation of Outdoor Fitness Equipment for student and community use. We will purchase 9 pieces of equipment to be installed in front of the school for all to use. Each piece accommodates 2 friends. Our hope is to get students outdoors more often and moving physically, especially those who don't choose to take Physical Education electives or to participate extracurricularly.

Activities

North Valley hosts the Pentathlon Speech and Debate competition this Saturday (31 January). We expect up to 11 schools. Though they receive much less publicity, our Forensics program is among the best in the state. Congratulations to all of our Forensics competitors and to Robert Moeny!

Staff meeting, collaboration and inservice time have been a tremendous challenge this year. We have been charged to make various improvements at our schools but have no time (at the high schools) to work with teachers and other staff to make it happen.

The countywide Academic Masters Competition will be April 22nd at 6:00 pm at North Valley High School. Please come support the high school competitors of your choice. I promise you will walk away proud of our scholars!