

September Board Report for Hidden Valley High School

The preparations of students and staff in the spring of 2009 for Arena Scheduling and the follow up Change Arena on August 26 have provided us with the most orderly opening of school in all of our memories. Loralyn Townes and Sandra Wright trained 50+ Linkcrew kids to welcome our freshmen on August 31st. The day provided many opportunities to make connections, teach the business of high school behavior and expectations and a thorough orientation to the school. Classes for all students opened on September 1 with teachers well prepared and ready to teach. Our student population of 800+ appear to be a motivated, cohesive group of young people.

I have charged our faculty with the following responsibilities:

- Prepare lessons daily that interest and engage all students.
- Create a safe respectful learning environment where high achievement is the goal.
- Make healthy connections with kids that motivate them to learn.
- Help one another to improve our graduation rate and foster academic growth for every student.
- Set positive examples in communication, effort and consistent behavior.
- Participate regularly in school wide PBS lessons to teach respectful responsibility.

We administrators have begun formal and informal observations of teachers as they work.

In the latter part of August, 2 classified employees put in extended hours of dedicated data entry and organization to assure that our records would be ready for use when school opened. I would like to publically commend Kim Roeser, our registrar and Susie Biller, our office manager for loyal, high quality effort “beyond the call of duty”. That we opened so smoothly is the result of their dedication to completed detail.

We have opened several sections of freshman mentoring for one trimester and the college prep and career capstone class to make this new graduation requirement a reality. At Hidden Valley that work was done by Heidi Marks and Raynee Wilson.

In mid-October 4 of our teachers will attend Workshops in Bellevue, WA so that we can add to our AP offerings: AP World Culture, AP Government and Politics, and AP Chemistry. We hope to have these classes on line for 2010-11 school year.

Thank you for the work that you voluntarily do for young people in Josephine County. It is my pleasure and joy to serve as the principal at Hidden Valley