

October 2021

Illinois Valley High School

Cougar Nation News

Hello Cougar Nation-

I am so thankful for the tremendous start that we have had to this school year. The most important thing has happened and that is, we finally have students back in our building full time!! I know that our staff is so appreciative to have this opportunity to teach live in person instead of online only. We are one of the few schools in the area whose enrollment actually went up compared to last year.

Some new programs that I would like to share with you are the Construction Education program started by Mr. Jesse Clark. Mr. Clark comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in the construction field and has already been a huge hit with students. Many of his students are progressing at such a rapid rate that they are ready for some really big projects. Let us know if you need something built and they will see if they can help. By adding construction this has allowed Mr. McHugh in our Welding/Auto Shop to focus his classes even more rather than being so spread out. Mr. McHugh has been a fixture in our shop for quite some time and between his classes and Mr. Clark, we are giving students skills to walk out the door and gain employment immediately if they so choose.

A few things that I always encourage at home are to talk with your student about the daily schedule. Go over the classes they have, ask questions and really find out what it is that your student is doing each day. Please make sure that you have the ParentVUE App on your phone. This will give you access to grade progress, attendance and schedule. You can reach out to teachers or administration at any time.

While we continue with this school year I want to remind you that we as a staff are challenging ourselves to "Think Like a Cougar" this is where we have some core values:

1. Focus on only the things that I have total control over, My Effort and my attitude
2. I love what I do and I attack each day with joy and enthusiasm
3. I dream big and ignore the naysayers
4. I am relentless and will never give up on my dreams
5. I choose faith over fear

We are always ALL IN for every student here at IVHS and it is our ultimate goal to reach 100% graduation rate. While we may not reach that number we do believe that every student should leave here with something whether it's a diploma or at the very least a GED.

Thank you for sharing your student with us here at the High School! We are thrilled to serve this community and hope to make a positive impact for each and every one of our students.

Thank you for your support,

Tanner Smith
Principal

Go Cougars

- At this time, we are not accepting food and drink deliveries for students. We appreciate your understanding.
- If you are calling for attendance questions or calling your student in sick, please dial ex 3517 when you call the school.
- If your student has lock out, they are not allowed to be at the school except during their scheduled class time.

Family Advocate

My name is Ms. Annie Ashbrook, and I am the new librarian and family advocate. If your student or family is in a position where you may need assistance with clothing, food, or getting in contact with services regarding housing or financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (annamarie.ashbrook@threerivers.k12.or.us) or call our school and we can chat. Looking forward to working with you!

Exclusion Day

Immunization Exclusion Day s February 16, 2022.
Please make sure your student is up to date.

Dates to Remember

PSAT.....	October 13
Halloween.....	October 31
Conferences.....	November 5
Veterans Day (No School).....	November 11
No School.....	November 24
Thanksgiving.....	November 25

Academic Enhancement Program

The Academic Enhancement Program is for all of the students who have an online class in the Illinois Valley. We serve the Southern Oregon Success Academy, Southern Oregon Success Academy GED program, and all of the regular education students at IVHS who have online classes. Each student has a goal of 10% per class to be completed each week. The students are taking that to heart and are working very hard. We have had 1 and 1/2 credits earned as of 9/21/2021 so far. We are very proud of the efforts of our students in the AEP.