

October 2020

Cougar Nation News

Illinois Valley High School

News from the Principal

Cougar Family,

I feel like I am in a twilight zone typing Welcome to October already. It seems like it's been years since we had students in the building. I just keep hoping that with each passing day, we are one step closer to having everyone back in the building.....my fingers are crossed.

As this year has begun we are all together in finding a new way to learn. This is uncomfortable at times and can get frustrating. Please know that we as a school are understanding of technical difficulties and accessibility to the internet challenges. Our ultimate goal is to provide you all with the very best education possible regardless of circumstances.

Reach out to the school. More than ever this is so important. I want you to know that we are able to drop off support materials when needed, we have taken thumb drives to students needing help, dropped off groceries in some cases, books, and even just come by with some Cougar gear for people doing a great job. Reach out and let me know what we can do for you.

Be understanding of your student during this unprecedented time. Learning looks different from what we are used to. There is uncertainty, lack of schedule and this can cause our young people to act out of sorts. I know I have experienced this in my home with my 3 children. I thought parenting was hard before the pandemic.....well now I parent during a pandemic all while trying to cope with 3 different canvas class sets for my kids. The job we all have is daunting from the school employees, to the parents, to the students so please don't be too hard on yourself.

Finally, I would like to say Thank You to this community. The Illinois Valley is a very special place. Thank you to those who fought the fires, helped with fire fighting or kept things together during evacuations. This Valley is resilient and we are seeing students doing the best they can and that is all we can ask.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Principal,

Tanner Smith



Families in Need!?

Just a friendly reminder that at IVHS we have a food pantry and some toiletry items available for any family in need! Please feel free to call the office at 541-592-2116 and set up an appointment to pick up items that you are in need of.

Dates to Remember

- October 31.....Halloween
- November 1.....Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 5.....End of First Quarter
- November 11.....No School Veteran’s Day
- November 20-27.....Thanksgiving Break

School Website

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE. IT IS UPDATED WEEKLY.

News from Athletics

Attention Cougar Athletes!

Just a heads up. We should be able to start warm ups for fall sports 9/21/2020!

To be able to participate, your athlete has to be registered for the sport on Family ID (linked below), have their current medical insurance information, current sports physical, and be academically eligible to play.

PLEASE NOTE... our online registration program is different than the one we used last year! If you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment for help please call the school at 541-592-2116 and ask for Gina.

<https://www.familyid.com/illinois-valley-high-school>

Attention seniors and senior families!

*This year we are going to be communicating information out to seniors through the **Senior Lounge** class in **Canvas**. Make sure you are checking the Lounge often! This is not a for-credit class, but rather an information hub to help you be ready for what lies ahead during this year and after high school. In order to get a better understanding of what you need us to help you with and what your goals are, please take the time to complete the Senior Survey.*

tinyurl.com/y5xkxg5q

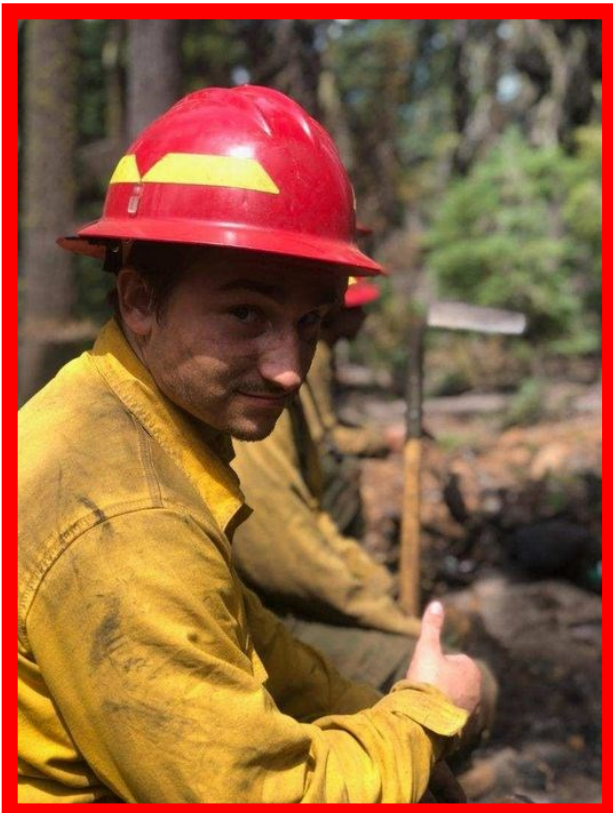
*Keep checking out the **Newsletter** for **SENIOR NEWS FLASHES** containing upcoming important information and dates for seniors! Please get in touch with either of us if you have any questions.*

*Thank you,
— Megan Brown and Jessica Skinner*

Meet our New Vice Principal

Hello!

My name is Justin Wright, I have an amazing family with two daughters (5 and 7) and an incredibly patient wife. I am a 5th generation Southern Oregonian and I love to fish, roast coffee, and learn. This is my 10th year in education. I have worked in schools from Portland and to rural Southern Oregon where I taught Social Studies, Science as well classes like Coffee Roasting and Wilderness Survival Skills. Shortly after the birth of our first daughter my wife and I fulfilled our longtime goal of returning to the Rogue Valley, and raising our family. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with the families and students in the Illinois Valley. I was raised in a timber family and have lived in small, hardworking rural communities the majority of my life. I am constantly inspired by the work ethic, the tenacity, and the true commitment to community that exists here. I look forward to the time when I have the chance to meet you all in person!



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