



COUGAR CHRONICLE

Sixth Edition

March 2009

Enjoy your Spring Break!

THE FINAL TRIMESTER HAS STARTED AND WE NEED THE STUDENTS IN SCHOOL!

The year has flown by and it will be graduation day before we know it. There are many things happening during this final trimester that will keep the students busy. One of the major things that happens is SPRING FEVER hits! As the weather gets nicer, we struggle with getting and keeping students in school. We ask all parents to work with us on this issue and make sure that your students are in school unless they are ill. Nearly every teacher has implemented some grade incentives for good attendance during the trimester—such as bonus points, dropping a low test score, and not having to take the final. These incentives could make the difference between passing and not passing the class. We are also doing many things at the school to honor students who have good attendance.

ACADEMIC MASTERS

School Competition – April 2 at IVHS @ 6:30 PM

County Competition – April 23 at North Valley High School

Academic Masters is a great competition that will celebrate its 26th contest this year. Grants Pass businesses first envisioned this as a way to celebrate and inspire students in the four high schools in the county who are willing to stretch themselves academically and intellectually

IVHS's pre-contest will be on April the 2nd at 6:30 PM. Three or four candidates will compete in four of the five areas: math, science, social studies, and English. (The music competition was held previously.) Judges will score the performances and a winner will be named. All competitors (except the winners) will be given a prize of \$25.00.

Once our five students are chosen, they will go to RCC on the 13th of April to take a written test. At the competition on April 22nd, students are given a problem to solve, a question to answer, or in the case of music, an opportunity to perform. Students present to the entire audience and are scored on presentation and the correctness of the answer. The presentation and the written test together create an overall score. Students are awarded cash prizes: first place earns \$1200, second place \$600, third place \$400, and fourth place \$200. Not bad for a night's work!

The final contest this year will be at North Valley High School starting at 6:30 PM. IVHS can also earn \$250 for having the most people in the audience in comparison to the size of the school, so we encourage students to come support the kids in this endeavor. We are planning to run a supporter bus into town and back if there is enough interest. Please call the school if you would like to ride the bus.



Students in the News

Mason's Students of the Month



Billy Dillard

Billy is the son of Sandy Dillard. He has maintained a 2.91 GPA.

Billy is a member of College Dreams, Aspire, Basketball, Cross Country and Mountain Bike teams. He was awarded Most Inspirational in Cross Country his junior year. Billy is very active in the Boy Scouts. He has served as a Den Chief, Day Camp Staff member, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Order of the Arrow Troop Representative and National Youth Leadership staff member. He is also a Tiger Scout, Club Scout and is working towards his Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project is to raise money to complete the rebuilding of the

Skate Park.

Besides being involved in sports and scouts, Billy is active in his church. He was a Deacon, Teacher and Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood. He is the Aaronic Priesthood Representative for the State Council.

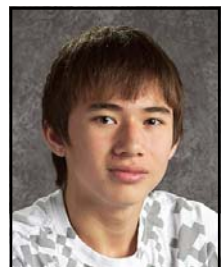
Billy has joined the Oregon National Guard and is already an E2. He has earned an Army coin call "The Army National Guard Honors Your Service to America."

After graduation Billy will be attending Boot Camp for the National Guard. When he turns 19 in 2010 Billy plans to go on a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. After his mission, Billy will attend BYU or Western Oregon University to study Graphic Design or Computer technology.

Principal's Student of the Month

Congratulations to the Principal's Students of the Month for February and March. These students consistently demonstrate Cougar Pride by showing perseverance, respect, integrity, discipline and excellence. Parents of these students should be very proud of these young people. They are role models to other students and a joy to their teachers and the staff at IVHS. The February and March Students of the Month are:

Anastasia Greenberg - 9th Andrew McLaughlin—9th Laurissa Tausaga—10th James Buck—10th



Michael Coots - 11th

Kiah Miller— 11th

Tonya Tyler—12th

Darcy Perez - 12th

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

The following students maintained perfect attendance in **FEBRUARY** - **zero** absences and zero tardies

A GREAT DEMONSTRATION OF PERSEVERANCE AND EXCELLENCE

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Barker-Cortrecht, Thea	Baldrige, Eric	Anderson, Jonathan	Anderson, Aleena
Byrne, Erin	Bethke, Jesse	Barto, Justin	Glasgow, Cory
Childress, Rachel	Buck, James	Coots, Jeffrey	Heiller, Todd
Danko, Jazmyn	Carnes, Isaac	Davis, Timothy	Mendoza, Moises
Ellis-mcintire, Bryanna	Coultas, Matthew	Goynes, Eddie	Parnemann, Betine
Giles, Myiha	Gale, Merina	Hart, Amy	Underwood, Ty
Gogulski, Rebecca	Gale, Tristan	Nixon, Maggie	
Greenberg, Anastasia	Highbarger, Robin	Nordal, Daniel	
Heath, Angelina	Hoyle, Dean	Siver, David	
Heise, Christopher	Hults, Roger	Steelman, Glen	
Houser, Jordan	Litak, Marissa	Teerawat, Kat	
Hults, Fredderick	Mcgivern, Jesse		
Joines, Krista	Mosely, Brittany		
Krska, Kenneth	Nelson-Webbe, Jocie		
Lavassaur, Danielle	Nordal, Celilo		
Lowden, Robert	Paulson, Curtis		
McAlister, Kya	Poore, Meghan		
Mclaughlin, Andrew	Rose, Kieran		
Miller, Greyland	Skidmore, Dylan		
Milner, Benjamin	Van Tassel, Sabrina		
Robbins, Travis	Yun, Sun		
Rollins, Jessie			
Salas, Jacob			
Scruggs, Joshua			
Sowell, Jamie			
Terry, Brian			
Vidales, Kristen			



Program at Illinois Valley High School To Help Homeless Students and Families

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am Heather Merrill, the Family Advocate for Illinois Valley High School. The purpose of the Family Advocate is to help students overcome barriers to success. I will help students acquire jackets, clothes, school supplies, hygiene supplies, glasses, dental appointments, haircuts, etc. I will also advocate for students: For example: helping them get testing or counseling, acquiring birth certificates, arranging for extra tutoring and other related services.

In addition, there is a federal law called the **McKinney-Vento**, which gives additional assistance to students that meet the federal definition of “homeless”. Examples of “homeless” under the federal definition include:

- Living in a home with no heat or running water
- Staying with friends or other relatives because they lack housing choices
- Fleeing a domestic violence situation
- Living in a car, van, bus, tent, or other non-permanent structure
- Living in one of the above situations may also entitle a student to: Transportation to their home school should homelessness require a move
- Immediate enrollment, even if there are issues, such as not having in hand:
- A birth certificate's) for the child(ren)
- Immunization forms

Please help me identify homeless students with specific needs that may be in your care. Do you have a child that may benefit from the services listed above? If so, please list the student's name and needs.

Student's Name: _____

Needs School supplies/Backpack: _____

Needs clothing/shoes: _____

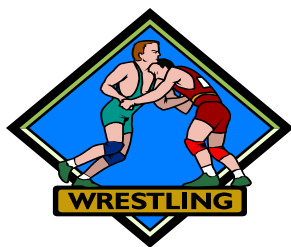
Needs a haircut: _____

Needs personal hygiene items: _____

Needs emotional support: _____

Misc.: _____

Please return this completed form to the office. You can put more than one name on this form or just send a note to the office. You may contact me at 592-2116, Monday – Friday.



IV Wrestlers took 4th place at the state tournament. We had two state Champions—Jesse Orndoff and Sam Winter.

Also placing in the top 8 were:

Chris Culver—5th

Jon Anderson—8th

Quayde Fisher—7th

Lance Tausaga—3rd

Landy Wells—5th

We had 7 of the 10 we sent placed in the top 8. That is a great accomplishment. Chase Wier, Jarrod Houston, and Matt Coultas also deserve kudos for representing the school and helping with the final outcome.

Please congratulate these students for a job well done.

OSAA Sports Statement

From the Athletic Department at Illinois Valley High School

“EVERYONE NEEDS TO TAKE PART IN THE FUNDAMENTALS”

- Show respect for the opponent at all times.
- Show respect for the officials.
- Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the contest.
- Maintain self– control.
- Recognize and appreciate levels of skill attained regardless of affiliation.
- Recognize that participation in a contest is a privilege.
- Maintain a balance.
- Participate in a variety of activities and **have fun.**

High School Driver Training at IVHS

This spring Rogue Community College will be offering a High School Driver Training course at Illinois Valley High School. The classroom sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, **April 7- May 26, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm**. These classes will take place during IVHS's regularly scheduled after-school programs so students will be able to take the activities bus home at 5:45 pm.

An additional 12 hours of on the road driving instruction that does not coincide with the classroom schedule will be arranged between the instructor and students.

This course is available for a discounted tuition rate of \$229 for current high school or GED students under the age of 18 **who have a learner's permit, but do not yet have a driver's license**. Students must receive their learner's permit before the start of class. The course meets Oregon requirements for high school driver education and may allow for discounts on student auto insurance.

This course is being brought to IVHS through the school's 21st Century Grant Program. **Students who successfully complete the High School Driver Training Program will receive a \$100 refund on their course tuition. Scholarships may be available to families who qualify.**


RCC will also be offering a free one hour class for parents and guardians on April 7 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. "Partnering with Parents and Guardians for Safe Driving" will review high school driver training instruction methods and new driving concepts. Participants will learn positive, helpful hints and methods for working with a new, young driver.

For more information contact Jennifer Marsden at 592-2116. To register for the class call Rogue Community College at 956-7116, or pick up a registration form at IVHS. **To take the class students must be registered with RCC by April 1st** (payment plans are available). The course title is High School Driver Training (course number .499, section T5). The free one hour parent class course number is .405T5.

Reminder of Senior Career-Related Graduation Requirements Deadlines

In order to receive a diploma from the Three Rivers School District, high school seniors must complete all of the requirements of the Career-Related Learning Standards (CRLS) and Extended Application Standards outlined by the Oregon State Dept. of Education. The experiences students document in CRLS can take place in a variety of ways and places – in school, the workplace, or the community. Most importantly, these graduation requirements are designed to help students “connect the dots” between their high school education and the world outside the classroom. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gutierrez or Ms. Marsden in the Career Center.

1. Completion of Student Career Planning Portfolio in CIS. Due 3/13/09. 2. Resume and Job Application: Due 4/10/09.
3. Community Service: Student must complete and turn in documentation of 15 hours of community service. Due 4/10/09.
- 4 Senior Project/Presentation. Student displays and discusses a personal accomplishment that demonstrates his/her mastery of CRLS. Due 5/13/09.



Order Your 2008—2009 Yearbook Today!

“Bigger Book”: More pages and 3 trimesters of coverage in one book. Full of long lasting memories of 2008- 2009 school year. Reserve yours today!!!

Order Form

Payments may be made to IVHS 2009 Trailblazer Yearbook. See Mrs. Hall in IVHS bookkeeping.

Students Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Order: _____

Books): can be reserved for \$25.00 down payment _____ x \$48.00 _____

Total: _____

IMPORTANT DATES

March 23—27	Spring Break
April 1 @ 5:00 PM	Grad Night Meeting
April 2 @ 6:00 PM	IVHS Academic Master Competition
April 6 @ 3:30	Site Council
April 8 @ 5:00 PM	Grad Night Meeting
April 13	Written Exam @ RCC for Academic Masters
April 15	Booster Club Meeting
April 18 @ 8:30 PM	Prom
April 20 @ 6:30 PM	Wrestling Club Meeting
April 22 @ 6:00 PM	Academic Masters Competition @ North Valley High
April 23 @ 6:00 PM	ROCKBAND Challenge—Fundraiser for All Night Grad
April 24	Progress Reports for 3rd Trimester
April 30	Parent Teacher Conferences—11:00AM—3:00 PM and 3:30 PM—7:00 PM

Free SAT PREP WORKSHOP Friday, April 10th 9:30 am - 3:20 pm

This fun and lively five-hour class will give students the strategies and tools to increase their score on the SAT. We will cover all areas of the SAT: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Essay Writing and Math. Students will learn and practice test taking skills that will make the SAT easier and will improve their performance on the test.

The SAT will be offered at IVHS on May 2nd. All juniors are highly encouraged to sign up to take the test on this date. The SAT workshop is open to all juniors and seniors, but priority will be given to students who are registered for the May 2nd test. The majority of our students qualify for a fee waiver to take the SAT. For more information on registering for the free April 10th SAT Prep Workshop or the May 2nd SAT (deadline 3/31), students should contact Ms. Marsden

NO SCHOOL DAYS CUT THIS SCHOOL YEAR FOR TRSD

Good News! With the decisions that were made at the state level and some cuts the district made to budgets for his year, there will be no loss of schools days for Three Rivers students this year.

2nd TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to these students for their academic excellence

CUM LAUDE 3.25 - 3.49		MAGNA CUM LAUDE 3.50 - 3.99		SUMMA CUM LAUDE 4.00 +			
Agee, Stephanie	9	Benson, Heather	9	Unger, Heidi	11	Barker-Cortrecht, Thea	9
Elmer, Devan	9	Bryant, Tyler	9	Usher, Chiara	11	Danko, Jazmyn	9
Mavity, Killian	9	Giles, Myiha	9	Van Tassel, Mitchell	11	Greenberg, Anastasia	9
Miller, Greyland	9	Heise, Christopher	9	White, Kenneth	11	Heath, Angelina	9
Carnes, Isaac	10	Hults, Fredderick	9	Brown, Morgan	12	Householder, Meghan	9
Craugh, Crystal	10	Imerti, CeCe	9	Burgess, Breana	12	Johnson, Cheyenne	9
Degiuilio, Taylor	10	Lavassaur, Danielle	9	Carlton, Christopher	12	McAlister, Kya	9
Delgado, Mark	10	Miller, Rachel	9	Chiverton, Sierra	12	Mclaughlin, Andrew	9
Gibson, Rachel	10	Robbins, Travis	9	Cleman, Miranda	12	Orndoff, Jesse	9
Ricci, Christina	10	Vasquez, Levi	9	Cosner, Cedar	12	Sowell, Jamie	9
Ruiz, Margaret	10	Baldridge, Eric	10	Dillard, Billy	12	Buck, James	10
Tausaga, Laurissa	10	Bethke, Jesse	10	Dobie, Erin	12	Johnson, Kayla	10
Whicheloe, Mali	10	Hennings, Aleesia	10	Dobie, Kathrine	12	Litak, Marissa	10
Carlton, Kelynn	11	Highbarger, Robin	10	Foster, Jacob	12	Mechling, Audrey	10
Gibson, Jeremiah	11	Hults, Roger	10	Glasgow, Cory	12	Nordal, Celilo	10
Kaberline, Beckah	11	Lamb, Dalton	10	Hanson, Hailey	12	Rose, Kieran	10
Lindhe, Jessica	11	Mahan, Alex	10	Heiller, Todd	12	Thurman, Cassandra	10
Miller, Kiah	11	Parker, Hailee	10	Huntamer, Tammy	12	Van Tassel, Sabrina	10
Robertson, Clinton	11	Robertson, Casey	10	Larue, Trinidy	12	Yun, Sun	10
Armijo, Scott	12	Tyler, Kara	10	Loucks, Brittani	12	Coots, Michael	11
Campbell, Jacob	12	Vasquez, Geneva	10	Mechling, Harlan	12	Goynes, Eddie	11
Coots, Bethany	12	Wright, Christopher	10	Mendoza, Moises	12	Hart, Amy	11
Cowan, Jason	12	Ahl, Wyllie	11	Miner, Megan	12	Hogan, Sonya	11
Escalante, Antonio	12	Andrews, Brieana	11	Nolan, Christopher	12	Kim, HaeRang	11
Guthrie, James	12	Borth, Francine	11	O'Donnell, Amanda	12	Shinerock, Chloe	11
Heath, Nathaniel	12	Brown, Alexandria	11	Parnemann, Betine	12	Teerawat, Kat	11
Heikka, Cheyenne	12	Coots, Jeffrey	11	Underwood, Ty	12	Allan, Shaneice	12
Hults, Amanda	12	Culver, Christopher	11	Whicheloe, Brian	12	Anderson, Aleena	12
Mccarty, Teresa	12	Davis, Timothy	11			Atkinson, Nicole	12
Nichols, Jacob	12	Harland, Callie	11			Austin, Sara	12
Rubins, Ruben	12	Horton, Matthew	11			Carlile, Mary	12
Tyler, Tonya	12	Kendall, Ben	11			Snook, Kevin	12
		Mccarthy, Shane	11			Yeoman, Mckenzie	12
		Nelson-Webbe, Jesakah	11				
		Nixon, Maggie	11				
		Nordal, Daniel	11				
		Paulson, Alexandra	11				

IVHS Spring Sports Schedule

Softball Varsity

March 19 @ 4:00 vs. Glide High School
March 21 @ 10:00 @ Rogue River High
March 28 Leave @ 3:30 @ McKinleyville
March 31 @ 4:30 @ Brookings Harbor High
April 4 @ 12:00 @ Glendale High
April 7 @ 4:30 @ North Valley High
April 11 @ 12:00 @ Phoenix High
April 14 @ 4:30 vs. Henley High

Baseball Varsity

March 19 @ 4:00 vs. Glide High School
March 21 @ 10:00 @ Rogue River High
March 31 @ 4:30 @ Brookings Harbor High
April 4 @ 12:00 @ Glendale High
April 7 @ 4:30 @ North Valley High
April 11 @ 12:00 vs. Phoenix High
April 1 @ 4:30 @ Henley High

Track

April 7 @ 4:30 @ Hidden Valley High
April 11 @ 10:00 @ Brookings Harbor High
April 15 @ 4:30 @ Phoenix High



Illinois Valley High School Family Advocate Fundraiser



Family Advocate Fundraiser **Buy a ticket for a chance to win a Lettermen's Jacket**

One letterman's jacket will be raffled off each season at that season's awards banquet. Support the family advocate program at Illinois Valley High School.

Ticket prices are:

1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

The money raised goes to help students in need. You can purchase your ticket at Illinois Valley High School or call Heather Merrill at 541-592-2116 to purchase tickets.

Thank you for your support!

Illinois Valley High School
625 East River Street
Cave Junction, OR 97523
Phone: 541-592-2116

PBS

BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

Oregon Caves Chevron

IV Video

Radio Shack

Wild River Pizza

Z Coffee



IV BOOSTER CLUB

Next Meeting:

April

6:00 pm

IVHS Café.

Pizza Provided

Discussion:

**Please come with your ideas!
Your help is needed to support athletics and activities at IVHS.**

Has your income or household size changed?

We are at a place in time where our community families are having tough financial times in the household. We want to make sure you have information about the Free and Reduced priced meal program within the Three Rivers School District.

If at anytime during the school year your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start receiving Food Stamps, you can apply or re-apply for Free or Reduced benefits for your kids that are enrolled in the School District. **You may ask, who can get Free or Reduced priced meals?** Your child can get Free or Reduced priced meals if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart below. You only need to fill out one application for your household; please evaluate if your gross income meets these guidelines. You can pick up an application at your **local school office** or at the Food and Nutrition Services Office at 126 Ringuette Street, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527. Please send the completed application back to your child's school or bring it to the Food and Nutrition Services Office.

FEDERAL INCOME GUIDLEINES

Household Size	Reduced Price Meals		
	Annual	Month	Week
-1-	19,240	1,604	370
-2-	25,900	2,159	499
-3-	32,560	2,714	627
-4-	39,220	3,269	755
-5-	45,880	3,824	883
-6-	52,540	4,379	1,011
-7-	59,200	4,934	1,139
-8-	65,860	5,489	1,267
For each additional family member add	6,660	555	129

If you have questions at anytime, please call our office and talk with Peggy Barry or Donna Davis.

All applications are confidential and no information is released without proper authorization.

Michael Morris, Nutrition Services Director - Food and Nutrition Services Department

126 Ringuette Street, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527 – office 541-476-4183 fax 541-471-2461

Household Savings

Based upon household of four and two students eating both breakfast and lunch meals in an elementary school.

Fully Paid Student Cost

\$1032 annually

Reduced Student Cost

\$285 annually

(savings \$747 annually)

Free Student

\$0.00

(savings \$1032 annually)

The average lunch cost from home is \$3.10* or \$1054 annually (2 children). This does not include breakfast.

* source = Journal of the American Dietetic Association, October 24, 2008 issue.

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Principle: Ms. Bethany
Vice Principle: Mrs. Dickens-Turk
Athletic Director: Mr. Higgins



We are on the web

<http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/index.asp>

SPORTS PHYSICALS

To accommodate both the LBMS and IVHS sports schedules, the Health Center will have reduced rate sports physicals available according to the following schedule this school year:

Plus one week at the end of the school year to encourage kids to plan ahead for next fall, from June 1 – June 9, 2009.

The reduced price is \$15.00 (regular price for sports physicals done at any other time of the year is \$35.00).

Any questions, please call – Carolyn Litak at 592-3749

