## DECEMBER 2025 HIDDEN VALLEY MUSTANG

### NEWSLETTER

#### A Message from Principal Crowson

Mustang Families,

As we enter this final month of 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on an outstanding fall season here at Hidden Valley High School. Our Cross Country, Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Volleyball teams wrapped up their seasons with grit, growth, and the heart that makes HVHS truly special. We are proud of every athlete, coach, and supporter who helped make this fall memorable.

Now, we shift our energy and excitement to winter athletics. On December 3rd,

we will kick off basketball season at North Valley, and we look forward to cheering on our Boys and Girls Basketball teams, Boys and Girls Swim, and Boys and Girls Wrestling. Winter sports always bring a strong sense of community spirit, and we can't wait to see our stands packed with Mustang pride as we support our incredible student-athletes.

As we move toward the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all of our HVHS families. May this time be filled with joy, rest, connection, and gratitude. Please stay safe in your travels, enjoy time with loved ones, and know how thankful we are to partner with you in supporting your students.

I would also like to highlight the importance of attendance as we approach winter break. We have 12 school days in December, and every day matters. We kindly ask families to avoid early departures whenever possible. Strong attendance helps our students stay connected to their learning and supports our school wide commitment to our core values of Purpose, Work Ethic, and Respect. Consistent attendance also plays a crucial role as we continue preparing for OSAS in the 25–26 school year. We need all students present, engaged, and giving their best so they are fully prepared and ready to shine.

Please encourage your student to finish the month strong—showing Purpose in their learning, demonstrating strong Work Ethic, and treating themselves and others with Respect. Together, we can make these 12 days count.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership, support, and trust. Hidden Valley High School is a special place because of the families and students we serve. Wishing you all a wonderful December and a restful, joyful holiday season.

GO BE GREAT, Mustangs.....and Happy Holidays!

Warmly,

Damian Crowson

Principal, Hidden Valley High School

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#### Winter Sports Update

Winter sports are officially underway! Our athletes are hard at work in Basketball, Swim, Wrestling, Bowling, and Equestrian

#### **Upcoming Home Events:**

- Swim Meet Wednesday, December 3 at the YMCA
- Dan Vidlak Wrestling Meet Saturday, December 6
   Over 300 athletes will be competing—come cheer them on!
- Basketball Home Opener Tuesday, December 9 vs. Eagle Point

Be sure to check the OSAA website for full schedules and updates so you can mark your calendars.

Plus—new HV spirit gear will be available at all home games!

Come out and support your MUSTANGS!





December 15 – Band/Choir Concert December 19 – Winter Break Begins January 5 – Return to School January 22 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter









#### McKinney-Vento Program

Support for Families Experiencing Housing Instability

The McKinney-Vento Act ensures that children and youth experiencing houselessness are provided uninterrupted access to education and services despite the lack of a fixed, adequate, nighttime place of residence.

#### Housing instability may look like...

- ⇒ Doubled-up with others due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- ⇒ Living in a motel or shelter/transitional home
- ⇒ Living in a car, tent, etc.
- ⇒ Living in unsafe or inadequate conditions such as a house or building without electricity or plumbing.

#### Support may include...

- ⇒ Immediate school enrollment
- ⇒ Remaining in school of origin
- ⇒ Transportation to and from school of origin
- ⇒ School supplies and clothing
- ⇒ Participation in school activities and programs
- ⇒ Support from your school's Family Advocate

For more information, or to see if you qualify for McKinney Vento support, please contact your school's main office and ask for the Family Advocate.



#### Programa de McKinney-Vento

Asistencia para las familias que estén pasando inestabilidad en la vivienda

La Ley McKinney-Vento garantiza que los niños y jóvenes sin hogar se les proporcione acceso ininterrupido a la educación y a los servicios a pesar de la falta de una vivienda nocturna fija y adecuada.

#### La inestabilidad de la vivienda puede tener aspecto de...

- ⇒ Estar viviendo con otros debido a la perdida de vivienda o dificultades economicas
- ⇒ Estar viviendo en un motel o refugio/lugar transicional
- ⇒ Estar viviendo en un coche, tienda de campaña, etc.
- ⇒ Estar viviendo en lugares inseguros o en condiciones inadecuados

como en una casa o edificio sin electricidad o sin fontaneria

#### Los servicios de asistencia pueden incluir...

- ⇒ Inscripcion escolar inmediata
- ⇒ Permanecer en la escuela de origen
- ⇒ Transporte hacia y desde la escuela de origen
- ⇒ Utiles escolares y ropa
- ⇒ Participación en actividades y programas escolares
- ⇒ Apoyo de parte del partidario familiar de su escuela

Para obtener más información o para ver si califica para recibir soporte de McKinney Vento, comuníquese con la oficina principal de su escuela y pregunte por el partidario de Familia.

Hidden Valley High School Site Council Meeting Notes November 20, 2025

Attended: Ben Bickle, Liz Elkins, Tammy Allen, Damian Crowson

Minutes Approved: October

#### Principal's Report

Attendance continues to look strong, with an overall rate of **90.96%** since the beginning of the school year. Breakfast participation is gradually increasing as we provide meals to students who arrive late or are locked out during 1st period.

The **Veterans Memorial Garden** received high praise from veterans and donors during the Veterans Day celebration. We are still seeking sponsorships for the remaining **four tables and two benches**.

Winter sports practices are now underway. Congratulations to Peter Moline, who placed 6th at the Cross Country State Meet.

The **Veterans Day program** was well attended by local veterans. Areas for improvement include clearer communication with staff regarding the schedule of events. Additionally, the Unknown Soldier tribute and color guard were not present this year; we will need to ensure both are arranged for next year. Since Veterans Day falls on a Wednesday (11/11) next year, we will need to revisit the event date.

We have hired a new librarian, **Kelly Wilson**, formerly an ERC assistant. Her experience will be a valuable addition to the library program. We are now seeking to fill her previous ERC assistant position.

Two **earthquake drills** have been added to the calendar as this is a new requirement. The **Secure Drill** conducted in November went very well.

The district plans to remove the berm near the track and behind the softball field, as many balls are being lost in the blackberry bushes growing there.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

