

**Board Briefing**  
*September 2008*



# North Valley High School

## Home of the Knights

### KUDOS

Our Custodial Staff did an amazing job getting NVHS ready for kids this summer. It's spic and span! Thank you, Andy, Bill, Jeff and Butch!

### Academics

We're very excited about our Statewide Assessment performance last year! We beat the Oregon state averages in every category and are very proud of our kids and teachers.

**Reading:** Highest in TRSD at 73.2% meeting and exceeding the standards! Behind GPHS less than 1%.

**Math:** Highest in all of Josephine County including GPHS at 52.5%

**Science:** Highest in all of Josephine County at 69.9%. Also higher than all of the Jackson County high schools except Ashland.

**Writing:** Second highest in all of Josephine County at 58.1%.

Knights are scholars!

Our first week of school has gone very well with many positive comments from students and staff about our first week of trimesters. Student schedules tend to be pretty balanced between electives and core classes and Change Arena went well the week before school started. Whereas we used to take the first 2 weeks of every term to handle schedule corrections and changes, we had all students in their classes by noon on the second day of school. Teacher workloads are down considerably also. In the past, we would have teachers with over 200 students seen in a day. Our highest right now is 155 with most teachers seeing fewer than 125 students per day.

### Facilities

- Have you seen our beautiful new track and Castle? Thanks to the Rotary Duck Derby and many local businesses and individuals, the track is COMPLETE and we have real restrooms and a ticket booth! Knights make it happen!

### Activities

- NVHS has one quarter of our student body officially involved in a fall sport and we believe about half are involved in a sport or other activity such as Student Government, Skills USA, Dance Team, Mathletes or Forensics. Knights get involved!