

May 2021

Illinois Valley High School

COUGAR NATION

News from Mr. Smith

Cougar Nation-

As we wrap up this school year I want to encourage everyone to finish strong. One of the characteristics of people in this Valley is that they are tough and resilient. So much has not gone our way throughout this year but I have seen a community and especially kids march on and still overcome every obstacle.

For those of you who are wanting summer school the answer is yes. We will have summer school. The exact dates and what will be available will come very shortly to you. There will be opportunities for credit make up via the online platform of edgenuity. We will also have teachers that will be here live in person to help with your studies.

We are looking forward to having a bigger graduation than last year but as of this moment we are still awaiting guidance from the State on what we can allow on our campus. We will get information about this out as soon as possible.

To finish, I just can't tell you how proud of our students I am. They have persevered through so much and have kept such a great attitude. In many ways they have taught me and my staff this year with how they have reacted to unfavorable circumstances. I am very proud to be the Principal of this school and serve this community.

Go Cougars!!!

YEARBOOK are for SALE

Yearbooks are on sale NOW! This year the cost is \$25.00. We have yearbooks left over from last year. If you purchase this years yearbook you can buy last years for \$20.00.

Attention Seniors!

Please be aware that student diplomas are withheld from any Senior who has a balance due. We are able to accept debit and credit card payments, in person and by telephone. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call.

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ATTENTION SENIORS AND FAMILIES

We have Grad Night Fundraisers happening this month!

4/30 and 5/1 Our seniors will be bagging groceries at Shop Smart

Friday 4/30 we will be there between 3PM-6PM

Saturday 5/1 we will be there between 10AM-2PM

Also, on 4/30 we are having our Nationwide Panda Express Fundraiser

It is for ONE DAY ONLY, You order online and pick up at your nearest Panda Express

Please help the Senior Class out by ordering and sharing with all of your friends and family across the states!!

Sports News

Season 2 is now come and gone. We were able to keep Football alive by doing a Cooperative Sponsorship with Hidden Valley. The six players who played on the team had a great time and were welcome on the team.

Girls Soccer had a short season but did get a chance to play. The players who finished the season were the same eight who started. They were greatly appreciated by their coach.

Volleyball also had a short season and finished with six players. They learned a ton and improved from the beginning of the season to the end.

Now we are in season 3. We are offering Baseball, Softball and Track and Field. All of these programs have plenty of members to compete in a full schedule. Track and field has 7 meets and are looking forward to advancing many athletes to the State Track meet, May 22nd. Softball has a 10 game schedule. The team is young and getting better everyday. Baseball has a mixture of grade levels and is playing very well. Both Baseball and Softball will have a state tournament that they are eligible to qualify for. Good Luck to all of our season 3 athletes and teams.



Academic Masters

Academic Masters is a competition where the four Josephine County schools compete academically. The categories are English, Social Studies, Science, Math and Music. We have students take a written test at IVHS; once we get scores we take the top 3 students in that subject to go on to the next level. Those students then do an oral presentation in front of judges, the students with the highest scores go on to the final competition. Students earn money for placing 1st through 4th place, \$800.00-\$1500.00. This year academic masters was held at Grants Pass High School. Unfortunately, it was held without spectators due to COVID-19. Our participants were as follows...Rory Forsythe-Elder placed 1st in Social Studies, Connor Talty placed 4th in music, Tabor Braatten placed 2nd in Science, Austin Bosch placed 3rd in Math and Aiden Gilkey placed 4th in English. We are very proud of our students!

Spelling Bee Winner, Winner!

On April 13, 2021 schools in Three Rivers School District participated in the virtual District Spelling Competition. Each school selected their top spellers to compete at the district level. Our District spelling competition this year was different than in years past. The students were verbally given a word, the word was used in a sentence, and the word was repeated. The student then had to say the word and verbally spell the word. Once a word was missed the student was eliminated.

The top spellers from each division will advance to the virtual regional competition at Southern Oregon University on May 15.

IVHS had two students that made it to the district level, Austin Bosch and Rory Forsythe-Elder.

Congratulations to Rory, Rory was the top speller for Three Rivers S.D. high school division! Way to represent Illinois Valley High School!



Tech & Textbook Return

This includes Chromebooks, Hotspots, Chargers, & Textbooks

Seniors only

June 1st 1~3:30

June 2nd 1~3:30

Seniors must have all tech, textbooks returned
& fines paid to receive your diploma

Juniors, Sophomores & Freshman

June 11th 8:30 ~ 1:30

June 14th 7:30~ 12:30

June 15th 11:30~3:30

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