

COUGAR NEWS

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SCHOOL YEAR 2010– 2011 IS STARTING SOON
We look forward to seeing you!

FRESHMAN & NEW STUDENT PARENT AND STUDENT ORIENTATION

September 1, 2010

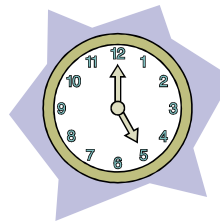
Orientation from 6:00—7:00 followed by an ice-cream sundae social



All incoming 9th grade students and their parents are invited to this important orientation. Other students who are new to IVHS and their parents are also invited to attend this orientation.

We are planning some great activities to help parents and new students learn about IVHS.

DAILY START AND END TIMES



The first bell rings at 8:35 and school starts promptly at 8:40. School ends at 3:20.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd periods will be before lunch—which starts at 12:22 on most days. 4th and 5th periods are after lunch.

There will be eight (8) late starts for staff development during the school year on the third or fourth Friday of the month. School will start two hours later on those days or at 10:40. (There are no late starts in December and June.)

Once a week, there will be CREW meetings. These meetings do not affect start and stop times—but will change the lunch time slightly.

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND SCHEDULE

To enroll for the school year 2010-2011 it is important that you come by during one of these dates and times:

August 25 —8:00 AM until 7:30 PM

August 26—7:00 AM until 3:30 PM

August 31—7:00 AM until 3:30 PM

September 2 —12:30 PM until 3:30 PM

These are the **only four dates** available for the enrollment process and to make schedule changes.

Please do not wait until the first day of school to take care of this.

See next page for more information on enrollment packets and schedule changes.



WHAT DAY DOES SCHOOL START?

Tuesday—September 7—is the first day of school for **9th graders** and other interested **new students only**. We have a great day planned for new students with lots of activities that will help them get familiar with the high school. If you are a returning student, please **do not** come on this day.

Wednesday—September 8—is the first day for all other students in grades 10—12.

ENROLLMENT PACKETS AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

The four days and times listed on the first page are set aside for students and parents to come by the school and turn in all enrollment materials. There are two options available for getting and completing the packets:

1. Parents and students may pick up the packets during one of the enrollment times and complete them at school.
2. Parents and/or students may stop by the school at any time on or after August 23 to pick up the materials, take them home to complete, and return them during one of the four times.

We are asking that every parent complete a **free and reduced form** as part of the completed enrollment packet. We want to make sure that all eligible students are given the opportunity to receive free or reduced meals. The free and reduced lunch count also determines funding for many things, so it is imperative that we have an accurate accounting. Make sure that you are listing all family members in the household count, including grandparents, cousins, older siblings still at home, etc. **If your family receives food stamps, all you need is the food stamp card number.** Reminder to incoming 9th graders—you must pay for your lunch unless you are approved for free or reduced lunch.

Once all forms are completed and turned in, two important things can happen for your student:

1. They will be issued a locker by office staff.
2. They will receive their schedule for next year.
3. Necessary schedule changes can be made.

FALL SPORTS

Football, volleyball, soccer (for both boys and girls), cross-country, and cheerleading practices begin on Monday, August 23. If you want to participate, make sure **ALL** paperwork and fees are cleared through the main office so you can practice. Under no circumstances will any player be allowed to practice without this clearance. Students may pick up sports packets and check academic eligibility starting August 18 in the office.

Physicals must be current and students must have health insurance (school insurance or personal insurance) in order to play. Physicals will be offered at IVHS and LBMS School Health Centers from August 18 — September 17. Call 592-4111 to make an appointment. If you are calling after August 18 call 592-6978 (LBMS) or 592-3749 (IVHS) to make an appointment. Cost is \$20.00.

There will be a \$100 participation for each sport and a \$3.00 towel fee. If a student is unable to pay the fee all at once, a payment plan can be devised.

BUS SCHEDULES

The schedule should be published in the IV News on September 1st. If you have questions, call FIRST STUDENT at 476-7733. The school should have copies of the bus schedules about a week before school starts.



AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP

On most weeks of the school year, we will have after school homework help from Monday—Thursday from 3:30—5:30. The first afternoon of help will begin on September 20. We will send out more information in the September Cougar News.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL CLOTHES

As you think about your school clothes, remember there is dress code in Three Rivers School District and at IVHS.

Shorts and skirts must be at **mid-thigh**. Mid-thigh is halfway between the top of your leg and the top of your knee. This type of short is also called a Bermuda short. Students wearing shorts that do not meet this requirement will be asked to call home and request appropriate clothing be brought to school. There is also a limited supply of clean, used clothing from which students can pick something to put on for the day.

Reminder—Low cut blouses, tank tops, and shirts are not appropriate for school. Please layer clothing as needed to make sure the breast area is covered. If cleavage is visible, your top is too low. Students will be given a T-Shirt to wear if they are not appropriately dressed for school.

It is important that students understand that different situations require us to modify the clothes we wear. For example, what is perfectly appropriate at the beach or a day on the river may not be appropriate for church, school or work.

Students are asked to come dressed for school in a reasonably modest manner. Our primary mission is education and intellectual development. Students are asked to wear school clothing that contributes to a positive school climate and does not distract from our mission. Bizarre, immodest or revealing clothing demeans the value of the wearer and disrupts the educational atmosphere which cannot be permitted.

Other examples of unacceptable dress include:

- Clothing that depicts or advertises drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual acts, profanity or that in any way demeans others (i.e., race, gender, sexual orientation). SKIN clothing that depicts the silhouette of a naked woman is an example of clothing that demeans a gender.
- Pajamas – unless part of sanctioned school activity.
- Halter-tops, ‘tube tops’, backless and strapless tops.
- Clothing that reveals underwear including wearing low hanging or loose pants.
- Tops, pants, skirts that are too tight, skimpy, or too low cut.
- Footwear not intended for outside use, i.e. slippers.
- Boots with cleats or nails, excessively high heels, chains, spikes or other items that present a safety hazard.
- Sunglasses inside the building.

When a student is not appropriately dressed for school, they will be reminded of the rules by staff members, asked to change clothing, and will receive a citation. Students who continue to fail to respond to the rules will be given consequences, up to and including suspension.

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

All students must reapply for free or reduced lunch status in order to receive that help with purchasing breakfast and lunch. **None of the incoming 9th graders** have had to pay for school meals while they were at Lorna Byrne. Until the Free and Reduced applications have been turned in and cleared by food service, students must pay for their lunches. Students at the high school who were free and reduced last year have a small grace period. However, all the 9th graders will be asked to pay unless the forms are turned in and approved for this school year. Please make sure you have filled those out on one of the enrollment dates. The sooner we get them in, the sooner students can get approved. It is NOT an overnight process, but if we are able to get them to Food Service on the by August 31, you should know about approval before school starts.

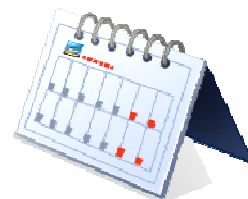
Breakfast Prices—\$1.10

Lunch—\$2.35

Milk—\$.50

IMPORTANT DATES

August 9—Sept. 3	IVHS Office opens—7:00—3:30
August 18—Sept. 17	Sports Physicals at the School Health Centers
August 18—23	Pick up sports packets and get signed up for fall sports.
August 23	Tryouts and practice for fall sports begin. .
August 23	First day to pick up enrollment packets at the school.
August 25	Turn in enrollment packets and make schedule changes from 8:00 a.m.— 7:30 p.m.
August 26	Turn in enrollment packets and make schedule changes from 7:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.
August 31	Turn in enrollment packets and make schedule changes from 7:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.
September 1	Freshman and New Student Orientation for Students and Parents—6:00 pm—7:00 followed by ice-cream social
September 2	Turn in enrollment packets and make schedule changes from 12:30 pm— 3:30 p.m.
September 6	Labor Day—No school.
September 7	Freshmen and other new students start school
September 8	1st Day of school for 10th—12th graders
September 8	Picture Day
September 10	Last day for schedule changes
September 13	Parent Open House—6:00—7:30 PM
September 20	Afterschool Homework Help Starts
September 24	First Two- Hour Late Start Day for Staff Development—School starts at 10:40.
October 1	Progress Reports Mailed Home
October 7	Conference Day—No school for students
October 8	No School—Statewide In-service Day
October 29	Late Start Day



**OPEN
HOUSE**

All parents of students in grades 9—12 are invited to the IVHS Open House on **September 13, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM**. This will be a chance to meet all your student's teachers and to learn how the class is run. We have some new and special activities planned for this event.

Please put it on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you. We will have dessert available for you. Student attendance is desired but not required.

School Supply List

All students will be issued a school planner at no cost. Students are required to use these planners. If planners are lost, they can be replaced by the student at a cost of \$2.00

All students in PE classes are required to wear the PE uniform. Both the T-shirt and shorts can be purchased at the school for about \$15.00. Students must also have tennis shoes for PE.

All students should have the following basic supplies:

- One 2 to 3 inch three-ring binder—(Incoming 9th graders, please do not purchase these as they will be provided as part of your Freshmen Orientation class.)
- Notebook paper – college rule – at least 200 pages
- Pens
- Pencils
- 3 to 5 spiral notebooks (at least 70 page)
- Binder Notebook pockets/dividers – package of 3 to 5—(Incoming 9th graders, please do not purchase these as they will be provided as part of your Freshmen Orientation class.)
- Other supplies may be required for specific classes. Students will be notified of these needs during the first week of school.



If you are unable to get these supplies, you may see Heather Merrill on the first day of school and she will help secure the essentials for you.

CHANGES IN THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

In late July, Mr. Higgins accepted the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director position at Fleming Middle School. He has been at IVHS for the last seven years and served this school faithfully as both a teacher, coach, and as the Athletic Director for the last three years. Much has been accomplished during his tenure and he will be greatly missed at IV.

We will be interviewing to fill his position and should have someone in place by August 20th. In the meantime, Mr. Higgins continues to attend the Southern Cascade League meetings and to work with the district office and IV to make sure that we are doing what needs to be done.

Until the hiring is completed, we will not know how the classes that Mr. Higgins taught will be affected. It is our hope to find a qualified business teacher and a person who has solid experience with athletics. If we are unable to do that, the elective classes that Mr. Higgins was scheduled to teach may be changed.

SCHEDULES FOR 2010 - 2011

The first day that schedules for all students will be available is August 25. However, they will only be given to students when all the enrollment paperwork is completed and checked off by office staff. When you get your schedule, look at it carefully and make sure that you have gotten the classes that you need. If you want to make any changes you should do the following:

- Carefully compare your schedule with the school's schedule to see if what you want to take is possible.
- Carefully consider requirements and prerequisites to make sure that changes are possible.
- Go to counseling and work with Ms. Tucker or Ms. Thornhill to make the changes.
- If you do not come on one of the available days, you may not be allowed to make any changes. With the trimester system and because of the arena scheduling in June, we will not be changing schedules past September 10.

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Or Current Resident

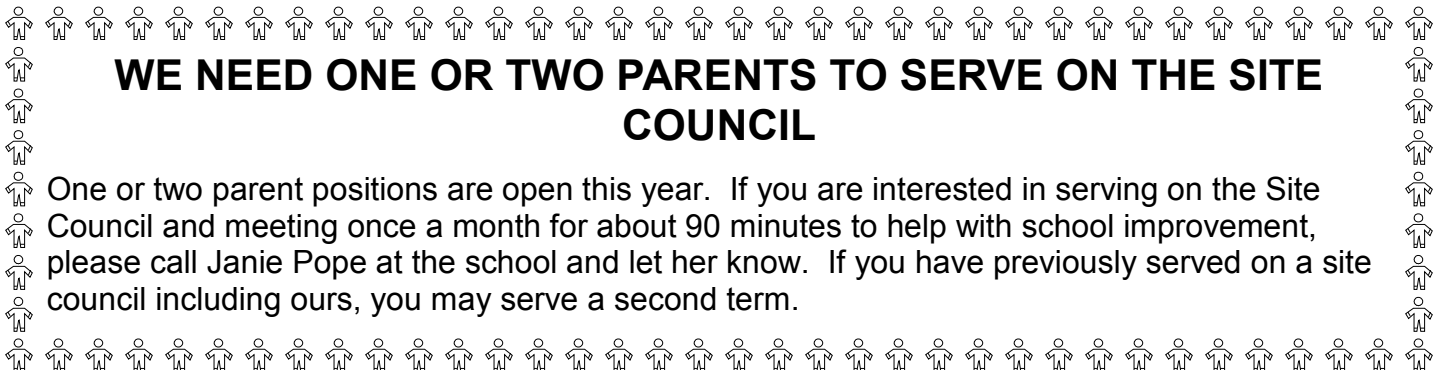
Summer Office Hours 7:00 AM — 3:30 PM (August 9—September 3)

School Year Office Hours 7:15 AM — 4:30 PM

SCHOOL PICTURES—SEPT. 8

The date for school pictures was set last year when school was scheduled to start on the 30th of August. It is impossible to change at this point so we will work the picture taking into our first day of school activities. Information and order forms from Lifetouch will be in the enrollment packet. All students will be photographed for student body cards.





WE NEED ONE OR TWO PARENTS TO SERVE ON THE SITE COUNCIL

One or two parent positions are open this year. If you are interested in serving on the Site Council and meeting once a month for about 90 minutes to help with school improvement, please call Janie Pope at the school and let her know. If you have previously served on a site council including ours, you may serve a second term.