

Board Briefing

January 2009



North Valley High School

Home of the Knights

KUDOS

Kudos to Bryan Hawkins, Keith Hitchko and a group of dedicated NVHS students for completing their video production "This Time, This Place". The video will be used to introduce 8th graders to the Knight Experience. Mr. Hitchko was able to purchase equipment for the project through a Josephine County Cultural Coalition grant and hopes to do more video projects, hopefully through a video production class in 2009-10.

Kudos also to our Tech Department! Over the Winter Break, they connected us with Hunter Communications fiberoptic lines and added 500mb of RAM to every computer in the district. So far we seem to be humming along.

Academics

What's all the buzz about 227?

That's the number of Knight students with zero or just one absence during the first trimester. Nearly 40% of our student body achieved perfect or near perfect attendance! We are extremely proud of them! Our end of term BBQ was postponed due to snow days but we're honoring all 227 of them this Wednesday 3rd period. We are continuing our monthly attendance drawings and other incentives as well. Go Knights!

Facilities

We are working together with Kid Zone and the TRSD Foundation to finance the purchase and installation of Outdoor Fitness Equipment for student and community use. Parks in Turkey and elsewhere in Europe have installed similar equipment to promote fitness and we're hoping to be the first here to do so.

Activities

With all of the weather-related sports cancellations, it's been a busy month for Jeff Weiss and our coaches. They've taken it all in stride though and will have extra busy schedules the next few weeks.

We continue emphasizing post-secondary education and are proud that 75-80% of our graduates have enrolled in college right after graduation each of the past 3 years. We're hoping for 100% down the road and excited that Gear Up will help us reach that goal. In the meantime, we have had College Logo Wednesdays all year and will continue them and more and more of our students are showing off their favorite colleges!

Board Note

Thank you for volunteering your time for our schools. We are the beneficiaries of your insight, your wisdom and your dedication.