

March is a time of transition between winter and spring and so much of the news this month is about endings and beginnings. Our winter sports seasons are coming to a close. Three wrestlers were able to qualify for the State Tournament. Our boys basketball team is the 4 time Skyline Champion and will host a first round game at home on March 6. The three week window for students to clear incompletes was on February 20 but a few of our students were given additional time to earn passing grades. The third week of March is our annual Spring Break and our spring sports will be well underway.

Our teachers are well prepared to meet the academic needs of our kids. Seven classes is a tall order for some of our kids and it is helpful when parents regularly check in on the progress at school. We are attempting to get all kids to achieve B's or better in all classes. That is possible when students make the daily effort to meet assignments and standards in class. We provide 2 hours of focused study hall that students may use to keep current or to retake tests that are measures of their expertise. Please encourage your students to make good use of this time.

Looking ahead there are many opportunities for connection to our school activities. Here are some dates for you to see our students in action.

- March 5, 7, 12, 13 at 7 pm—Drama presents “The Election”
- March 11—Oregon Universities visit at North Valley
- Starting March 12—baseball, softball, tennis, track, and golf games will begin (See www.skylineoregonconference.org for game times)
- March 18—Winter Sports Award Banquet at 6 pm
- March 23-27—Spring Break

Our third quarter ends April 9 and parent conferences will be on April 15 and 16. Please schedule conference with our teachers so that you can be well informed about your child's performance at North Valley.

We are in the beginning stages of setting our master schedule for next year. We will be advising students over the next several weeks about the process for them to schedule their next set of classes.

Lastly, a small group of adults are reforming the North Valley Athletic Committee. We have a number of projects that we would like to complete. In a few weeks, we will be setting priorities for improvements for football, soccer, baseball and the places for parents to view them. We will post the plans on our website when they are formally established. We also hope to have a major fundraiser in place prior to June 1. We want to be able to always communicate well. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

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