

## News from Principal

### Living Red: The Heart of Our School Community

At Illinois Valley High School, "Living Red" is more than just a motto—it's a way of life. Every day, students and staff show what it means to be respectful, excellent, and determined. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or out in the community, our school family is committed to making a positive impact. Just last week, one of our students exemplified these values when they noticed a stranded motorist and stepped in to help change a tire. This act of kindness and service is just one example of how our students are carrying "Living Red" beyond the school walls and into the world.

In addition to community service, our students are also striving for excellence in academics and athletics. From those earning high marks in their classes to athletes giving their all in competitions, we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. I also want to commend our dedicated staff, who make it a priority to recognize and celebrate these successes daily, ensuring that every student's efforts are seen and appreciated.

As we approach the end of the quarter, I encourage all parents to motivate and inspire their students to complete any outstanding assignments. Finishing strong is key to earning a passing grade, and we're confident that, with the right support, our students can achieve their goals. Additionally, please keep an eye out for communication regarding parent-teacher conferences, which will be taking place in the coming weeks. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with teachers and discuss your student's progress.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to live red every day!

Erik Lathen  
Principal

# WE HAVE A NEW COUGAR

November 2024



We would like to thank **Jordan Reyes** and the following sponsors for our new cougar. A lot of hard work, money, and time have been poured into this project. Please drive by to see it!

**The Gibson Family, The Ledford Family, The Equity Project of Josephine County, It's a Burl, Rogue Truck Body, Illinois Valley Building Supply, Robert "Bob" Blank.**



### "Student Successes in the Band Room!"

Congratulations to the following students for their recent honor group acceptances!

Western International Band Clinic Honor Band: Shilo Farnsworth, Bryce Merritt

University of Oregon Day of Improvisation: Felix Becker, Joseph Smoker, Apollo Taylor.



"The Haunted Garden at the local Halloween Carnival put on by IVHS students going to Spain and France in 2026"

## Dates to Remember

Daylight savings starts.....	November 3
Portland State Visit.....	November 4
Mathletes to SOU.....	November 5
Music to GP Toyota.....	November 5
Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30pm-7:30pm.....	November 7
Parent/Teacher Conference 7:30am-2:30pm.....	November 8
Music to U of O.....	November 9
Veterans Day No School.....	November 11
Fall Sports Awards Night.....	November 12
FFA to Eagle Point.....	November 13
FFA State.....	November 23
No School.....	November 27
Thanksgiving Day No School.....	November 28
No School.....	November 29

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming!

This year we are celebrating with Chili & a Chat. Join us Thursday, November 7, for chili dogs. To schedule an appointment please contact the office @ 541-592-2116 or please drop in. Thursday, November 7, from 4:30pm to 7:30, or Friday, November 8, from 7:30am to 2:30pm.

This year we are giving away a 55 inch TV, a kitchen basket, and a bathroom basket. Every family that comes to conferences will receive a ticket to enter to WIN!

*be grateful*



# ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

ERIK LATHEN, PRINCIPAL \* ERICA BUTLER, ASST. PRINCIPAL/AD \* SHERI LARSON, OFFICE MGR.

Dear Parent or Guardian of Student Athletes:

I wish to inform you of a sports financial assistance program called Every Kid Sports in which any student receiving Medicare, WIC or SNAP will qualify. If you have a student that will be involved in an upcoming sport you can apply online and the program will pay \$95 of the \$105 fee, you pay only \$10. The application period for winter sports has begun. The process opens at **10am daily** and ends when the daily quota is filled. This is not a guaranteed payment, the sooner you apply the better your chances of being approved.

To apply go to: [everykidsports.org](http://everykidsports.org)

Under Parent Portal choose EKS Pass Page then choose apply and fill out the application, it only takes about five minutes to apply.

Below is some information you may need for the application:

- How did you hear about The Pass? – School District
- The dates your sport starts and ends:
  - Basketball - November 18, 2024 – February 9, 2025
  - Wrestling - November 18, 2024 – February 27, 2025
  - Cheer - November 18, 2024 – March 4, 2025
- Hours of participation per week: 18
- Organization hosting your sport: Illinois Valley High School
- Schools website: <http://iv.3riverssd.org>
- Contact person: Joan McCaslin  
joan.mccaslin@threerivers.k12.or.us 541-592-2116
- Cost of sport registration: \$105
- Grant amount requested: \$95

**You will need to attach and submit your Medicare, WIC or SNAP information to your Every Kid Sports application.** Funds are not available for previous sports participation.

Once approved, typically within 8 – 11 days, ChekSpend will email you a digital debit card number, you **must call me** with that number and I will credit you your grant amount. If you don't receive it, check your spam or trash.

Every Kid Sports has a help site: <https://help.everykidsports.org/>

Joan McCaslin

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IV Can Do  
Illinois Valley High School

# Cans 4 Kids

Help Support the  
Illinois Valley High  
School 2025 Prom  
Fundraising!



**Collection Date:**

**Saturday,  
Nov. 23rd, 2024  
10am-2pm**

**Drop-off Location:**

Behind Chevron at the Cans 4  
Kids container!



Thank you for supporting us  
with your donation!

**IVCanDO**

Illinois Valley Community Development Organization





**JOIN  
PROM COMMITTEE**

**Juniors and Junior Parents  
Needed!**



**EMAIL MRS. MIRANDA AT  
KAYA.MIRANDA@THREERIVERS.K12.OR.US FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.**

# GO, FIGHT, WIN!

**Sign Up NOW for Winter Sports**

**WRESTLING, CHEERLEADING,  
BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL**

*Please visit:*

<https://www.3riverssd.org/parents/online-registration>

*To register for Winter Sports*

*\*must be enrolled in school before you can register for Sports*

***Practice Starts November 18th for Winter Sports***

Please Have your **physical** and **registration** completed  
and turned in to Jaime Drake in the Athletics Office

**BEFORE** the first day of Practice

