

# COUGAR CHRONICLE

Third Edition

November 2008

## LOOK WHAT IS GOING ON AT IVHS!

### NO COST LUNCH IN DECEMBER

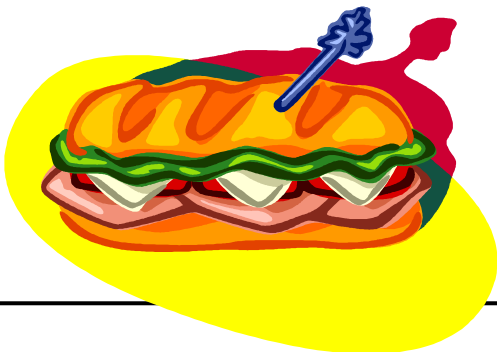
We are excited to be able to offer lunch at no cost to students during the month of December. We are continuing to work to make breakfast and lunch at IVHS available to **ALL** students at no cost. We need several things from students and families to make this happen:

**First**—if parents have not filled out the Free and Reduced form to see if students might qualify for free and reduced lunch, we need you to do that. You may come by the school for the application, we can send it with your student, or with a telephone request, we can mail it home.

**Second**—If you did not qualify originally and your financial situation—either income reduction or additional people living in the home - has changed, please apply again.

**Third**—We need students to eat lunch. We must feed at least 75% of the students who qualify for free or reduced lunch each day during this time. We are going to encourage students to eat each day and we would also appreciate it if you would talk to your student about eating school lunch. There are many things to choose from on the menu—including vegetarian items.

We will let you know how this trial period goes. Hopefully, it will result in the school being able to feed all kids without cost to families.

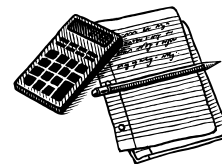


### DRESS CODE AND BATHROOM PROBLEMS

We have been struggling with dress code issues and inappropriate bathroom behaviors. In our efforts to teach the students what the expectations are, we will be having some gender-specific meetings to talk about appropriate dress for school and how to be respectful of others by taking care of the restrooms so that they are safe and clean for all to use.

Those meetings will be held during CREW on the 19th. Parents are welcome to attend these meetings. CREW starts at 9:57 and ends at 10:18.

### 1st TRIMESTER IS ENDING



The first trimester is ending on November the 25th. Students need to really stay on top of work for these last few days. Finals will be on the 24th and 25th. Report cards will be mailed home the first week of December.

Encourage your students to stay for homework help next week so they can complete work and prepare for the finals. Homework help is available from 3:30—5:30 PM Monday —Thursdays.

# Students in the News

## Mason's Students of the Month



*Senior Erin Dobie*

### Erin Dobie

Erin is the daughter of Gary and Michelle Dobie. She has maintained at 3.8 GPA.

Erin is a member of the girl's Soccer team and she has been the statistician for the Football and Basketball teams. Erin has received the Perfect Attendance Award and the Scholar Athlete Award. She has earned her CIM.

During her spare time Erin enjoys playing the piano. She is involved in her church youth group.

Erin plans to attend college next fall pursuing a career in the medical field.

## Principal's Student of the Month

Congratulations to the Principal's Students of the Month for September and October. These students consistently demonstrate Cougar Pride by showing perseverance, respect, integrity, discipline and excellence. Parents of these students should be very proud of these young people. They are role models to other students and a joy to their teachers and the staff at IVHS.

### September

**Jesse Orndoff**



**Ashley Webb**



**Heidi Unger**



**Moises Mendoza**



### October

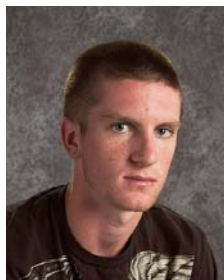
**Travis Robbins**



**Taylor Degiulio**



**Mitchell VanTassell**



**Aleena Anderson**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

The following students maintained perfect attendance in October - **No** absences and **No** tardies

## A GREAT DEMONSTRATION OF PERSEVERANCE AND EXCELLENCE!

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Bare, John	Barker, Buddy	Andrews, Brieana	Anderson, Aleena
Benson, Heather	Buck, James	Crouse, Cameron	Armijo, Scott
Bryant, Tyler	Carnes, Isaac	Davis, Timothy	Dias, Nattie
Byrne, Erin	Crouse, Jordan	Dobie, Erin	Dillard, Billy
Danko, Jazmyn	Deters, Karley	Gerhardt, Arik	Dobie, Kathrine
Giles, Myiha	Duarte, Augustine	Gibson, Jeremiah	Ewing, Sean
Grabarz, Briana	Hennings, Aleesia	Goynes, Eddie	Foster, Jacob
Heise, Christopher	Hess, Alexander	Gutshall-douglas, Woody	Heath, Nathaniel
Householder, Meghan	Hoyle, Dean	Hanson, Hailey	Wells, Alissa
Hults, Fredderick	Litak, Marissa	Kendall, Ben	
Imerti, CeCe	Mosely, Brittany	Luevano, Michael	
Johnson, Cheyenne	Nelson-Webbe, Jocie	Mccarthy, Shane	
Joines, Krista	Nordal, Celilo	Nordal, Daniel	
Krska, Kenneth	Paulson, Curtis	Robertson, Clinton	
Lowden, Robert	Rose, Kieran	Rowley, Brannen	
Miller, Greyland	Snyder, Statia	Steelman, Glen	
Milner, Benjamin	Thurman, Cassandra	Van Tassel, Mitchell	
Myers, Jessica	Van Tassel, Sabrina	Whicheloe, Brian	
Nichols, Jonathan	Vasquez, Geneva		
Orndoff, Jesse			
Rollins, Jessie			
Salas, Jacob			
Sawall, Bradley			
Sawall, Rebekah			
Schlotzhauer, Curtis			
Scott, Serenity			
Skiles, Kaitlyn			
Sowell, Jamie			
Terry, Brian			
Vasquez, Levi			
Weir, Chase			
Wilson, Dylan			
Wollerton, Brandi			



## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>November 10</b>	<b>Winter Sports Start</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday Meal for Lunch</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>IVHS Christmas Bazaar</b>
<b>November 24—25</b>	<b>End of First Trimester Finals</b>
<b>November 26</b>	<b>No School—Clerical Day</b>
<b>November 27—28</b>	<b>No School—Thanksgiving Vacation</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>No School—Clerical Day</b>
<b>December 2</b>	<b>First Day of the 2nd Trimester</b>
<b>December 3</b>	<b>Financial Aid Night</b>
<b>December 5</b>	<b>Booster Club Movie Night</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>WinterFest Concert</b>
<b>December 22– Jan. 2</b>	<b>No School—Winter Break</b>
<b>January 5, 2009</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>

## PBS Pays Off for Students & School Environment

IVHS Positive Behavior Program (PBS) is continuing to show evidence that teaching behavior expectations and recognizing good behavior is having a positive affect on our students' behavior. Running a comparison of last years' referrals from the beginning of school with the same time period this year shows referrals are down 47%. In addition, attendance is up 43% for September and 89% for October over last year.

The most recent recipients of *Cougar PRIDE* cards are:

Rebekah Sawall	Shane McCarthy	Reed Garrato	Myha Giles
Alex Paulsen	Teresa McCarty	Brandon Foraker	T.J. Parker
Morgan Brown	Timothy Compton		

We have great kids at IVHS and salute them for their outstanding efforts showing *Cougar PRIDE* and to our local businesses who help move PBS forward.

### Students & Parents Can Recognize Staff

As a new aspect of PBS, students and parents are encouraged to nominate IVHS staff members who display the same PRIDE qualities that students are given *COUGAR PRIDE* cards for—perseverance, respect, integrity, discipline, and excellence.. *Above and Beyond PRIDE* cards to nominate staff are available in the IVHS office. These nominations are for any person who works at IVHS and are not limited to teachers.

# Senior Information

The Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science (MCECS) at Portland State University is inviting all students interested in engineering and computer science to our 2009 Engineering Discovery Showcase which will be held on Friday, January 23, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a hosted lunch from noon - 1:00 p.m.

The Engineering Discovery Showcase will offer students the opportunity to learn about engineering student life and the many opportunities for fun hands-on engineering design projects. I am excited to invite you and your students to participate in this year's showcase!

Please visit our event website for more information and convenient **online registration** at:  
<http://www.pdx.edu/cecs/outreach.html>

We hope that teachers will be interested in utilizing this special event as a field trip! Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Also, check out our censored robots and explore our amazing interactive labs!!!

Have you ever seen a human powered vehicle or wondered what a green roof lab looks like? If you are interested in engineering, computer science or technology you do not want to miss this event!

Best wishes for success in your academic endeavors,

Kristen Nieman

Portland State University

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**Seniors, what is your next step?** We offer high school seniors assistance with enrolling in a postsecondary program. This is accomplished through services such as Financial Aid and admissions application assistance, college research, as well as educational and academic information. Basically, ***“helping students in Josephine County take their next steps towards higher education.” Please plan to attend Financial Aid Night, December 3, at IVHS, and one of our upcoming workshops. Call 592-2103 or 956-7097 for more information.***

The SAT's will be given right here at IVHS on January 24<sup>th</sup>, and the deadline to apply is on December 26<sup>th</sup>. To register to take the test, students need to go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and create a profile and log in. There are other test dates and locations listed on the web page.



# Illinois Valley High School Family Advocate Fundraiser



## *Family Advocate Fundraiser* **Buy a ticket for a chance to win a Lettermen's Jacket**

One letterman's jacket will be raffled off each season at that season's awards banquet. Support the family advocate program at Illinois Valley High School.

### **Ticket prices are:**

**1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00**

The money raised goes to help students in need. You can purchase your ticket at Illinois Valley High School or call Heather Merrill at 541-592-2116 to purchase tickets.

*Thank you for your support!*

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# Illinois Valley High School



## Christmas Bazaar

November 22, 2008

Set up: 6-9 am

Bazaar Opens: 9-6:30 pm

Space fee: \$20.00

Contact Amy Fogg for more Details

AT 592-2116



## IV BOOSTER CLUB

### Next Meeting:

**November 19, 2008**

**6:00 pm**

**Wild River in the back  
room**

### Discussion:

**Fundraising**

**Any other ideas you may  
have**

### **Next Fundraiser:**

**December 5, 2008**

**Movie Night**

**IVHS**



## It's Never Too Early to Brighten a Student's Holiday Season

Since the holiday season is just around the corner, now is the time to remember IVHS students who may be less fortunate.

The annual shoe box drive for Christmas needs your donations. Please, fill a shoes box with unwrapped boy or girl gifts and deliver them to IVHS or call Mrs. Heather Merrill at 541-592-2116 and she will pick them up. Deadline is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A few ideas for girls would be jewelry, makeup, perfume, socks, school supplies, etc; for boys, a wallet, after-shave, socks, watch, hat, school supplies, etc.

Cash donations are also accepted. Mrs. Merrill uses such funds to shop for items to fill even more shoe boxes. Last year's gift drive was an overwhelming success. Over 80 students were surprised with much appreciated gift boxes. Please, help us show over students that people care about them.

## COUGAR DEN WEB STORE

We now offer some of our items for sale at the **Cougar Den web store**. You (or your student) can make purchases or pay outstanding bills on your student's account, using a credit or debit card.

To login, first enter the Student ID number. The initial password is set to student's first initial plus last name. For example, the password for Susie Smith would be ssmith. When you login as a student for the first time, we recommend that you change your password.

- For new online purchases, login in at the top of the screen in the spaces provided.

For payments on existing debts or to change your password, click on the link below that reads [login into your Online Account here](#).

We also offer alumni and the general public the ability to make donations and purchases online. To start, click on the "Non-Student" button.

You will be taken to a screen where you can enter your information, which will allow you to purchase items through the online store.

Please note that purchases at the Cougar Den will include a 7.1% convenience fee, to cover the charges for this service. For example, if you are purchasing a \$60.00 Season Family Sports pass, you will be charged \$64.26.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to see more items added to the Cougar Den, call Dianna Hall at 592-2116.

The URL of the Cougar Den is:

<https://thriva.activenetwork.com/Reg4/Form.aspx?IDTD=4007756&RF=1059129>

## WINTER SPORTS

Basketball Season will be starting soon. We will be hosting 11 boy's games and 7 girl's games this year. Boy's first home game is scheduled Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>; Girls first home game is scheduled Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. You can pick up schedules at our front office, and soon the schedules will be posted on our school website. Costs to attend the games are \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per student. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent, but there is no charge for them. You can purchase a Family Season Pass for \$60.00; this pass admits your immediate family into all regular season home basketball games. You can purchase this pass by cash or check at Bookkeeping in the front office, or at the gate. You can also purchase it at our new Cougar Den with a credit or debit card (there will be an additional convenience fee of 7.1%) at URL

<https://thriva.activenetwork.com/Reg4/Form.aspx?IDTD=4007756&RF=1059129>

Wrestling first home match will be Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Family Passes and Student ASB cards do not apply to Wrestling, which is a Club Sport. Entry is \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 students.



## Beyond the Last Bell...

The 21st Century Community learning Center program at the Illinois Valley High school is gearing up to begin its fall series of after-school educational and enrichment classes. These classes are free and available to Three Rivers school district students, their parents and guardians.

They are mostly offered after school so students can take the activity bus home at 5:30. Classes are offered four days a week, Mondays through Thursdays 3:30 -5:15pm. Some classes meet once a week, some are twice weekly. This program also includes after school tutoring by IVHS staff. Every day there are 2 teachers on hand to help with tutoring. With our new schedule this year the Library and the computer lab are open each day until 4:30 for student use.

Occasionally classes are held in the evening e.g. Open gym basketball which will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. Participants need to provide their own transportation for evening classes.

Classes that are being planned to begin the new series for this year are: Culinary Arts: Intro to Cooking, Cooking, Yoga, Drama and Theater Games, Salsa Dancing, Basketball, Mountain Biking, Scrap booking and hopefully more, depending upon enrollment and interest. Sewing, Juggling and a martial arts class are in the planning stages as we are still working out details with Instructors. Some classes are offered for a month or so while others are ongoing throughout the school year.

The program purchased several new stoves and refrigerators as part of a plan to offer a variety of classes in the Culinary Arts.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Program also partners with the Siskiyou Field Institute and its Naturalist Certificate Program. Individual students, as well as families, have taken a variety of courses such as Snowshoeing at Crater Lake and the Botany of Mushrooms. Information on some of these courses may be viewed in their catalog, on line at [www.thesfi.org](http://www.thesfi.org) or call in Selma @ 597-8530.

The 21st Century program has offered a wide variety of classes to students and families over the last couple of years. We are also looking for suggestions for other classes and Instructors who might want to be hired to offer their time and talents to this program. Final schedule will be announced soon. The schedule of classes changes throughout the school year. Schedules are posted on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century bulletin board in the hall near the office.

This program has been made possible through a federal grant.

For more info contact Deb Murphy at 592-2866 or [deb.murphy@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:deb.murphy@threerivers.k12.or.us) or Jen Marsden at [jennifer.marsden@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:jennifer.marsden@threerivers.k12.or.us)

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**We are on the web**

**<http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/index.asp>**

**THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB VISITS EUROPE IN THE SUMMER OF 2009**

The International Club is planning a trip to France and Spain for Summer 2009! If you would like more information about how to send your child on a trip they will never forget, contact Kirsten Valenzuela at [kirsten.valenzuela@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:kirsten.valenzuela@threerivers.k12.or.us). We would love to have as many students as possible experience the wonders of Europe.

**SPORTS PHYSICALS**

To accommodate both the LBMS and IVHS sports schedules, the Health Center will have reduced rate sports physicals available according to the following schedule this school year:

December 15 – December 19, 2008

February 9 – February 27, 2009

Plus one week at the end of the school year to encourage kids to plan ahead for next fall, from June 1 – June 9, 2009.

The reduced price is \$15.00 (regular price for sports physicals done at any other time of the year is \$35.00).

Any questions, please call – Carolyn Litak at 592-2116.