



# RAIDER NEWS

CRESCENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL • PUBLISHED BY CVPO

## From the Principal, Cherie Stroud

Welcome to a new school year at Crescent Valley High School! It has been an incredibly busy summer at CV- we've hired many new staff and several summer projects have been completed! I'd like to welcome our new and returning families back to school and I look forward to working with you this year.

Funds from the local option levy enabled class size reductions and hiring of several new teachers. These positions were hired last spring and class sizes look great-less than thirty in most of the core academic classes. With the additional funds allocated by the state legislature in June, we were able to lower class sizes in art, Spanish and physical education as well. In addition, we hired a second campus support person to assist in supervising our campus and providing student support. Each of the staff listed below were selected from a rich pool of candidates. I believe we've hired the very best and I am proud to announce them as our new staff.

Denny Bain - Social Studies  
 Amber Boedigheimer - Library  
 Jan Boley - Computer Science  
 Kip Carlson - Extended Learning Assistant/Library  
 Dan Cleary - Campus Support  
 Connie Jarin - Special Education  
 Ryan Kanter - Science  
 Dana Loso - Spanish  
 Pravina McClure - Art  
 Anna Merwin - English/Theatre  
 Chad Morrow - Teen Court  
 Emily Musch - English  
 Katherine Myers - French  
 Doug Riesenberg - Math  
 Jeff Shimabuku - Social Studies  
 Dan Stevens - Spanish  
 Career Education Specialist - TBA

In July, I sent an email announcing that for personal reasons our new assistant principal, Ayesha Freeman, had declined the position at CV. After another round of interviews, I am very excited to announce that Melissa Harder has been hired as our new assistant principal.

Melissa has been a social studies teacher at Crescent Valley for nine years and is a well respected leader in our school community. We've had an opportunity to work together as an administrative team over the last couple of weeks and Mike and I couldn't be happier to have her as part of the team.

The district embarked on several summer projects at Crescent Valley. New computers have been delivered to every classroom. In addition, the following projects are at or near completion:

Playground Replacement: The pre-school program playground was inspected by Special Districts Association of Oregon. The existing play equipment did not meet current playground safety standards. Therefore, the equipment has been replaced with a new pre-school aged play structure and swings. Fall protection will be in place and the playground will be ready for student use when school starts in September.

Roof Restoration "A" Building: The district carpentry shop used a restoration process to extend the life of the roof and fix existing leaks of the "A" building (gym & locker rooms). This project is complete.

Soffit Paint: The district contracted to have the covered walkways painted. This project is complete.

Football Field Turf Maintenance: The district contracted to have field turf maintenance completed at the Field of Dreams. This project is complete.

### District-wide projects

Telephone System Replacement: Scheduled for completion by the end of August

Data/Wireless Hubs: Scheduled for completion by the end of August

Classroom Hearing Amplification: Schedule for winter break

We appreciate the completion of these projects and I must say CV is looking beautiful for the beginning of school!

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In June, CV was announced as the recipient of the Oregonian Cup! This is awarded to the top school in each division for excellence in academics, activities and athletics. We are very proud of this accomplishment and will receive the commemorative trophy at our first home football game on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for the Pre-game BBQ at 5:00pm in the CV Quad.

My strong desire is to support teachers and student learning at CV. To that endeavor, I've adjusted my schedule so that I will be in classrooms every Wednesday and Thursday during the school year. I know I will observe excellent teaching and look forward to being among our great student body. We are off to a great start to the school year! I welcome you to the new year and hope to see you at our school activities.

Cherie

### **Meet our New Assistant Principal, Melissa Harder**

Melissa Harder has been teaching high school Social Studies for 14 years and is a nine-year veteran of Crescent Valley High School. Hired in 1998, she quickly went to work helping to align Social Studies curriculum with state content standards and creating the American Studies 9 program. Two years later Melissa was part of an interdisciplinary team that built the C.L.A.S.S. Academy program. In addition to teaching Social Studies at Crescent Valley, Melissa has also been a part of various school improvement efforts and school activities. Melissa earned her master's degree in Curriculum Development and Instruction at OSU in 2005. Melissa is married to Steve Harder and they have two children, George who is a 7th grader at Cheldelin and Elisia who is a 4th grader at Mountain View.

In her free time Melissa supports her children in their various activities including football, soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, and 4H. When she gets the chance, Melissa enjoys reading, exercising, and watching the Food Network.

## **Administrative News**

### **New Changes in our CV Cafeteria**

To promote healthy lifestyles we have introduced some new features to our cafeteria.

Students may purchase either a meal or a salad bar for the same price. Prices for lunch this year will be \$2.50, \$.40 for reduced price lunch for those students who

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qualify, and no cost for those students who qualify for free lunch. Free/reduced price lunch forms must be turned in order for students to receive the reduced or free prices.

Computer pay stations for meals are located at the self serve area. Meals include a beverage and a choice of one of the following: Sandwich with cup of soup, pizza and salad, or daily lunch specials (see reader board in cafeteria.)

Salad bar also includes a roll and beverage. Computer pay stations for the salad bar are located at the beginning of the bar by the main doors.

The cafeteria will be serving a variety of assorted drinks: flavored water, vitamin water, 100% juices, low-fat milk, Gatorade, and Propel. For more information contact Kathy Wheeler at 757-5834.

### **Attendance and Tardy Policies**

Oregon law requires students to attend school until they are 18 years old, until they graduate from high school, or until they complete an approved alternative education program. When students are absent from school, state guidelines determine if the absence is excused, unexcused or unresolved.

EXCUSED ABSENCE: An absence for personal or family illness; family emergency; school activity; religious holiday; medical, dental or court appointments; college visitation; or pre-arranged family commitments (up to 5 pre-arranged absences per semester).

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: ANY reason other than those listed above (alarm did not go off, missed ride, etc.).

UNRESOLVED ABSENCES: An absence not cleared by the parent within 48 hours of the students' return to school. Absences CANNOT be excused after 48 hours without administrative approval.

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE: A form to be signed by parent and teachers, may be picked up in the attendance office or main office, and must be turned in to the attendance office prior to the absence. This form is only for absences of 3 days or more. For absences less than 3 days, please notify the attendance office by phone or email or a note. This form is also available on the CV website.



## CV OPEN HOUSE

Crescent Valley High School staff would like to invite you to our Fall Open House on Wednesday, September 26. Principal Cherie Stroud will welcome parents at 6:45pm in our auditorium. Class rotations will begin at 7:00pm. Please have your student fill out this form and bring it that evening. We look forward to seeing you!

<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room Number</u>
7:00 – 7:10	Period 1		
7:15 – 7:25	Period 2		
7:30 – 7:40	Period 3		
7:45 – 7:55	Period 4		
8:00 – 8:10	Period 5		
8:15 – 8:25	Period 6		
8:30 – 8:40	Period 7		
8:45 – 8:55	Period 8		

## School Dances

It is the desire of the school to make dances a safe and fun evening for all students. All Crescent Valley students are welcome to attend dances. Students are expected to have their student identification card, dress appropriately, and adhere to guidelines of appropriate dance, i.e. no "freaking". Only CV students are allowed to attend dances, unless their guests are on the guest list. Guest lists are located in the front office and all guests must be approved prior to the date of the dance. Students will be aware that a breathalyzer is on site and any suspicion of alcohol use will warrant a test being done. District policy states that law enforcement will be notified for a positive test as well as parents or guardians being called. Parents are encouraged to help supervise as chaperones if they wish. All dances will end promptly at 11PM.

## Entertainment Books for Sale

The CV Radiance Dance Team is currently selling the 2008 Entertainment Books for \$20 per book. If you would like to purchase an Entertainment Coupon Book, please contact Deb Killeen at 753-1099 or you may contact any of the girls on the Dance Team.

## After Game Dance

All students are invited to come to the first After Game Dance of the year following the Friday, September 14 home football game. The DJ will start music when the game ends and play until 11:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 with ASB Card and \$5.00 without. You must show your student ID card to get in.

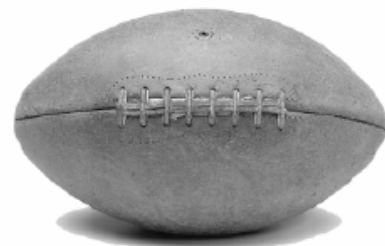
## Math Department Request

Parents: We have a special request of those of you who may be purchasing graphing calculators for your students. If you purchase a Texas Instruments graphing calculator, please save the proof of purchase, which may be located on a card inside the packaging. Students can bring these to any math teacher, and we will use them to purchase technology accessories for the classroom. We use graphing calculators in math classes at the Algebra 2 level and above. The recommended models are TI84plus or TI83plus.

Thank you for your help!  
-CV Math Teachers

## A Big Thank You!

Thanks to all the wonderful parent volunteers who made our summer and late registration a success. Several parents volunteered their time to help stuff registration packets and assisted with registration. A special thank you to **Roberta Lundeberg** for coordinating the registration packets and **Sue Johnson** for coordinating all the volunteers during registration. We appreciate everyone's commitment to CV.



## Boundary Committee Shares Three Scenarios with School Board

At the August 13, 2007 board meeting, the Corvallis School District Boundary Committee shared three possible scenarios for boundary changes for the district. These proposals were developed by the Boundary Committee based on two key criteria:

- The student capacity of each school without transfer students or additional modulars, and
- Avoiding widening the student socioeconomic gap between schools.

Public meetings are scheduled in September to gather input on the scenarios. Meeting dates are:

**Wednesday, September 12, 2007**  
**Linus Pauling Middle School Cafeteria**  
**7:00-8:30 p.m.**

OR

**Tuesday, September 18, 2007**  
**Cheldelin Middle School Cafeteria**  
**7:00-8:30 p.m.**

After considering the public input, the superintendent will make a final recommendation to the Corvallis School Board in October. The board is targeting November to make the final decision, with boundary changes taking effect in fall, 2008. For more information, including details about the three scenarios, click on this link: [www.csd509j.net](http://www.csd509j.net)

## Getting Messages to Students

Please arrange with your student prior to school hours regarding medical appointments, after school transportation, lunches, etc. It is very disruptive to the learning environment to enter the room once class has begun. Therefore, we will not interrupt class unless there is an emergency. Students can check for messages posted on the kiosks in the main hallway or on the student's locker.

Customer service is important to us, and we try to accommodate family needs the best way possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Jerri Barr**  
**Attendance Secretary, 757-5806**



## Do something different this year. Try Destination ImagiNation®!

Destination ImagiNation (DI), sponsored by Corvallis 509J Destination Imagination Organization, is a creative problem-solving program for students in grades kindergarten through 12. Imagine a program where kids have FUN learning creative problem-solving skills, construction techniques, set and costume design, script writing, and improvisation. This is DI! Students work in teams to create and perform a solution to one of five challenges. Each challenge blends a different mix of skills - some are more technical, some more mechanical or mathematical and others are more theatrical in nature. Teams also perform an instant challenge, given to them with just minutes to prepare. Crazy? Yes! Fun? You bet!

How do teams form? Parents of interested students usually start the ball rolling. Teams of 5 to 7 students are grouped by age or grade (k-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12). While teams are usually students from the same school, they can also be friends or neighbors. Teams need an adult team manager who facilitates the meetings (training and materials are included with registration). The registration costs are \$70 per student ( \$50 for the second student in a family). Teams form in October and work some in the fall, but January and February are busiest as teams prepare for the March regional tournament. Higher scoring teams progress to the state tournament at Oregon State University in April.

Want to learn more? In Corvallis an Information Night and Registration will be held October 9th at 7pm at the Cheldelin Middle School Cafeteria. For lots of information about the program and its value, look at the national web site at: [www.destinationimagination.org](http://www.destinationimagination.org). The Oregon website at [www.oregondi.org](http://www.oregondi.org) lists information and training dates, plus local contact information. Or call Elaine Kahn, the Corvallis coordinator at 541/752-3549.

## Career Center News

**CV Career Center:** open during school hours to parents and students across hall from library

**Location:** Nancy Pliskin available Mondays, 8:30am-3pm Tuesdays, 11am-3:30pm Wednesdays/Thursdays, 8:30am-1:30pm Fridays, 8:30am-12:30pm.

**Coordinator:**

**Contact Info:** [nancy.pliskin@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:nancy.pliskin@corvallis.k12.or.us) or 757-5916

**Website:** [www.csd509j.net/cvhs/counseling](http://www.csd509j.net/cvhs/counseling)

### Parent Volunteers - Thank You

We didn't get a chance last June to thank all of the parent volunteers who helped make the Senior Awards Program last June 4 a success. Armloads of gratitude to: Debbie Cassidy, who spent countless hours compiling information and who also, on behalf of the CVPO, provided beautiful floral and greens stage decorations; Susie Iverson, Dennis Iverson and Terri Carrington, who donated many hours to format the printed programs; Karen Nousen, who created beautiful certificates for our seniors; Carolyn Teegarden, who contributed an enormous amount of time with many aspects of the program; and to all the weekly CC volunteers who helped in a myriad of ways.

### Would You Like to Volunteer Weekly in the CC?

The Career Center is staffed by one part-time paid coordinator, Nancy Pliskin, and over 30 volunteers. There are so many resources for students and parents in the CC that it's a busy place. At least one, sometimes two, volunteers work in the CC during each block of the school day. Parents who volunteer discover a wealth of information and so many opportunities to take advantage of for their sons and daughters. It's also a great way to meet other parents and stay in touch with what's happening at the school. There are still a few openings in the volunteer schedule, so call Nancy Pliskin for more information or to sign-up.

### PSAT Given at CV on Oct 20, 2007 It's Only Given Once a Year!

The PSAT is given only once a year as dictated by the College Board. CV will administer the exam on Saturday, October 20, from 8:45am to noon in the cafeteria and library. Juniors planning to attend college are strongly encouraged to sign up for this exam, as their scores will be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program and the exam is excellent practice for the SAT taken in the spring of junior year. Sophomores may also take the PSAT if they have had geometry. Sign up begins Sept 10 in the CC and requires payment of \$18 (cash or check made payable to "CVHS").

### Oregon University System Schools Visit CV

On Friday, Sept 28, from 9:20 am to 11:00am (B-block), students will be able to attend the annual OUS Visitation where representatives from the seven state universities (OSU, U of O, WOU, SOU, EOU, OIT, PSU) and from LBCC will be at CV to talk about their schools, meet with students (and parents) and answer questions. In order to attend this event, students must sign up in the CC by Sept 20. Students will be excused from their B-block classes ONLY if they attend the entire event which consists of the general session in the auditorium, and two break-out sessions. Attendance will be taken. Parent volunteers are needed so if you would like to help, please contact Nancy Pliskin @ 757-5916.

### Don't Miss College Visits in the CC

Admissions representatives from more than 40 colleges and universities from Oregon and around the country visit CV each fall in Sept, Oct, and Nov. These visits occur in the CC and are open to students and parents. These reps are often Admissions Counselors for our geographical area and actually review college applications. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about a particular school, ask questions, learn about the college admissions process, and establish contact with the counselor. Students must sign up in advance. Sign up sheets are located in the CC. For the most current list of upcoming visitations, go to the CV website at [www.corvallis.k12.or.us/cvhs/counseling](http://www.corvallis.k12.or.us/cvhs/counseling) or refer to the Daily Bulletin.

### National College Fair in Portland

The annual NACAC Fall National College Fair will be held on Friday, Nov 2, 9:00am-12:00pm, and on Saturday, Nov 3, 1:00pm – 4:00p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center. Admissions reps from more than 250 colleges and universities from around the country will attend. Info sessions on topics such as writing college essays, paying for college and admissions processes will be offered. More info available at [www.nacac.com/fairs.html](http://www.nacac.com/fairs.html).

### Important SAT/ACT Registration Info

College bound juniors and seniors who plan to take the SAT (reasoning and subject tests) and/or ACT during the 2007/2008 school year are urged to register for the test/s as soon as possible. Oregon State University will NOT be a testing site this year which will increase the number of students signing up to test at other nearby campus testing sites, such as in Eugene and Salem. Those testing sites will now fill up more quickly and increase your student's chances of having to travel even further from Corvallis to find an open testing site. This will be especially true for the very popular May and June test dates. To register for SAT visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) <<https://mail.csd509j.net/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.collegeboard.com/>> and for ACT visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

### SAT Review Class

SAT review classes will again be offered by the Assistance League of Corvallis and all juniors & seniors will receive registration information in the mail in late August or early September. The Career Center will have some registration forms available after the start of school if you do not receive one in the mail. This class fills up quickly so be sure to send your registration form in as soon as possible.

### Out of State Colleges Without Out of State Costs

WUE is the Western Undergraduate Exchange program through which students may apply to be considered for enrollment at many two-year and four-year public college programs at a reduced tuition level (150% of the institution's regular resident tuition). Many institutions require strong academic performance as evidenced by SAT/ACT scores and GPA. For more information visit [www.wiche.edu/sep/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue).

### Scholarship Opportunities

Every week the CC receives scholarship information that is posted on the Scholarship Board in the CC and on the CV website at <http://www.csd509j.net/cvhs/counseling/scholarships.htm>. The best way for students and parents to have the most up-to-date information about scholarships available through the CC is to check either the CC Scholarship Board or website weekly. Scholarships that have been updated with this year's deadlines, criteria, amounts, etc and can currently be applied for will be highlighted in red.

For a list of scholarships advertised last year through the CC with only information ESTIMATED FOR THE 2007-2008 school year, stop by the CC. This list, or Scholarship Booklet, may be checked out or purchased (\$2.50). It should be used in conjunction with the updated information posted on the Scholarship Board.

Another way to locate scholarships is through searches at [oregoncis.uoregon.edu/cisonline](http://oregoncis.uoregon.edu/cisonline) (call CC for the user name and password), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.getcollegefunds.org](http://www.getcollegefunds.org), [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and individual college/university/department websites.

### Military Visitations in the CC

Recruiters from the various military branches will be setting up their visitation schedule soon. Check the Daily Bulletin or CC for updates.

### Kiwanis Senior of the Quarter Award

Each quarter during the school year (Oct through May) the Kiwanis Club of Corvallis honors an outstanding high school senior from CHS and from CVHS. Any senior may apply. To be selected, the student must demonstrate well-rounded achievement in school and outside activities. The selected senior of the quarter and his/her parents (guardians) are invited to Kiwanis for lunch and presentation of the award. A Student of the Year for CV will be selected by the Kiwanis at the end of the school year from the four students selected from each quarter. Applications must be turned into the CC. Deadline dates TBA will be in: Oct, Jan, Mar, and April.

### Dental Career Exploring Program

OHSU's Dental Exploring Program for interested high school students is a great way to find out more about this potential career field. Monthly two-hour evening meetings are held at the dental school in Portland with an emphasis on "hands-on" activities. The first hour is a lecture from dental school faculty; the second hour is lab experience. Dental students organize the monthly meetings and act as mentors. Space is limited to sixty participants and is reserved on a first come, first serve basis. A complete application, both consent forms and the \$25 fee must be on file to reserve a space. Visit [www.ohsu.edu/sod/admissions/exploration.html](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/admissions/exploration.html)



## Senior News

### Seniors All Night Party

Seniors: Did you buy your All Night Party ticket at registration? If not, it's not too late! Tickets can be purchased from Denise Purdy in the bookkeeper's office or Jerri Barr in the attendance office. The price is still \$20, but will go up later in the year, so get your tickets now! Plus the earlier tickets are purchased, the easier it will be for the committee to plan the best party possible. Get those tickets early and save!

### Senior Athletes - Wendy's Heisman Award

For the past thirteen years, Wendy's Restaurants have teamed up with the Heisman Memorial Trophy Committee to create the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The award honors both male and female high school seniors who excel in academics (min GPA 3.0), athletics and student leadership. To apply, go to [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com) <<http://www.wendysheisman.com>>. The online application must be completed by the student and reviewed by a high school representative no later than midnight (Central Time) on October 1, 2007.





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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Sept. 4**      **Freshman & New Student Orientation**
- Sept. 5**      **First Day of Classes**
- Sept. 13**     **CVPO/Parent Coffee, 11:00 am**
- Sept. 14**     **Back-to-School BBQ, 5:00 pm**
- After Game Dance**
- Sept. 18**     **Site Council, 3:30 pm**
- Sept. 26**     **Open House, 6:45 pm**



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