November 2-6, 2026

Good Afternoon,

Happy November everyone!

Looking forward to a great week ahead,

Dr. Holder

Learning Schedule for the Week:

Monday: Silver Block Day

Tuesday: Blue Block Day

Wednesday: Silver Block Day-Late Start-Classes begin at 8:20

Thursday: Blue Block Day

Friday: Silver Block Day

School Pride: A call for support

it goes without saying that we take great pride in our school. One of the places that this starts is in our school building. We have a very hard-working custodial team who works to ensure that our building is as clean as possible for our students and staff each and every day. Unfortunately, we are experiencing significant vandalism in our boys bathrooms. We have had to close down three bathrooms due to extreme vandalism. I would like to share with our school community that we will not tolerate this destructive behavior. Moving forward, for students who are caught in restrooms where this is happening, there will be a school consequence up to out of school suspension and potential police involvement. The damage to our boys restrooms is significant and is costing our district money to replace soap dispensers, paper towel holders, ceiling tiles, toilets etc. Anyone with information regarding the continued vandalism is encouraged to talk to an administrator or Officer Hillman. Your name will be protected throughout any and all investigations.

Parents/Business: Owners Interested in Advertisement?

Exciting news coming...we have a NEW score table that will be used for volleyball and basketball seasons that has a digital display for advertisements. If you are interested in sponsoring a program, regardless of sport or activity, with an advertisement or a "Shout

Out", please complete this form and you will be sent additional information: https://forms.gle/tNvnuALEV5nKuWMH9

Students: Interested in building your creative resume in digital creation?

The score table mentioned above provides an incredible opportunity for students to create and be a BIG part of our creative community. If you have an interest in being on the ground level of content creation for our score table, please complete this link and we will contact you: https://forms.gle/9CR1bxzhYgAjpfCh7

Cell Phones/Personal Electronics:

As a reminder, cell phones and personal electronic devices are against the law in classrooms during the school day. These items MUST be stored in backpack and inaccessible from 7:45-2:55 every day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Relay for Life: Thrift for a Cure:

Come shop with us! Relay for Life's annual Thrift for a Cure event will be November 14th from 8am-1pm with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Want to donate gently used clothing or items to the sale? Please box or bag donations and bring them to the front office of Mill Valley during normal school hours throughout the month of October.

Counseling:

Just a reminder that we will not allow second semester schedule changes. This is the same policy we used at the start of the year.

Second Semester Finals Opt Out Reminder:

Just a reminder that students can have no more than four absences in a class and must be earning an A in the class to be eligible to opt out.

Congratulations to our Jaguars:

Volleyball:

Please join us in offering a huge congratulations to the Mill Valley girls volleyball team on their outstanding 2nd-place finish at the 6A KSHSAA State Volleyball Tournament this weekend.

Our student athletes gave everything they had on the court on Saturday, capping off an extraordinary season that brought enormous pride to the entire Mill Valley community.

Their success was built on a solid foundation of trust, mutual respect, and unwavering dedication to one another through every challenge. Carrying themselves with class, resilience, and exemplary teamwork from start to finish, these athletes were an inspiration to watch. Congratulations to our Mill Valley Volleyball Team on a truly remarkable season!

Football:

This Friday our football team had an impressive 54–8 victory over the Shawnee Mission West Vikings.

With a strong start to their postseason run, the team will advance to face the Olathe South Falcons on Friday, November 6th. We invite the entire community to join us under the Friday night lights for another exciting matchup as we defend the swamp!

Cross Country:

The boys and girls cross country team put together another successful season this Saturday as they competed in the State Cross Country Meet at Rim Rock Farm. Our girls team ended up finishing 5th with Audrey Howard and Audrey finish both medaling with a 5th and 12th place finish. The boys were represented by Asher and Graham who also medaled with a 3rd and 18th place finish. The success of our cross country team's season was built on a strong commitment to camaraderie, teamwork, hard work, and a sense of ownership that you could see from the moment they warmed up and as soon as they ran the race. Congratulations cross country! We are proud of all of your accomplishments this season and for how you represented our school community!

Soccer:

Our boys soccer team finished their season this week and they did not disappoint! Our boys fought all the way to the end and represented our school with class. The team played an incredibly challenging schedule this year and were made all the better through the challenges that they experienced this season. Coach Olivas said it best when he said, "A successful season is more than wins and losses, but how you go through trials and tribulations in a safe environment, with your brother by your side. Adversity isn't a bad thing, it's better to get knocked down and get up again, than to not get up at all". Congratulations, boys! You made us proud at Mill Valley this season!

Cheer:

The Mill Valley Cheerleaders competed on Saturday in their first competition at the Midwest Cheer Classic, held at Olathe West High School.

The team competed in both a Game Day routine and a Performance routine, earning a Superior rating in both divisions! They also received the specialty award for having the most standout routines of the entire competition.

This weekend, the Jaguars will travel to Park Hill South High School in Missouri for their regional competition, where they will compete for the opportunity to earn a bid to Nationals in Orlando, Florida.

We are proud of the way this team continues to grow, compete, and represent Mill Valley as they continue to prepare for KSHSAA State later this month.

Looking Ahead:

Thanksgiving Break: November 23-27

Semester Finals: December 15-18

Winter Break: December 21-January 6

Thank you,

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