October 19-23, 2026

Good Afternoon,

I hope everyone had a great weekend.

Tuesday begins second quarter of the 26-27 school year. This quarter will be a busy one as we move into many post-season activities and the start of winter sports. There will also be the production of our fall musical, *Oklahoma*, winter concerts, and so many other opportunities to celebrate the students of The Valley.

We look forward to a strong second quarter both in and out of the classroom.

Have a wonderful Sunday evening,

Dr. Holder

Learning Schedule for the Week:

Monday: No school for students-Teacher PD Day

Tuesday: Blue Block Day

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

Thursday: Blue Block Day-Yearbook picture retake day

Friday: Silver Block Day

Yearbook Picture Retakes:

We will offer picture retakes on Thursday, October 22 from 8:30-Noon. Students attending morning CTEC should plan to return to MV directly after finishing at CTEC to have picture taken.

If you're satisfied with your child's picture, no further action is required. If you purchased and were unhappy with your Picture Package, please send your Picture Package to school with your student on Retake Day. Your Retake Picture Package will be produced and shipped to the school four weeks after Retake Day. *Please note, if your child is photographed on the original **and** Retake Picture Days, the Retake picture will replace the original picture in certain products, like the yearbook.*

Students who were absent for Picture Day should come to school prepared to have their picture taken. If you have not preordered, please use the Retake Order Code 0483JCF to place your order at https://inter-state.com/Order. To see your Order History, check your Inter-State Account.
Find answers to Retake Day questions here.

Boo Grams: (Flyer attached)

If interested in sending a Boo Gram, please complete this link:https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXJN0O-Ku-wNI6qI1jy4f7v7RYA7KvbJETVLVQ4QcbVfkBHg/viewform

Haunted Halls:

Please see attachment for our Haunted Halls event that will be held on Sunday, October 25.

Red Ribbon Week: Celebrate Life, Live Drug Free!
Next week, Mill Valley High School will join schools across the nation in celebrating Red Ribbon Week, a campaign dedicated to promoting healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

Our JagSTRONG (Students Against Destructive Decisions) club is leading the charge with this year's theme: "Make a difference. Be a hero. Stay drug free."

Throughout the week, seminar classes will participate in a door decorating contest to spread awareness and positive messages about living a drug-free life. Doors will be judged based on creativity, craftsmanship, and their message — with the winning seminar earning a cookie cake party courtesy of JagSTRONG!

We encourage all students and staff to wear red all week (20-23) to show their commitment to living drug free and supporting one another in making smart, healthy choices.

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 MillValleyduring normal school hours throughout the month of October.

Interested in Community Service?

If you are interested in community service at MVHS, click the link to find out more information and how you can get involved.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAAA822A0FEC25-66079828-trash#/

Counseling Message:

MV Next Steps - Final Event 10/22!

We will have the FINAL MV Next Steps event Thursday, 10/22, during Seminar. MV Next Steps is an opportunity for students to visit with representatives to hear about post-secondary options including trades, colleges, military, and local businesses. These events take place during Seminar, and ALL STUDENTS are invited to attend ALL sessions! Please see the attached “MV Next Steps” flyer to see who will be visiting MVHS.

ACT Prep Class

Please click on the link below for the latest information regarding ACT Prep Classes hosted by Power Prep.

http://actprep.info/millvalley

Congrats to our Jaguars:

Flag Football:

Last Saturday flag football competed in the regional playoffs. Due to an unfortunate schedule overlap with the homecoming dance, we were only able to take eight girls to compete on this day. These eight put their all into competition, winning their first game decisively, and moving on to the regional championship game against SMW, the top team in the state. These eight girls showed out for this rematch and battled till the very end. One yard was the difference as time expired. Although we did not hoist the regional trophy as the score board read 0:00, these eight girls played every second on Saturday like champions.
Despite the season coming to a heartbreaking end, there is so much that the flag football team achieved this year. We had the opportunity to play some serious talent and great competition all season. The girls have established a strong foundation for this program and are set to continue this success going forward as the sport grows.

Volleyball:

Congrats to our volleyball team as they secured Sunflower League Champions!

Girls Golf:

Congratulations to the varsity golf team for taking 3rd place at sub-state in Garden City and qualifying for the 6A state tournament on Monday at Firekeeper golf course outside of Topeka. Rigley Reese medaled in 5th place, and 3 others broke 100. Good luck at state!

Tennis:

The Mill Valley girl's tennis program achieved a remarkable milestone at the 2026 Kansas State Tennis Tournament this past weekend.

Representing Mill Valley, Clara Budimlija opened tournament play on Friday with a victory and went on to compete against the top-ranked player in the state. Showing great resilience, she earned back-to-back match wins to qualify for Saturday's final rounds. Following three competitive matches in the medal round, Clara earned an impressive 12th-place state finish.

Clara's achievements also mark a significant milestone for second-year head coach Smith, becoming the program's first state qualifier and medalist during their tenure.

Congratulations to Clara Budimlija and Coach Smith on an outstanding season highlighted by incredible individual performance and overall program growth.

Thank you,

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