



ILLINOIS VALLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

No reply to this message is necessary. I just wanted to let you know what an awesome job everyone at IVC thought you did yesterday. Every comment I heard from kids was positive. That is not a frequent occurrence.

When you just isolate that last group (freshmen and sophomores) and look at the kids who hung around after the show, it is clear what an impact you had on the whole student body. An example, the kid who handed you that card currently has 3 F's. He has been struggling since the beginning of the year to fit in. He has spoken more in the past two days than the previous two months. That is neat to see. Another example, the student that interviewed you currently has 4 F's. My guess is that your interview was probably the first homework assignment he was actually excited to complete. Lastly, there was a student who shook your hand. You probably didn't even notice because he had hair in his eyes. This is his second shot at high school. He dropped out as a freshman last year. Every single day is a battle for him to even show up. I work with him at least twice a week. I was floored that he came up after the show. I'll probably call him down today and ask him what he thought.

I am sure that you hear the positives a lot. Either way, I felt it would be a disservice to not let you know what the overall feeling was a day later.

I think we already had the positive momentum going. Your assemblies definitely kept that momentum going in the right direction.

Finally, I think your assembly was so neat for the "caring" faculty to see.

Every one of those teachers found a way to make sure they made it to one of your performances. It was a nice boost for them to see the kids laughing and learning at the same time. I think many of our teachers take on the burden of making up for some of the less effective teachers. This was a chance for them to sit back and laugh. They needed that.

You have a gift.

Have yourself an amazing holiday season. Keep healthy.

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