



Sacramento Valley Charter School PARENT NEWSLETTER

Learn. Compete. Excel.

Dr. Amrik Singh, Principal
Gurpreet Kaur, Director of Operations

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your trust in Sacramento Valley Charter School's programs and services. We have come a long way to earn a spot in the best schools in the Sacramento area. Thank you for entrusting your scholar to us at SVCS. We are looking forward to creating a meaningful partnership with you so that we provide the best services possible to your children. It is a proven fact that parent cooperation and interest in their child's education goes a long way in making them successful in their future. Therefore, we will be in regular communication with parents to monitor scholars' success. We are proud of our highly qualified teachers who are professionally trained to provide, to inspire, and to motivate scholars. Our classified staff works hard to maintain high standards and make improvements wherever possible.

We want to highlight that chronic absenteeism can play havoc with children's education. Our effort is to reduce it with your continuous cooperation and support. It will be helpful to you and your scholar if you organize your travel plans during the school breaks. Please use the school instructional calendar linked below to better help you.

SVCS 2023-2024 Calendar

The core culture at SVCS consists of high expectations, rigorous curriculum, individualized, and multi-level support to all scholars. In addition, our scholars have opportunities to excel in extra-curricular activities, to develop as leaders of tomorrow, and learn through hands-on activities through participation in field trips and creative projects.

We look forward to a great school year, see you soon!

Dr. Amrik Singh, Principal

Office Availability

August 7th - August 16th
8am - 3pm Monday - Friday

During the School Year:
8am - 4pm Monday - Friday



Meet-and-Greet: Our annual meet and greet is scheduled for August 16th, 2023, from 2PM-5:30PM. Parents, families, and students are invited to attend and meet their teachers and other staff members. This time is set aside so we can all become acquainted with one another and acquire first-hand knowledge about curriculum, homework, and assignments ahead of time.

MEET and GREET

The Transportation Orientation took place on July 25th and July 26th, but we still need to finalize all transportation routes and services. All parents and guardians are required to come to the SVCS Main Office and complete the necessary paperwork by the deadline of Monday, August 7th. Transportation services can only be guaranteed to those who complete the paperwork by the deadline. We only accept Cash and Checks. Thank you for helping us make this process as smooth as possible for everyone involved!



BUS Stop Rules:

1. Parents should arrive at their scheduled bus stop 10 minutes early.
2. Before calling our office check the **BUSWHERE** app to see the location of the bus. Information on installing **BUSWHERE** can be found on the **LAST PAGE** of this newsletter.
3. Follow all transportation safety guidelines outlined in our procedures and policies while picking-up and dropping-off.
4. If you plan to alternatively pick-up your student from the school you must inform the office an hour in advance.
5. There is a zero tolerance policy for bullying on buses/vans. Every student deserves to feel safe while riding the bus/van.



Items not allowed on campus or buses: Please be sure your students are not bringing any of the following items to school with them. We are not responsible for any lost/stolen items, if your scholar is seen with these items they will be confiscated immediately and you will be required to pick them up from the front office. These items distract students and create unnecessary competition between peers. Be sure to read through the Parent and Student Handbooks for a detailed look at rules and expectations for students.



NO TOYS



NO JEWELRY



NO PHONES



Updated Contact Information:

For safety reasons it is extremely important that you provide updated contact information to our office. This includes email, phone numbers and any alternative communication. **In case of emergency the office should be able to reach you at these contacts on the first attempt.** You may also want to include the office phone number in your contacts so that you are aware that our office is calling.

It is expected of all parents to attend school appointments, answer all office phone calls, read monthly newsletters, and visit our website to stay up to date on school activities.

School Uniform:

*All scholars must be dressed in appropriate uniform attire daily. Clothing with logos and writing are not allowed at any time so prepare accordingly. Students will be sent home or asked to change if they are out of dress code and jewelry will be confiscated. This dress code will be enforced more strictly than last year so be aware of your scholars clothing choices before you send them to school each morning. **Remember to write your scholar's name on all clothing and jackets!***

Spirit Day:

*The last Friday of every month is **Free Dress day or Spirit Day**. Each theme will be announced in the monthly newsletter ahead of time. All spirit days will be announced via the Newsletter. If your child or teacher are speculating that there is an additional free dress day that is **NOT** on the last Friday of the month **please call to verify with our front office. ALL PARTICIPANTS FOR FREE DRESS DAYS MUST WEAR SCHOOL APPROPRIATE CLOTHES AND SHOES***

First free dress day: August 25th! Theme: College Day

The **Teacher Supply Lists** have been updated on the school website, please be sure to take a look here: [Teacher Supply List 2023-2024](#).

Some teachers may wait until the first day of school to make additional classroom needs known; thank you for your understanding!



We want to see our scholars' bright smiling faces every day!

Let us make a point this school year to keep our scholars in regular attendance. The amount of time children spend at school greatly impacts their ability to learn and create friendships!

Send your child to school prepared with a healthy snack and lunch option (if the provided lunch for the day is not desirable). **Success and wellness depends on this!**

Keeping SVCS Strong!

Physical Education Update:

We are welcoming back to SVCS the **SWEAT coaches** who will be on campus for middle school and elementary PE! Physical Education is extremely important to us and the knowledge and experiences that our coaches have will help make us much stronger.



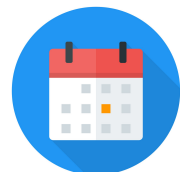
Independent Study: We discourage parents from planning trips and enrolling their students in independent study during the school year. Missing crucial concepts and lessons can affect students performance and success. Please do not plan a trip where your scholar will be missing an exceptional amount of time at the expense of their testing scores and promotion to the next grade. **If you do need to request a short independent study for your child please follow these steps:**

1. Call and inform our office at least 3 weeks in advance
2. Provide written notice of the request to the office and teacher
(Written notice is not a formal contract and does not guarantee approval)
3. Schedule a meeting with the Principal when you can talk through plans and discuss the consequences of an extended vacation.
4. Submit and sign a final contract (if approved) to the office.

Dates to Remember

Monday	August 7th (3pm)	Transportation Paperwork DEADLINE
Wednesday	August 16th(2pm-5:30pm)	Meet-and-Greet
Thursday	August 17th (8:30am)	First Day of School
Friday	August 25th	First Free Dress Day
Monday	September 4th	No School (Labor Day)

For a full view of our **SVCS 2023-2024 Calendar** please click here:



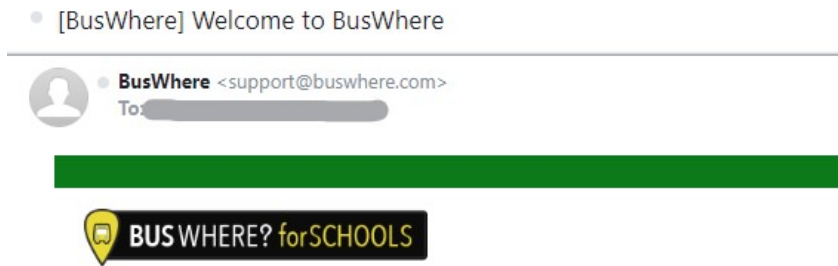
Important Announcement:

Bus Tracking APP for Parents!



All parents with students who are enrolled in SVCS Transportation will be required to download BUSWHERE: Easy installation information is listed below.

Step 1: You will receive a registration email from BUSWHERE in the upcoming weeks. Please also check your spam folder for this email. Example below:



Step 2: Click the registration link in the email. (Do not share this link or email with others). Fill out all required information and select your correct bus stop for AM and PM options. Select the green register button.

Alerts

Below are the routes for 1. Please select a stop below to receive an alert when the bus is on its way You can add or remove these later as well.

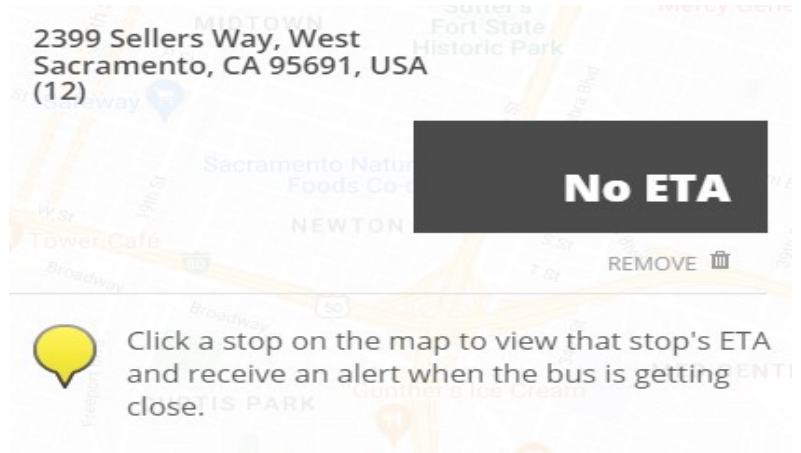
AM	<input type="text" value="2399 Sellers Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691, USA"/>
PM	<input type="text" value="None"/>

I accept the [Terms of Service](#)



* Required

Step 3: Now you can view your route ETA and current location on your mobile device. Make sure to set up notifications on your phone! You will only be able to view your child's route.



Step 4: Download the BUSWHERE app using the links above and log-in!
If you need any additional help with BUSWHERE please contact our front office.