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Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Scholars often do meet parents' expectations, when they are closely helped, encouraged, and monitored for making the right choices. Many studies on gratitude among youth verifies that it promotes more positive emotions and better attitudes toward school. Recognizing our scholars and awarding them is one of the many ways by which teachers and parents provide students with positive feedback and affirmations. These methods can improve a learners' confidence, self-awareness, and enthusiasm for learning. Kids require adequate rest, balanced meals, affection, and parental care. When completing their schoolwork and assignments, they may require your assistance. Please check in with your scholar while they are doing their school work. This is the right and sure path to their success. A distracted student can't demonstrate proper results as expected. Keep in contact with your scholars' teachers to know how your scholars are progressing. All subjects are equally important including Punjabi which is a significant part of the curriculum.

April is a month for annual state testing. Please read the information below carefully to help your scholars do their best on these tests. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the front office.

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SVCS administers **State standardized tests** in April and May to assess students' academic performance. **STATE TESTING SCHEDULE**

April 29- May 2, the test will be administered to 6th-8th grade, May 3, will be for any make-up work. May 6-9 the test will be administered to 3rd-5th grade, May 10, will be for any make-up work.

Please click the link below to access the Parent Understanding Letter about the CAASPP Summative Testing:

[2023-2024 CAASPP Parent Understanding Letter](#)

To learn more about these Tests and Assessments, please use the following links to view the Parent Guides to each exam:-The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments-The California Science Test (**CAST**)-The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (**ELPAC**)

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the **CAASPP** Web Portal at <https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/>.

[SMARTER BALANCED SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS-2023-2024](#)

[THE CALIFORNIA SCIENCE TEST 2023-2024](#)

[The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California \(ELPAC\)](#)

If you need more understanding of the CAASPP testing, please hesitate to contact the office.

Please use the link below to access more resourced:

[CAASPP Parents Guide](#)

Tips:for Families: Set regular bedtime, Provide your scholar with plenty of time to get ready for school, make sure your scholar arrives at school on time so they are not missing any of their academic time.plus make appointments after school when possible.

Solar Eclipse, April 8, 2024: When students arrive after their spring break on April 8thThere will be a Solar Eclipse. This may affect their eyes therefore we are taking extra precautions. We will have a modified schedule and indoor recess. Please discuss with your scholars about how this may affect their eyes. Parents please make sure to take care and be safe.

The Solar Eclipse occurs when the moon's orbit brings it directly between the sun and Earth.

Free Dress Day/Holi Run (3/29/2024) - In view of rainy weather and low temperatures, the Holi Run event is being postponed for April 11th. It will be a free dress day on that day.

Arab-American Heritage Month: April is the month to focus on Arab-American heritage. Mesopotamia (Iraq) gave us a writing system now believed to be 5500 years old. Mosaic art discoveries can be dated back to ancient Mesopotamia starting out merely as a combination of small pieces of stone or rounded pebbles that had been pieced together.

Tartan (Scottish-American) Heritage Month: April is also the month to highlight Scottish American heritage that flourished after early immigrants settled here. About 25 million Americans claim Scottish descent.

April is also Diversity Month, a month-long celebration that was initiated in 2004 to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all. By celebrating differences and similarities during this month, it is hoped that our communities will gain a deeper understanding of each other.

Vaisakhi **Apr 14, 2024** (Khalsa Sajna Divas): It's the second month in the Nanakshahi Calendar that is celebrated in many diverse ways. The birth of Khalsa took place in Anandpur Sahib on this day. It stands for equality, dignity and justice for all.

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally. The official theme for 2024 is Planet vs. Plastics. More than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. Go outside and enjoy mother earth.

After the Spring Break: Spring break gives some respite to our scholars who work hard around this time. The remaining weeks of time is set aside for preparing for the state standardized tests. These tests will be administered this year to all scholars, grade 3 through 8. As our scholars come back from the break, they will be preparing for CAASPP assessments in ELA, math, science, and physical education. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Bullying: If your child confides in you that they are being bullied at school, do not hesitate to contact the front office. Please encourage your children to self advocate for themselves. They should let the school staff know immediately about any bullying incidents. We have a zero-tolerance policy against any form of bullying.

Summer BOOST(June 17-28): This program will provide students with resources that will help in making up for loss of studies and achieving academic success. Students who are behind in some subjects, at risk of retention, or need to work on their functioning skills might benefit

from summer school. It is also a way for all kids to help bridge the learning gap over the summer and prevent learning loss.

Talking to Teachers During Class: We encourage parents to reach out to their child's teachers, but not during the class time. It is detrimental to other students when parents try to disrupt teachers during their teaching time. If you would like to talk with your child's teacher, please set an appointment time with them.

Multicultural Night: Students are currently working on their multicultural night projects. Each class has a unique country that they are researching about. Asking your scholar about their assigned country will motivate them to work hard on their project. Multicultural Night is to be held on May 23, 2024. We hope to see all of our parents show up to see our students' wonderful projects!

Bhangra For Juniors: We are introducing Bhangra dance for K-2 scholars only once a week. Mr. Gurjot Dhaliwal will be the coach who will work with our junior scholars once a week. If you are interested in enrolling your scholar to the Bhangra class afterschool on Wednesdays, 3:00pm- 4:00pm, please contact the office as soon as possible.

STEM Camp (June 10-14) - STEM Summer Camp applications have been handed out to 7th graders. Please make sure these applications are turned in by April 30, 2024.

Dates to Remember

April 1-5, 2024	Spring Break
April 8, 2024	Students return to work
April 10, 2024 (4pm)	Board Meeting
April 11, 2024	Holi Run
April 17, 2024	Awards Assembly
April 26, 2024	Free Dress Day (Theme: Career Day)

