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Sacramento Valley Charter School

Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Family Members,

We hope your child's first two weeks of school have been a positive learning experience. Thank you for your confidence and commitment to working with us to help your scholar have a great future. At SVCS, we encourage our students to be successful not only academically, but also emotionally, socially, and personally. We need your active participation and cooperation in this task.

*The most important factor in children's social emotional health is avoiding confrontational and hurtful language at home and in the community. You may assist your child by providing a nutritious meal, establishing a sleeping pattern, checking their homework, and staying up to date with the school calendar. Please remember attendance and being on time is important. Please refer to our parent handbook on the school website for detailed information about **chronic absenteeism and tardiness**. We want to ensure your child has the best academic success.*

We are now completing ELPAC (Initial) evaluations for all children who are new to SVCS and speak more than one language at home, as well as those who are new immigrants. This is to give your child expedited care. It is required by CDE that ELPAC is administered to all eligible students within 30 days of school starting. If you receive a call from a teacher, please do not skip meeting with your students' teacher. On September 25, 2023, we will offer CAASPP Interim examinations to students in grades 3-8 to assess their reading, writing, and math skills. All other grades will take assessments created by the teacher. We will share the information with you in due course. If you have any questions about testing, please contact the front office.

At SVCS scholars learn, compete, and excel to make a difference!

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National School Lunch Program: It is our first year participating in the lunch program. At SVCS, we are committed to providing our students with a nurturing and enriching learning environment, which includes ensuring their access to healthy and balanced meals. There can be significant changes to the lunch menu in order to be compliant with the national lunch program. The federal government wants kids to get balanced and nutritional meals during school. The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is an integral part of this commitment, allowing us to offer nutritious meals to our students on a daily basis. Although we are feeding all scholars at SVCS, according to the NSLP, only those who are eligible to get free lunches will be counted for reimbursement to the school. Therefore we are making available to parents the National School Lunch Program form that is mandatory for all parents to complete and submit. The forms can be completed either on the school website or through the letters that were sent home. Please submit paper copies to the main office. If any parents/guardians need assistance, they should contact the main office.

Please use the link below to fill and submit the lunch form:

[Lunch Program Application](#)

After School Program: Parents the After School Program is starting October 2, 2023. If you are interested please check with the front office for a registration form. **The forms are due by September 25th 2023.** Forms are available in the front office.

Uniform Compliance: 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!

To order uniform with school logo , please use the links below:

[Land's End](#)

[French Toast](#)



Glassware: Please be aware no glassware or lunch containers containing glass are allowed on campus. This is for safety reasons, and following policies. Please keep all glassware at home.

First contact with parents for struggling students: (September 21st and 22nd 2023): Teachers will be reaching out to you if your scholar is academically struggling. Please be vigilant of these dates and plan accordingly, meeting times will be between 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Both of these days are minimum days for students. Please give high priority for any calls from the office or your child's teacher.

Physical Education Update: All scholars need 200 minutes of physical education in ten working school days. We currently have a SWEAT Team and teachers-provided PE which gives all our scholars the ability to exercise their minds and bodies! PE is extremely important to us and the knowledge that our new SWEAT coaches will make our scholars stronger.



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National Hispanic Heritage Month: Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The month also celebrates the independence days of several Latin American countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th, and Chile on September 18th.



Picture Day (September 29, 2023): Please have your scholar in complete uniform, we need to make sure everyone is following the dress code policy. Scholars will only be permitted to have their photo taken if they are in full school uniform. Retakes will be on November 1, 2023.

Awards Ceremony (September 19th, 2023) We're so grateful to our SVCS Families and the broader SVCS Community who continue to give our scholars such incredible family values and have instilled in them traits such as compassion, leadership, respect, and patience. These awards become possible only after our scholars demonstrate self-discipline, independent skills, and mutual respect for their peers.

Kindergarten - 2nd grade	9am - 9:30am
3rd - 5th grade	9:35am - 10:20am
6th - 8th grade	10:35am - 11:10am

Independent Study: We discourage parents from planning trips during the school year. Missing school when kids are learning crucial concepts can affect students’ performance and success. It can result in their low self esteem and motivation. 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 in fact need to request a short independent study for your child please follow these steps:**

1. **While planning your trip, make sure you use thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks**
2. Call and inform our office staff in at least 3 weeks advance
3. Provide written notice of the request to the office and teacher
- (Written notice is not a formal contract and does not guarantee approval)**
4. Schedule a meeting with the Principal where you can talk through plans and discuss the consequences of an extended vacation.
5. Submit and sign a final contract (if approved) to the office.



Free Dress Day: September 22, 2023 will be our next free dress day. If your child or teacher is 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 ATTIRE!**

Important Dates

September 4, 2023	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
September 21-22, 2023	First contact with parents for students needing support - MINIMUM DAYS
September 22, 2023	Free Dress Day
September 25, 2023	CAASPP Interim Assessments begin
September 25, 2023	After school applications DUE
September 29, 2023	Picture Day (Must wear school uniform)