



Sacramento Valley Charter School October Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Everyone is anxious to know how long COVID-19 will remain dangerous to our safety and health. We have been witnessing the occasional rise and fall in cases over the past months. Currently, the good news is that we are noticing a downward trend in Yolo and Sacramento counties. Both counties are in the red tier which means the threat of the virus is still substantial. School Boards are monitoring the situation, as the flu season is around the corner and it is going to be difficult to differentiate between the flu and the Coronavirus. If the downward trend continues for the month of October and November, we hope to implement the next phase of the school reopening plan. But it entirely depends on the directions from the CDC, Yolo and Sacramento counties' public health departments.

In the meanwhile, please observe all the precautions such as wearing a mask, social distancing, washing your hands frequently, and avoiding crowded places. [The most common symptoms of COVID-19](#) are shortness of breath, fever, dry coughs, headache, fatigue, runny and stuffy nose. If you notice any of these symptoms, please get yourself tested. This is how we can stop the spread of this virus in our communities.

Parents' involvement in their scholar's education has multiple advantages. It keeps them academically motivated, emotionally secure, and socially well-adjusted. Your minimum investment of time in your child's education has a lifetime benefit. The first trimester is ending on November 6, and you will get a report card of your scholar. Parent-teacher conferences will take place, November 12-13, with your scholar's teachers. Please make sure you do not miss meeting your scholar's teacher. We appreciate you for your role in making Distance Learning a success. Scholars get ready for online school in the same way as they would for a regular school. The credit of it entirely goes to you. Thank you for your continued partnership with us!

Sincerely,

Dr. Amrik Singh, PhD
Principal

Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP): The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan is a requirement by the California Department of Education for all school districts. It is intended to balance the needs of all stakeholders, including educators, parents, students and community members by creating effective and efficient engagement. This plan outlines the plans SVCS has for pupil learning progress, for pupils with unique needs such as EL students, low-income, homelessness, foster youth, and discusses learning methods such as distance learning, hybrid and in-person instruction. For the full plan, please visit the following link:
https://www.sacvalleycharter.org/uploads/8/0/9/9/8099840/svcs-lcp_template-adopted.pdf

COVID-19 Visitors Protocols: Visitors need to call the office ahead of time and let them know the reason for their visit. The office will temperature check every visitor and staff member upon arrival. You will also be asked to fill out a short symptom screening questionnaire every time you visit the school.



COVID-19 Positive cases: All COVID-19 positive cases and close contact to someone who is COVID-19 positive need to be reported to the county, if you are aware of any COVID-19 positive cases in your family, please notify the office immediately.

Awards Assembly: The first awards for this academic year will be given on October 7th. Certificates will be delivered to the scholar's home. Please share a photo of your scholar with the certificate with us. Teachers will be sharing the Zoom Link so you can join the assembly. The assembly will be broken down into the following grades:

K-1st @ 9:00am
2nd-3rd @ 9:35am

4th-5th @ 10:10am
6th-8th @ 10:45am

CDE Film Contest: The California Department of Education (CDE) is pleased to continue supporting the annual Directing Change Program and Film Contest. This statewide program invites California students from grades seven through twelve to create 60-second films about suicide prevention, mental health, and related cultural perspectives. Schools that participate in the program are eligible to receive mental health and suicide prevention resources. Schools associated with the first-place winning film in each category, in each region, are eligible to receive \$500 to support suicide prevention and mental health awareness programs and activities at their school.

English Learners Advisory Committee meeting: SVCS had its first ELAC meeting on the 24th of September. A great number of parents showed their interest in SVCS EL programs. If you are a parent of an EL student and are interested in accepting one of the offices of the committee, please let us know.



Donations: SVCS always welcomes donations to help cover the many services we provide students. If you are interested in donating to SVCS, the office is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm to help you or you can visit our main website and on the bottom of the homepage use the DONATE link to make a donation using a Credit/Debit card: [Donate](#)
In addition, the office can provide receipts/letters for donations, as they can be

used for tax write-offs for the upcoming tax season.

Parent-Teacher Conference: The regular parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 12th-13th for all parents.

Sexual Abuse Prevention Training for Parents and Guardians: CharterSAFE has developed a custom CharterSAFE Sexual Abuse Prevention Training for parents and guardians. This training will educate parents and guardians to recognize the risky and inappropriate behaviors that are often apparent in child molesters before sexual abuse occurs, and it will raise awareness of the types of boundaries that intercede with those behaviors. Please note that this training is meant for the parents and guardians only. Do not watch this with your scholar.

To access the training please click on the following link:

URL: https://learn.chartersafe.org/Parents_Boundaries_4

Password: *Please call the office for the password to this training*

A Free Resource for English Learners: The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) has launched a major upgrade to the **USA Learns website**. USA Learns is a free English as a Second Language (ESL) instructional program for both students and teachers. For more information, please visit:

https://www.scoe.net/news/library/2015/december/18usa_learns/

Attendance is very important and should be taken very seriously. Scholars are expected to be on time for all their online classes, participate during virtual instruction, stay focused and complete any assigned independent work. If you experience a power or internet outage or your scholar has an appointment, please call the office to notify them.

Internet Connection: If some parents/guardians are experiencing hardship in providing internet connection to their kids to participate in distance learning, please contact the office immediately or our technology coordinator at techsupport@sacvalleycharter.org.

2019-2020 Yearbook: The 2019-2020 yearbook is now available for purchase at the front office for \$15. If you have already paid for the yearbook, please call the office before picking it up.

Free Dress Day is on Fridays. Scholars are expected to wear their uniform from Monday-Thursday.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday	October 7 th	Awards Assembly
Friday	November 6 th	End of 1 st Trimester (Report Cards)
Thu-Fri	November 12 th - 13 th	Parent-Teacher Conferences