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 Dr. Amrik Singh, Principal

Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

Dear SVCS Parents,

Spring break is around the corner. The school year is flying by so quickly. The time has come for measuring our scholars' mastery of common core standards and next generation science standards. The state standardized tests, grade 3-8, create a data of student achievements in English, Mathematics, Science and Physical Education. In addition to the state tests, classroom teachers assess all scholars. You must have received two report cards for the first and second trimesters. You will receive the third report card at the end of the school year. The review of Smarter Balanced tests is scheduled for April 22 through April 26. The actual testing will start on April 29. For your convenience, we are listing the tests grade-wise. Parents have the option to exempt their kids from any such tests. We will provide nut-free cereal, milk, and fruit for breakfast for all who are going to be tested. If you want to donate packages of cereal, please contact the office.

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS, APRIL 29-MAY 10, 2019

(CAASPP) Smarter Balanced Assessments	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
English Language Arts (ELA)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science California Science Test (CAST)			✓			✓
Physical Fitness Test			✓		✓	

English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) is a test for the recent immigrants and for those who are not proficient in English because they speak native language at home. All English Learners (EL's) have been taking the ELPAC Summative test this month. If you have any questions about assessments, please contact our office immediately.

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Student Illness is a serious concern this time of year at SVCS. If your child has a fever, complains of stomach pains or nausea, seem listless, or are having body aches or pains, they may be showing signs of the flu. Please do not bring your scholar to school if they are sick. This includes giving students with a fever medicine to lower their fever, as they will still be infectious towards other students if sent to school. This leads to the spread of illness to other students as well as teachers and other staff members.

A **PTO Meeting** is scheduled for Friday, April 5th in the multipurpose room. It begins at 3:30pm.



Middle School Agricultural Elective

Spring Break will be the week of April 15th through April 19th, with school returning on April 22nd.

Security at SVCS is being improved, including both physical security and guidelines on how to deal with emergencies as they arise. Cameras have been updated and improved around campus, the Sellers Way gate is being upgraded to a remote control, and the Evergreen Ave gate has been fixed so it can no longer be opened from the outside. In addition, we are working with the West Sacramento Police Department to increase police presence in the area, with regular patrols occurring near the school. Each of these changes will improve security at SVCS and should ease parental concerns.

Lifetouch Spring Photos will be taken on April 23rd. This day will be our Free Dress Day for the month of April.

Lifetouch SmileStones photos will be taken on April 24th. SmileStones is a program that is new to SVCS for Kindergarten and 8th Grade. Students have their photos taken in graduation robes, and they are made available for purchase for families. If you are interested in purchasing these photos of your scholar, forms will be sent out in the next week.

Our annual **Pennies for Patients Fundraiser** was a great success! We achieved our goal of collecting more donations this year than any previous year. Thank you for your continued support of this important national fundraiser for the fight against leukemia. Our top class was Ms. Koven's 5th grade class, which contributed over \$300 in donations in total.

Bhangra dancing has come to SVCS! We have hired an instructor, Mr. Prabhjot Singh, who works with our students in the excellent traditional exercise and art form of Bhangra. Classes occur during recesses every day, and after school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Holi Run was rescheduled to Friday, April 12th, starting at 2pm. Parents are welcome to attend. The event will be weather permitting.



Mr. Prabhjot Singh & the Bhangra Class

Open Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year now begins and students can be waitlisted. Please fill out the prospective students form and submit it through the main page of our website. We will contact you regarding when enrollment packets are available. Any prospective student forms should be turned in prior to April 26th, as we will be making determinations regarding class placement in the beginning of May.

Truancy: If a scholar doesn't attend the school due to illness or any other reasons, he/she may be considered truant if the office is not notified. The increasing rate of truancy doesn't reflect well on our school. Please make sure to call/notify the office to avoid this kind of situation.

Dates to Remember

Friday	April 5	PTO Meeting @ 3:30pm in MP Room
Friday	April 12	Holi Run
Mon-Fri	April 15-19	Spring Break
Tuesday	April 23	Lifetouch Spring Photos
Wednesday	April 24	Lifetouch SmileStones (Kdg & 8 th Grade)
Monday	Apr. 29-May 10	CAASPP Summative Testing

“We don't even know how strong we are until we are forced to bring that hidden strength forward. In times of tragedy, of war, of necessity, people do amazing things. The human capacity for survival and renewal is awesome.” – Isabel Allende