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Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

Dear SVCS Community,

We are passing through very unusual times due to the spread of COVID-2019. Schools are closed for the safety of our scholars and to reduce the transmission of the deadly virus among communities. Online school is the safest alternative to your scholar's education. SVCS teachers have engaged your scholar through Google Classroom and Zoom meetings for more than two weeks now. That has given us valuable information on the usefulness of distance learning and the challenges of hosting online meetings.

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Spring Break, April 6th through April 13th, 2020

Spring break normally comes after a hectic schedule of studies. It prepares them for State Standardized Tests at the end of April, but all those tests have been cancelled. After those tests, scholars prepare for the Talent Show, Field Day, Multicultural Night, Field Trips to Sun Splash and the Middle School Graduation. All these events now stand as cancelled due to the emergency of COVID-2019. Scholars have the opportunity now to show their talent by observing rules on digital citizenship while online.

In my long discussions with teachers, I have come to know the importance of parents' cooperation and active role in making your scholars participate in classes, complete their assignments, and develop their independent learning skills. The Online School is one of the few alternatives in times of social isolation and 'shelter-in-place' orders. It requires the same attention and attendance as in a regular school. Parent-Teacher partnership at these times can create positive results. When we resume normal life in the next academic year, your scholar will not struggle and lose interest in studies but will show more confidence in his/her independent learning skills acquired during the online experience.

The SVCS School Closure is extended to June 3rd, 2020

Online school will run for the rest of the academic year as per SVCS instructional calendar. The last day of Online School is June 3rd, 2020. It is a minimum day. SVCS teachers will complete their assessments and finalize report cards before the end of online school.



Following advice from Governor Gavin Newsom and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, Yolo County superintendents extended the school closures through the end of the school year. "Each school district will finish the 2019-2020 school year under distance learning conditions."

"We want to reassure families that school is not over," said Superintendent Garth Lewis.



“As an essential service during the ‘shelter in place’ order, our school districts and charter schools remain committed to providing instructional support, and other necessary services to support the success of our community.”

Quiet Place for Study: Please assign your scholars a quiet place for attending online school. Make sure they have access to the internet and a computer. If you need a Chromebook, don’t hesitate to contact the office. Please make an online school schedule for your scholars to get ready after they shower, eat breakfast, and properly dress up for online meetings.

Assignments Monitoring: Keep in contact with your scholars’ teachers to know how you can check their assignments and completed work. All Subjects are equally important. Attendance is a key to success.

Please continue to take precautions such as:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

