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Dr. Amrik Singh, Principal

## Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents:

Before Thanksgiving Break, you should have received your scholar's report card for the end of the first trimester. The report card indicates the progress your scholar has made after Parent -Teacher conferences in September. Thank you so much for partnering with us on a world class education for your scholar. As you already know, the school year consists of three trimesters. The second one started on November 15 and will end on March 5th. You will receive report cards in the second week of March 2018. We administer Smarter Balanced Tests in April (3-8). Their performance in these tests indicates if they are ready for high school/college education. The second trimester is crucial to the success of your scholar. To help your scholar succeed, you could do the following at home:

- Check if they do their homework and assignments regularly
- Make sure they read at least 30 minutes daily at home.
- Check what they do on computer? Parental control is necessary to keep your kid's safety on the internet.
- Keep in contact with your scholar's teacher regarding their progress throughout the school year.

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**PTO:** The SVCS PTO is promoting a Teachers versus Students basketball game as a part of their PTO enrollment drive. In addition, we would like to recognize the hard work of the SVCS PTO, including their fundraising efforts such as the Holiday Catalog Sale, and PTO Movie Night. There will be a PTO meeting on December 1st from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Hygiene and Health:** It is very important to stay clean and healthy in a school environment, where students and teachers interact regularly with one another. This includes both personal hygiene, such as regularly changing clothes and bathing, as well as oral hygiene, such as the brushing of teeth or flossing. In addition, it is important to remind students not to share clothing, such as jackets or hats, as this can contribute to the spread of illness. Finally, it is important to keep the office and teachers up to date on any medical illnesses your scholar may have, so that they can be aware of the signs in case illness strikes.

**Library Books:** Library books are the responsibility of students and their parents. Please return your books on time to avoid hefty fines, and keep them undamaged to avoid having to replace costly library editions of books.

**Jackets & Sweaters:** Please write name in the Jacket of your scholar. We have a steadily growing pile of jackets misplaced by students in the lost & found, which is in the Multi-Purpose Room.



A glimpse of PTO Movie Night on November 17, 2017

**SWEAT TEAM:** The SVCS Board has signed an MOU with SWEAT TEAM to provide physical fitness, nutrition, and character development training for our scholars. Starting December 1st, every Friday coaches from SWEAT TEAM will work with your scholars in these three areas.

**Transportation:** There have been a series of unfortunate incidents as of late on our school busses, including the damage of school property within the bus. Please review with your student the proper bus behavioral policies.

**Canned Food Drive:** We would like to thank you on behalf of the Yolo County Food Bank for your generous donations during our Canned Food Drive. Your donations will go to help needy local families throughout Yolo County during the holiday season.

**Sock Drive:** December 4th through December 13th is our annual sock, hat, and glove drive to help the homeless and needy in the greater Sacramento region.

**Anti-Bullying Assembly:** There will be an anti-bullying assembly on December 5th. We have invited Kelly Nickel of *Bucketfillers* to present to the Kindergarten through 3rd grade students at 1:30pm, and to the 4th through 8th grades at 2:15pm. The administration at SVCS takes bullying very seriously, and is doing everything possible to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our scholars.

**Spelling Bee:** December 14th will be SVCS' school-wide Spelling Bee. Grades 4th through 8th will be participating, with classroom champions facing off against each other to represent the school at the city Spelling Bee in January. Parents are welcome to attend at 1:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Donations:** We appreciate all the parents who have taken the time to donate towards helping SVCS offer the best education for your scholars that is available. Please note that we accept donations throughout the year, and offer donation receipts for the donor's use during tax season.

**Awards Assembly:** The awards assembly for December will be held December 6th, at 9am for K-3, and 9:40am for 4-8th grade. Students will be awarded Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll, as well as Student Scholars and Teachers' Choice awards.

**Science Fair:** SVCS scholars will demonstrate mastery of next generation science standards which have been implemented since 2016-17. December 20th will be our Science Family Night, where parents are welcome to come and see science projects put together by SVCS scholars from 6pm to 7:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Winter Celebration:** Winter Celebration will be held December 22nd from 2-3pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents are welcome to attend and see holiday themed performances by each grade. Happy Holidays!

**Winter Break:** Winter Break will be from December 25th through January 5th. Students will return to school on Monday, January 8th at 8:30am.

#### Upcoming Events

Friday	Dec. 1	PTO Meeting @ 3:30pm in MPRoom
Monday	Dec. 4	Sock Drive Begins
Monday	Dec. 4	Mad Science: Mad Lab - Afterschool
Tuesday	Dec. 5	Bucketfillers Anti-Bullying Assembly
Wednesday	Dec. 6	Awards Assembly: K-3 @ 9:00am in MPRoom 4-8 @ 9:40am in MPRoom
Monday	Dec. 11	Mad Science: Mad Lab - Afterschool
Wednesday	Dec. 13	Sock Drive Ends
Thursday	Dec. 14	Spelling Bee @ 1:30pm in MPRoom
Wednesday	Dec. 20	Science Fair @ 6:00pm in MPRoom
Friday	Dec. 22	Winter Celebration @2:00pm in MPRoom

*"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence."* - Abigail Adams