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## Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

*Dear Parents,*

*I hope that you have received a report card for your scholar. It should indicate how much progress your scholar has made during first and second trimesters. The third trimester will be full of activities that will determine your scholars' academic ranks both in the class and state standardized testing. CAASPP Smarter Balanced Tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics are scheduled for April 23 – May 11. We are also preparing a schedule for California Science Tests, English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPAC) and Physical Fitness Tests.*

- California Science Tests (CAST): The new, computer-based CAST measures student acquisition of the California Next Generation Science Standards. It is administered in grades five and eight, and once in high school. The new computer-based CAST replaces the California Standards Tests (CST) for Science.
- California Alternate Assessments (CAA): The computer-based CAA for ELA and CAA for mathematics is administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades three through eight. Test items are aligned with the CCSS and are based on the Core Content Connectors. The instructionally embedded CAA for Science is administered in grades five and eight, and once in high school.
- English Language Proficiency Assessments for California: California will transition from the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) in 2017–18. It consists of two separate English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessments: one for the initial identification of students as English learners and the other for the annual summative assessment to identify students' English language proficiency level and to measure their progress in learning English.
- Physical Fitness Test: The physical fitness test (PFT) for students in California schools is the Fitness Gram®. The main goal of the test is to help students in starting lifelong habits of regular physical activity. Students in grades five, seven, and nine take the fitness test.

*Your parenting skills can support your kids to succeed in school. Help them in completing their homework and assignments. Monitor their diet and make sure that they get enough nutrition. Please make them responsible for their behavior when they are on the computer and watching television. Thank you so much for sending them to school every day. Success of your scholar is the success of Sacramento Valley Charter School.*

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The **SVCS PTO** is very proactive in our school. In the last meeting, it was decided to observe “CODING NIGHT” on April 18, 2018 at 6 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room. Scholars will learn how they can learn computer programming and make websites and do animation. At the outset of spring, we are developing our garden with the active help of parents.

This year's **Flu Season** has been particularly bad. Please make sure your scholars know to wash their hands regularly, especially after using the restroom, and before eating. This will help prevent the spread of the flu. Student absences have been unusually high this year, compared to previous years, due to the flu epidemic. Please do your part to limit its spread.

The **Pennies for Patients** fundraiser is on! SVCS participates annually in fundraising for blood cancer patients, for victims of Leukemia and Lymphoma. Please do your part

We will be holding an exam for entrance into CSU Sacramento's **Academic Talent Search** program. This is a summer program, with a variety of classes for students ranging from acting to robotics. Testing will be next week. The cost to take the exam is \$15, and there was a form sent home with your scholar including information and a form to fill out and return if you are interested in the opportunity to be in the program.

**Pickup** can be a hectic part of anyone's day. As a suggestion for parents who live close to SVCS, we recommend that parents plan to pick up their scholars four to seven minutes after three (3:04-3:07pm). This helps with congestion and eases movement for everyone.

There will be an **Awards Assembly** on April 11th for all grades, from 2:10-3:00pm in the multi-purpose room.

### Dates to Remember

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| Friday    | March 23  | Pennies for Patients Drive Ends             |
| Monday    | March 26  | Mad Science: Sensational Science Assemblies |
| Monday    | March 26  | Redwood Alliance Trip Leaves (5th & 6th)    |
| Wednesday | March 28  | Redwood Alliance Trip Returns               |
| Mon-Fri   | April 2-6 | Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)                    |
| Wednesday | April 11  | Awards Assembly (K-8) at 2:10pm             |
| Wednesday | April 18  | PTO Coding Night at 6pm in the MP Room      |
| Friday    | April 20  | PTO Meeting at 3:30pm in the MP Room        |

**“A child who is allowed to be disrespectful to his parents will not have true respect for anyone.” - Billy Graham**

