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Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The greater Sacramento Area continues to be in the purple tier. Schools can partially reopen if a county moves back down to the red tier or lower for at least a week. We are still struggling to make this important decision and the slow pace of vaccination for school staff is further delaying it. We greatly appreciate parents for their patience and their active role in ensuring their child's participation in online learning.

It is unbelievable that almost a year has passed since schools had to close, and cease in person instruction. Despite this, we have continued to conduct classes virtually during the new school year and we have completed 100 days of school in this manner. The second trimester will conclude on the 26th of February. Parents have an opportunity to check their scholar's gradebook anytime. A parent/guardian can create an account on <https://svcs.schoolwise.com> for this purpose. If you need help, please contact the SVCS office. Research has shown that children whose parents check in on their progress perform at a higher academic level than children without this familial support. If you have concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The state standardized tests this year will be administered virtually. CAASPP (Summative) tests in ELA and Math, CAST (California Science Test) for grade 5 and 8, and PFT (Physical Fitness Test) for grade 5 and 7, are scheduled in the first two weeks of May 2021. All English Learners (ELs) will take ELPAC (Summative) in April. Parents, please, plan your vacation times wisely. The best time for a family vacation for your scholar is during spring break, April 3rd-12th. Requesting time off when school is in session can harm your scholar's education. Scholars lose self-confidence when they struggle after missing school for so long. If parents have any questions about these tests, please contact the office immediately.

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African American History Month: February is the month to raise awareness of African Americans' contributions to our civilization. In the month of February, we honor heroes like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and many other African Americans and their legacy pertaining to American history. Over the course of this month, our teachers will take special care in highlighting historical U.S. achievements made by African Americans for the improvement of our country, and communities.



Ramel inspiring 2020 graduating 8th graders

Novel Coronavirus: The fear of outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States was expressed for the first time a year ago in our February Newsletter. Within a month, schools started closing, shelter in place orders were issued, and much of the economy was shut down. Today, the pandemic is more serious in the US than any other country in the world. In the last two weeks, new cases have declined 30% raising our hopes of returning to normalcy, but the limited availability of vaccines and reports of new variants are still worrisome signs. We hope that our scholars will return to school as soon as possible.

The School Accountability Report Card 2019-2020 (SARC) has been updated on our official website and on the California Department of Education website. If you require a hard copy, please contact the main office.

Zoom Webcam: All students are now required to keep their webcams on during Zoom classes. Students who do not have their webcams on during class will not receive credit for participation.

ELD Class Moved to one link: All ELD classes have moved to one zoomlink. Please refer to the ELD Google Classroom for more information.

Awards Assembly: The next awards assembly will be held on March 10th. Teachers will be sharing the Zoom link so that students and parents can join the assembly. The assembly will be broken down in the following ways.

K-3rd @ 8:30am 4th-5th @ 9:20am 6th-8th @ 10:10am

Lincoln's Birthday will be observed on Friday, February 12th. There will be NO SCHOOL that day. **President's Day** will be observed on Monday, February 15th. There will be NO SCHOOL that day.

Scholastic's Book Fair: The SVCS Book Fair will be completely virtual this year. The dates for the fair will be Wednesday, February 17th and will run until Friday, February 19th. A live link will be sent out to everyone shortly before the fair. You will have access to over 6,000 products and all purchases will support our school.

Read-A-Thon: The annual Read-A-Thon will start on Wednesday, February 17th and end on Monday, March 1st. Please support your scholars in their endeavor to read! We will honor scholars and the class with the most pages read.

2nd Trimester: The second trimester will end on February 26; report cards will be sent out through mail for parents to review

Talent Show: The Talent Show will take place on Friday, April 2nd. The deadline for submitting entries is March 17. No entries will be accepted after this date. Please submit all entries to talentshow@sacvalleycharter.org.

State Standardized Testing: CAASPP (Summative) and CAST (California Science Test) for grade 5 & 8 will take place in the first two weeks of May 2021. Test review is scheduled for the last week of April.



Engaging younger scholars on Dr. Seuss Birthday

Open Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is from January 7th - February 19th. If you know someone interested in our school, please ask them to fill out the Open Enrollment Student Form and submit it through our main website. We will contact them near the month of April with further information. If we receive more applications than spaces available, enrollment will be subjected to a lottery.

Attendance Reporting: If your student is going to be absent, please report absences through our website, email, or by calling into the office.



Honoring scholars during an awards assembly last year

Dates to Remember

Friday February 12th Lincoln's Birthday (NO SCHOOL)

Monday February 15th Presidents Day (NO SCHOOL)

Tuesday February 17th- 19st Virtual Scholastic's Book Fair

Wednesday February 17th - March 1st Read- A- Thon

Friday February 26th End of 2nd Trimester

Wednesday March 10th Awards K-3rd @ 8:30am 4th-5th @ 9:20am 6th-8th @ 10:10am

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." – Harriet

Tubman, Abolitionist