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Sacramento Valley Charter School

Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The second trimester will conclude on March 1, 2024. But we are sending progress reports ahead of time. Please review your scholar's progress and let teachers know that you have seen it. A parent/guardian also can create an account on <https://svcs.schoolwise.com> for regularly checking their scholar's progress. 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 soon. 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. 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, March 30th- April 7th, 2024. Requesting time off when school is in session can affect 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.

Dr. Amrik Singh, Principal



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.

The School Accountability Report Card 2022-2023(SARC) has been updated on our official website and on the California Department of Education website. Access to the report is also available on our school website. If you require a hard copy, please contact the main office.

Returning students We will be sending out a Returning Students form on Friday, March 1st. They must be returned no later than March 18th. Please submit it to the main office as soon as possible. This is extremely important to prepare a waiting list. If you don't respond to it, your spot may be given to a new applicant.

Open Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is from January 22 - February 29, 2024. If you know someone interested in our school, please ask them to fill out the Open Enrollment Student Form. You can also submit it through our school 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.

Second Trimester: The second trimester ends on March 1st. Help your scholar finish the second trimester strong so that they are better prepared and not overwhelmed towards the end of the year. Missing school during the second and third trimester may jeopardize their progress. Please be mindful of their futures!

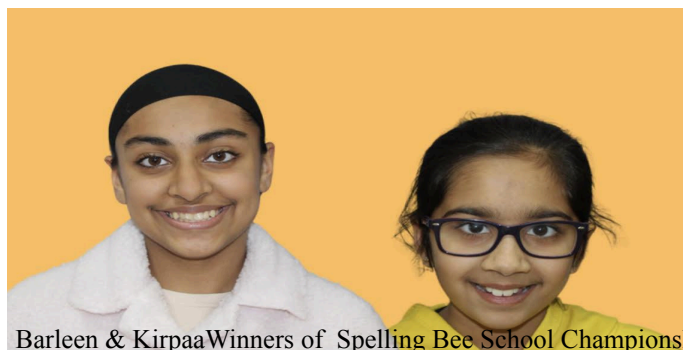
STEAM NIGHT: STEAM night was a massive success as parents, faculty, scholars, and staff gathered to see what the scholars had accomplished this year. Thank you to our parents who came in large numbers to the STEAM night. The scholars and teachers had incredible experiments, activities, and the robotics team corner. STEAM night was the most successful event Sacramento Valley Charter School has ever hosted. We want to thank everyone who helped and came to help celebrate this day and everyone for making this a very successful gathering for the school and the scholars.



2023-2024 SVCS STEAM NIGHT

Free Dress Day: February 23, 2024 is a free dress day and the theme is Sports Day. Make sure that whatever your child wears is still comfortable for them to move around in, not distracting, and appropriate for school.

School Spelling Bee Championship: The School Spelling Bee competition is for students in grades 4 through 8. The Spelling Bee helps students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage. Students prepare for the county Spelling Bee using materials provided by Scripps through school enrollment. The top speller in the Regional Spelling Bee advances to the Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington D.C. We hope our scholars will win and represent SVCS there.



Barleen & Kirpaa Winners of Spelling Bee School Championship

Bullying: It is the SVCS vision to create a safe and compassionate learning environment, and we have a Zero-Tolerance-Policy for bullying. Students are encouraged to always go to a staff member if this policy is ever broken. Unfortunately, not every scholar comes forward to report instances of bullying and staff members do not always see it happening as bullying can take many different forms. Situations like these are why we also encourage students to alert their parents to these instances. Parents, please do not hesitate to contact the SVCS Main Office if it appears your child is being bullied, it is a matter of utmost importance.

Chronic absenteeism/Attendance & Uniform -Uniform is enforced when scholars become too lax in wearing their school uniform. Please make sure scholars come to school in proper attire. If your scholar is not in full uniform, they will have to wait in the office until parents bring the proper uniform to school for them to wear. Education can only fulfill its promise as the great equalizer—a force that can overcome differences in privilege and background—when we work to ensure that students are in school every day and receive the support they need to learn and thrive. At the same time, we know that many students experience tremendous adversity in their lives—including poverty, health challenges, community violence, and difficult family circumstances—that make it difficult for them to take advantage of the opportunity to learn at school. Chronically absent students—meaning they miss at least 15 school days a year—are at serious risk of falling behind.

Lateness: Whenever a student is late, parents and students must come to the front office to report their lateness and be escorted to class by an aide. Parents must sign the late book in the office so that the student is not marked absent for the day.

SVCS Boys and Girls Basketball Teams: Over the past 7-8 weeks of practices, we've concentrated on enhancing the fundamentals and elevating the basic level of play among our team members. Through a series of specific daily drills, we've targeted conditioning, shooting, dribbling, passing, basketball IQ, and overall motor skills. Thanks to the consistent effort and hard work of each student-athlete, notable improvements have been evident in all these areas.

In addition to focusing on fundamentals, we've introduced plays called "branches" and "horns". Currently, we've only implemented branches and have shared the plays via Google Classroom. Each player has been assigned two positions to focus on during the plays, allowing them to concentrate on their specific roles within the team strategy.

SARC Report Link: By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities.

[SVCS SARC REPORT](#)

Measles Outbreak: COVID-19 has increased the risk of measles outbreaks.

Over 61 million doses of measles-containing vaccine were postponed or missed from 2020 to 2022 due to COVID-19-related delays in supplementary immunization activities. This increases the risk of more significant outbreaks worldwide, including in the United States.

Cancer Prevention: What are schools required to do by the Cancer Prevention Act? Effective January 1, 2024, the Cancer Prevention Act requires that every public and private school notify 6th grade students and their parents/guardians that they are advised to follow current human papillomavirus (HPV) immunization guidelines before starting 8th grade. (Most children in this age group are recommended to receive 2 doses of HPV vaccine.) The Act seeks to help reduce the burden of cancers caused by HPV in California.

Read-A-Thon: The annual Read-A-Thon will start on February 5, 2024 and end on March 5, 2024. Please support your scholars in their endeavor to read! We will honor scholars and the class with the most pages read.

Important dates

Read a Thon, February 5th- March 6

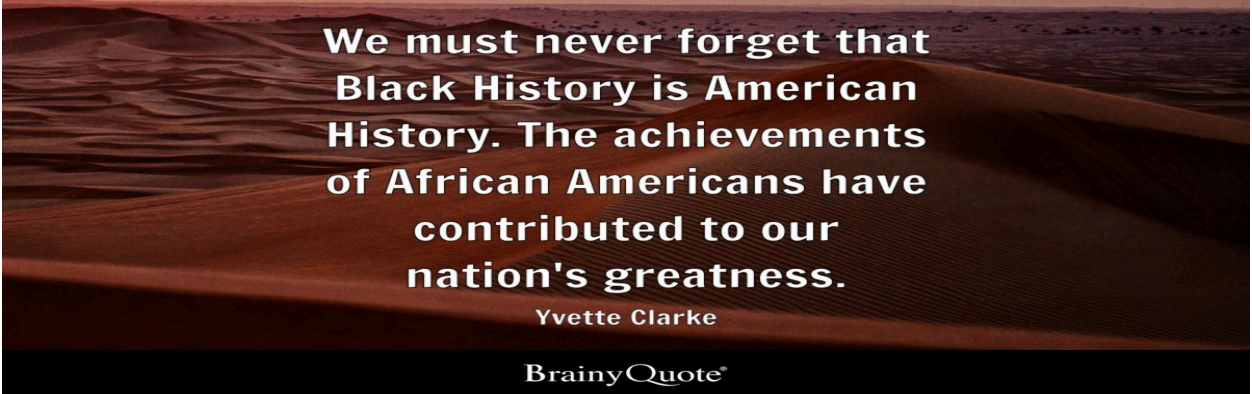
Achievement Award Assembly - February 14, 2024

Board meeting - February 14, 2024

Minimum Day - February 15, 2024

President's Day Weekend (NO SCHOOL) - February 16-19, 2024

Student's return to school on February 20, 2024



**We must never forget that
Black History is American
History. The achievements
of African Americans have
contributed to our
nation's greatness.**

Yvette Clarke

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