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Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that 2024 will be full of new hopes, dreams, and wonderful experiences. At the beginning of the new year, setting goals and making a resolution with your kids are some of the ways to bond with your scholars. The little time you spend with your kids today can impact their entire life. Please talk with them about how they feel about their studies, friends, and the society they live in. If you notice something odd, don't hesitate to talk with your kids' teachers and consult professionals for advice.

Parents need to work closely with their children so that they can make sense of their lives and become valuable members of modern society. As parents, your New Year Resolution can positively impact your scholar's academic, personal, and social life. Your New Year Resolution(s) can be: "I/we will --

- *Send my scholar regularly to school*
- *Help my scholar to complete homework*
- *Support my scholar to organize, check the daily planner, calendar and test dates*
- *Make sure my scholar reads daily for at least 30 minutes*
- *Keep in contact with my scholar's teacher*
- *Impress upon my scholar to follow rules of the classroom and participation.*
- *Train my scholars to wash hands several times a day and maintain a good personal hygiene*
 - *Let my scholar know that eating an excess amount of unhealthy foods such as ones with high sugar content, can lead to diabetic conditions and many other major health problems.*
 - *Encourage my scholar **to report** any bullying situation at school*

Principal, Dr. Amrik Singh

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed on Monday, January 15, 2024. There will be NO SCHOOL that day. The day is celebrated to honor the civil rights hero for his contribution to a hatred-free society.



STEAM Night - This event will be held on January 25, 2024 from 5pm-7pm in the MPR, and is an opportunity for families to come to the SVCS campus after school hours for a fun and educational evening. There will be many activities and projects on display, all of which in some way relate to the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM). Parents or guardians must supervise their children during this event. Our scholars have been working hard in their classes for this event, please come and show your support!



STEAM Night 2022

Award Assembly - We recognize our scholar's accomplishments during the award ceremony. On Dec 19, 2023, outstanding scholars were honored in the presence of their parents and their peers. Scholars were awarded Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll as well. The next awards assembly will be held on February 14, 2024.



December 2023 Awards Assembly

Teacher Workday: Even though students were not in school on January 8th, our staff spent the entire day in research and learning for effective instructional and assessment strategies.



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 - March 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.

The Great Kindness Challenge (January 22–26, 2024) From the Department of Education: “The Great Kindness Challenge is a global campaign that promotes kindness, social-emotional health, and bullying prevention in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. Presented by Kids for Peace, the weeklong challenge is a global, action-based bullying prevention initiative typically used in schools to create a culture of kindness. A free, customizable kindness checklist provides prompts and recommendations suitable for everyone to practice kindness and make a positive impact.” To learn more, visit the [Great Kindness Challenge website](#).

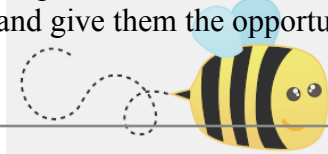
Free Dress Day: Friday, January 26th is a free dress day and the theme is Class Color Day. Make sure that whatever your child wears is still comfortable for them to move around in, not distracting, and appropriate for school.

January Observances: January is **National Hot Tea Month**. Cold January mornings call for a nice hot cup of tea. Tea is an immune system booster. Studies show that tea helps immune systems reach their target cells more quickly.



National Braille Literacy Month. The mission of this month is to raise awareness of the importance of Braille to the blind and visually impaired community.

SVCS Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2024. This Spelling Bee will be conducted in school. Class champions have been selected from grades 4-8. Help your scholar prepare for this Spelling Bee and give them the opportunity to master their English skills.



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!

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.

Attendance Reporting: Attendance for Distance Learning is required by state laws. Please report absences to the office before 8:30am if your scholar isn't attending due to sickness or a doctor's appointment. Attendance has been a concern lately and steps are being taken to address this situation with parents. School Liaison has been calling and scheduling meetings with the principal and parents whose children are habitually tardy and absent.

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.

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.

After school program: This program is from Monday - Thursday unless notified otherwise.

