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Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that 2023 will be full of new hopes, dreams, and wonderful experiences. It is a tradition of the season to not only reflect on all that has happened in the last year, but to also set new goals and resolutions to help us achieve what we have been working toward for years. The noblest of all goals for parents is to raise their children with love and care; and promote values that can help them to make progress despite any obstacles that may appear in their path. 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 serious, don't hesitate to talk with your kids' teachers and 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*

You can go to our website for more information: <https://www.sacvalleycharter.org/student-health.html>

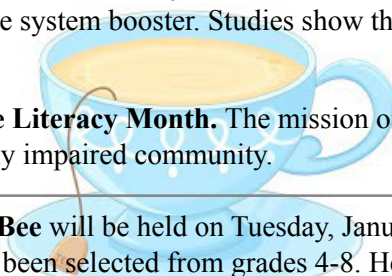
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Award Assembly - We recognize our scholar's accomplishments during the award ceremony. On Dec 15th, 2022, outstanding scholars were honored in the presence of their parents and their peers. Scholars were awarded Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll as well.



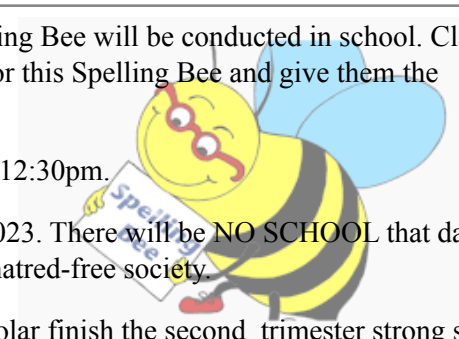
Proud scholars and parents with their awards

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. January is also



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 31st, 2023. 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.



Minimum day: January 18th is a minimum day. The school day will end at 12:30pm.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed on Monday, January 16th, 2023. 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.

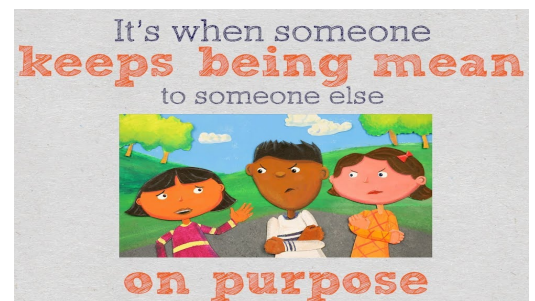
Second Trimester: The second trimester ends on March 3rd. Help your scholar finish the second trimester strong so that they are better prepared and not overwhelmed towards the end of the year.

Free Dress Day: Friday, January 27th is a free dress day. Make sure that whatever your child wears is still comfortable for them to move around in, not distracting, and appropriate for school.



Students were excited to bring the holiday spirit to SVCS during our Free Dress Day in December.

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.



The Great Kindness Challenge (January 23–27, 2023) 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](#).

Prospective Students for the 2023-2024 school year may now be waitlisted. If you know families who want to enroll their kids in our school, please let them fill out the Prospective Student form on our website and submit it. We will contact them near the end of the year with further information on enrolling their new student.

Open Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is from January 11 - February 28. 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.



Returning students We will be sending out a Returning Students form. Please submit it as soon as possible but no later than 15 days after receiving it. 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.

Attendance & Uniform - Attendance has been a concern lately and steps are being taken to address this situation with parents. A letter has been sent out to parents regarding attendance in order to raise awareness with the hopes of increasing attendance. School Liaison has been calling and scheduling meetings with the principal and parents whose children are habitually tardy and absent. Uniform is enforced when scholars become too lax in wearing their school uniform. Please make sure scholars come to school in proper attire.

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.

STEAM Night - We had an overwhelming response to the SVCS STEAM Night on December 15th, 2022. After the pandemic it was the first big event that attracted the SVCS community. About 300 students, parents, and families attended the event. Students showcased their Math and Science skills through fun and challenging projects they created. We greatly appreciate the parents of our scholars and the effort they put into keeping their kids motivated to continue excelling in their academics.



Students and families enjoying STEAM night activities

Dates to Remember

ML King Day	Monday	1/16/2023
Minimum Day	Wednesday	1/18/2023
School Spelling Bee	Tuesday	1/31/2023