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# Sacramento Valley Charter School

## Parent Newsletter

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*Thank you SVCS parents for your cooperation in sending your scholar daily to school. We want them happy and engaged. Their exposure to unhealthy and abusive circumstances can make them sad at school. Please make your child's social and emotional well-being a priority.*

*In the past few weeks of school, we have been working hard to identify the individual learning needs of your scholars. Everyday our teachers observe how your child learns in the classroom and how he/she completes homework and other assignments. Our efforts won't bear fruit if your involvement in your child's education is minimal. Please set a regular routine for schoolwork. Set a study space that is fully lit and free from any distractions. Limiting your scholar's screen time is very important. Let it be no more than 1 hour of TV, Video games, and online activities. If your scholars must use a computer for school assignments, please monitor their online activities. Make sure they know what is safe to watch, read, and listen according to their age. Please set rules and expectations for behavior that makes one successful in life.*

*We have scheduled parent-teacher conferences for November 16 and 17. There is no school for scholars on these two days. It is very important to attend these conferences. Your involvement positively impacts your child's achievements. Sending your scholar to school every day, making sure they read 30 minutes aloud, and checking if they completed their homework are some of the steps that help build strong academic skills. The first trimester is ending on November 9; we will mail report cards home then. Scholars with high grade point averages can get Honor Roll and Principal Honor Roll besides other achievement awards.*

*Principal, Dr. Amrik Singh*

**National Bullying Prevention Month:** Bullying can harm the emotional and mental health of our scholars if not checked in the beginning of the school year. Let's instill confidence in our scholars so that they come forward to report it. We must make bullies accountable and ashamed of their actions. Only our joint efforts can stop this practice. Bullying can happen both in person or online. **Cyberbullying often occurs over social media**, SMS/text or instant message, email, or any online platform where children interact. Show your child how to treat other children and adults with kindness and respect by doing the same to the people around you, including speaking up when others are being mistreated. Children look to their parents as examples of how to behave, including what to post online.

**Bus Privileges, Expectations and Rules:** We provide transportation to our scholars at highly subsidized rates. We don't want scholars to use the bus privilege to harm and hurt others. Students are assigned seats in the bus. They are expected to sit with a **seatbelt on and to stay within their seat throughout the entire journey**. They can't extend their arms outside of the window at any time. Students are not allowed to bully or touch other students. There are no foods and drinks allowed on vans/buses.

We don't allow expensive items such as jewelry, toys, Ipads, iphone, or any other personal property not required by the school. If these items are brought to school, they will be confiscated. This is an opportunity for parents to limit the data on their student's phones or put some parental controls in place. We need your help to monitor your child's electronic behavior because if they are left unmonitored, it may lead to bullying. We have a no tolerance policy for bullying. That sort of behavior will lead to losing privileges.

**Picture Day: Makeup day will be November 1, 2023.** Parents are encouraged to follow the link from the email that Lifetouch sent you in order to pay for your scholar's picture package; this is the most convenient way to pay as it does not require exact change or use of a check. Student's must be in uniform.



**CAASPP Testing:** We have tested our scholars for the CAASPP Interim testing. We will communicate with parents once results are in.

**Halloween Parade:** On October 31st your scholars are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. We do have some requirements. Please do not allow them to wear full face masks, face makeup, or anything violent. Please do not allow them to bring anything that looks like a weapon with them to school. No sharp objects are allowed.





**Upcoming Awards Assembly - Our next awards assembly will be held on November 9, 2023.**

The schedule is as follows: Recognizing our scholars and awarding them is one of the many ways by which teachers and schools provide students with positive feedback and affirmation, which can improve the learner's confidence, self-awareness, and enthusiasm for learning. We are so proud of seeing our scholars excelling at SVCS!

**Kindergarten - 2nd grade 9am - 9:30am**

**3rd - 5th grade 9:35am - 10:20am**

**6th - 8th grade 10:35am - 11:10am**

**SEL** - Individuals who participate in the SEL Project from Sacramento State go to several different schools in Sacramento to teach students about important social and emotional skills they can use in life. For the next few months they are going to be here to talk with our scholars all about self-awareness, social awareness, and growth mindset.



**Free Dress day:** On Friday, October 27th we will be having a free dress day. This is not an extension of the Halloween festivities, please have them wear normal clothing that will not cause any distraction. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Student Council Election:** Students who are interested in leadership and being involved in helping improve SVCS should consider running for Student Council. There are a number of positions available. We encourage you to look over the Student Council application to determine if your scholar is interested in running for election.

**The timeline for the student council election is as follows:**

Rehearsal for speeches: **Friday October 6th** (must be approved by student council advisor)

Assembly for speeches: **Wednesday October 11th**

Voting: **Thursday October 12th**

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** The parents of all scholars will be invited to attend Parent/ Teacher conferences on **November 16th or 17th**. There will be no school on these days in order to accommodate all of the scheduled meetings. Attending is required for all parents. Please keep an eye out from your scholar's teacher, they will be setting up appointments for Parent/ Teacher conferences.

**Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day:** The second Monday of October was recognized three years ago as the Indigenous People's Day along with Columbus Day. Columbus unexpectedly ended up in this part of the world in 1492. It impacted the lives of indigenous people, as they were put at the receiving end of history ever since then.

*"For centuries, Indigenous Peoples were forcibly removed from ancestral lands, displaced, assimilated, and banned from worshipping or performing many sacred ceremonies. Yet today, they remain some of our greatest environmental stewards. They maintain strong religious beliefs that still feed the soul of our Nation. And they have chosen to serve in the United States Armed Forces at a higher rate than any other group. Native peoples challenge us to confront our past and do better, and their contributions to scholarship, law, the arts, public service, and more continue to guide us forward." - President Biden*

## **Important Dates**

**CAASPP Interim Testing:** September 25 - Oct 6, 2023

**First day of After-School:** October 2, 2023

**Teacher Workday (No Students):** October 9, 2023

**Awards Assembly:** October 18, 2023

**Minimum Day/Halloween Parade:** October 31, 2023