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Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have already completed 100 days of the school year despite hurdles posed by the on-going pandemic. We appreciate your cooperation and partnership in these difficult times. Our teachers and staff have been working hard to educate your scholar in a safe and compassionate environment. We need your support to prepare your scholar for a bright future. Please plan your vacation time carefully so that your kids don't have to miss school and remain frequently absent. A long absence from the classroom creates holes in their learning and it becomes difficult for them to catch up with the missed work. Consequently, they can't handle undue pressure and it may lead to retention and low self-esteem.

The second trimester is going to end on February 28th. We will mail your scholars' report cards in the first week of March. You surely want to see their report in good shape. It is the right time to check how they are performing right now. There is still time to improve their grades by turning in the missed assignments and by becoming responsible for completion of their homework. If you have concerns, don't hesitate to contact us. For better results, your scholars need a quiet place to focus on their studies. Parents' supervision plays a major role in a scholar's academic achievements.

In April and May of this year, your scholar, grade 3-8, will take the Smarter Balanced Tests in English Language Arts and Math. Additionally, grades 5 and 8 will take the California Science Test (CAST). The Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is administered to grades 5 and 7 only. All English Learners (ELs) will take ELPAC (Summative) in April. Requesting time off when school is in session can harm your scholar's education. Scholars lose self-confidence when they must struggle after missing school for so long.

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Black History Month: February 1st is the start of an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the UK also devote a month to celebrating Black history. Our teachers will highlight U.S. historical contributions and legacies of African Americans.



Chinese New Year or Lunar Year Eve: The Lunar New Year is an international holiday celebrated in many Asian countries. Saying goodbye to the Ox, we enter the Year of the Tiger on February 1, 2022. Just like how people celebrate Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st each year in America, Lunar New Year allows people to put the past behind and look forward to a fresh start. In China, this celebration lasts 15 days with the Spring Lantern Festival on the final day.





SVCS Spelling Bee: Our schoolwide spelling bee was held on Jan. 31st. The winner for Middle School is 7th grader **Jasmeen**, her winning word was “hodad”. The winner for Elementary is 5th grader **Kusum**, her winning word was “Chelonia”. All the participants worked and studied very hard for this competition; it lasted a total of 2 hours and 25 rounds! Way to go Jasmeen and Kusum, and thank you all our scholars and participants who went above and beyond.

Attendance Reporting: If your student is going to be absent, please report absences through our website, email, or by calling into the office. Please be sure that you are aware of our attendance policy and when your child is out sick or distance learning that they are still committed to finishing their work.

The School Accountability Report Card 2020-2021 (SARC) has been updated in our official website and on the California Department of Education website. If you require a hard copy, please contact the main office.

Awards Assembly: There will be an awards assembly on Wednesday, February 9th. Be sure to join us via Zoom. Kindergarten through Fourth Grade will start at 1:40pm promptly, and Fifth Grade through Eighth Grade will begin at 2:15pm. Parents and families are welcome to attend online.

Lincoln’s Birthday will be observed on Friday, February 18th. There will be **NO SCHOOL** that day.

Presidents’ Day will be observed on Monday, February 21st. There will be **NO SCHOOL** that day.



Read-A-Thon will start on Thursday, February 17th and end on Tuesday, March 1st. Please support your scholars in their endeavor to read! You can access books and additional reading free through Renaissance and MyOn Reading up until February 28th. We will honor scholars and the class with the most pages read on March 2nd.

Cell Phones and Toys during school hours, events and transportation are strictly prohibited. Please don’t send toys, expensive gadgets, and jewelry to school with your scholar. If found, it will be immediately confiscated, and only parents can get it back from the office. For any communication, please contact the school office.

SEL Program in Partnership with CSUS: Sacramento Valley Charter School is in the beginning development of a partnership with **California State University Sacramento** in order to ensure that our scholars are receiving resources and education during this integral part of **human development**. SEL stands for: Social Emotional Learning. This teaching is a methodology that helps students of all ages to better comprehend their emotions, to feel those emotions fully, and demonstrate empathy for others. This program in the future will support our scholars in learning more about themselves and understanding others!



Free Dress Day will be on Thursday, February 25th. Clean, modest and appropriate dress code still applies. This month’s theme is Twin Day! Dress up and match with your friend or a group of friends and be twins.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday	February 9 th	SVCS Board Meeting
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Thursday	February 17 th -28 th	Read-a-thon
Friday	February 18 th	Lincoln's Birthday (NO SCHOOL)
Monday	February 21 st	President's Day (NO SCHOOL)
Thursday	February 25 th	Free Dress Day (Twin Day)
Friday	February 28 th	End of 2 nd Trimester

“Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations.” – Dr. Mae Jemison