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Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

Dear SVCS Parents,

You will soon receive a report card for your scholar indicating progress made at the end of second trimester. The third trimester is crucial to your scholar's success. Please don't plan your trip abroad if it will make you scholar absent from school for more than a week. This may result in bad grades and even failure if your scholar isn't confident on several tests administered in April and May.

- *CAASPP Smarter Balanced Tests in English Language Arts, mathematics, and science are scheduled for April 22 – May 10. English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPAC) and Physical Fitness Tests (PFT) will be administered immediately after CAASPP Testing.*
- *California Science Tests (CAST): The new, computer-based CAST measures student acquisition of the California Next Generation Science Standards. It is administered in grades five and eight, and once in high school.*
- *English Language Proficiency Assessments (ELPAC): It consists of two separate English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessments: one for the initial identification of students as English learners and the other for the annual summative assessment to identify students' English language proficiency level and to measure their progress in learning English.*
- *Physical Fitness Test: The physical fitness test (PFT) for students in California schools is the Fitness Gram®. The main goal of the test is to help students in starting lifelong habits of regular physical activity. Students in grades five and seven will take this test.*

If you want more information on these tests, please contact the office.

Your parenting skills can support your scholars to succeed in school. Help them in completing their homework and assignments. Monitor their diet and make sure that they get enough nutrition. Please make them responsible for their time when they are on the computer and watching television. Thank you so much for sending them to school every day. Success of your scholar is the success of Sacramento Valley Charter School.

The cases of flu this year are less, however, there are more deaths due to flu. It is very important to seek medical help on time and take all precautions to reduce its severity. Please advise your scholars to wash their hands, especially after using the restroom, and before eating. If your child is sick, please don't send him/her to school. This will help prevent the spread of the flu.

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The Charter Renewal Meeting with WUSD has been postponed. It will no longer take place on February 28th, but has been rescheduled for March 14th, at 7pm. Please show your support for SVCS by attending the meeting.

Student Illness is a serious concern this time of year at SVCS. If your child has a fever, complains of stomach pains or nausea, seem listless, or are having body aches or pains, they may be showing signs of the flu. Please do not bring your scholar to school if they are sick. This leads to the spread of illness to other students as well as teachers and other staff members.

Security at SVCS is being improved, including both physical security and guidelines on how to deal with emergencies as they arise. Cameras have been updated and improved around campus, the Sellers Way gate is being upgraded to a remote control, and the Evergreen Ave gate has been fixed so it can no longer be opened from the outside. In addition, we are working with the West Sacramento Police Department to increase police presence in the area, with regular patrols occurring near the school. Each of these changes will improve security at SVCS and should ease parental concerns.

A **PTO Meeting** is scheduled for Friday, March 1st in the multipurpose room. It begins at 3:30pm.

Our annual **Pennies for Patients Fundraiser** begins March 4th and runs through March 22nd. Please donate what you can to help those who are fighting leukemia.

Bhangra dancing is coming to SVCS! We are in the process of hiring an instructor who can work with our students in the excellent traditional exercise and art form of Bhangra. We will send out flyers when we have further information.

Award Assemblies will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, with Kindergarten through 4th grade from 9am to 9:45am, and 5th grade through 8th grade from 9:45am to 10:45am. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Seuss Read-A-Thon: Our annual Dr. Seuss Read-A-Thon is being held from February 20th through 28th. On March 1st, when we celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday, when we will recognize the class with the most pages read.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration: We will be having a schoolwide celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday, including inter-grade reading pairs and recognition of the class which has read the most pages during the Read-A-Thon.

PTO Basketball Game: The PTO Basketball game will be held on Saturday, March 16th at Westmore Oaks Elementary (1100 Clarendon St, West Sacramento). Contact the PTO for further information.

Holi Run will be held earlier this year, on March 22nd, which is a minimum day. The event will be weather permitting.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** this year was a huge success, surpassing all previous years. Earned credit with Scholastic will go towards purchasing books for students use in a variety of fields.



Redwood Alliance Camp for 5th grade will be from March 25th through March 27th. 5th grade parents, please make sure your scholars have everything they need to make this trip a fun, successful adventure.

Open Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year now begins and students can be waitlisted. Please fill out the prospective students form and submit it through the main page of our website. We will contact you near the end of the year with further information on enrolling your new student.

Truancy: If a scholar doesn't attend the school due to illness or any other reasons, he/she may be considered truant if the office is not notified. The increasing rate of truancy doesn't reflect well on our school. Please make sure to call/notify the office to avoid this kind of situation.

Dates to Remember

Wed-Thurs	Feb 20-28	Dr. Seuss Read-a-Thon
Thursday	Feb 28	Free Dress Day
Thursday	Feb 28	End of 2nd Trimester
Friday	March 1	Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration
Friday	March 1	PTO Meeting, 3:30-4:30pm
Mon-Fri	March 4-22	Pennies for Patients
Tuesday	March 5	Award Assemblies K-4 – 9-9:45am 5-8 – 9:45-10:45am
Sat	March 16	PTO Basketball Game
Fri	March 22	Holi Run (Minimum Day)
Mon-Wed	March 25-27	5 th Grade Redwood Alliance Trip

“It is never safe to look into the future with eyes of fear.” - Edward H. Harriman