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*Dear Parents,*

*On behalf of our administration, teachers, school and staff, We want to let you know that your scholars will be undergoing standardized testing. These tests will indicate their achievements and ongoing challenges. The Smarter Balanced or CAASPP (Summative) are designed to give parents and teachers the feedback about scholars' achievements for the school year. Many studies on gratitude among youth verifies that it promotes more positive emotions and better attitudes toward school. Recognizing our scholars and awarding them is one of the many ways by which teachers and parents provide students with positive feedback and affirmations. The tests measure critical thinking, analytical writing, problem solving, and subject area knowledge, providing teachers with multiple sources of actionable information about student strengths and areas where students need additional support. Your cooperation and partnership are integral to make SVCS's educational programs engaging and efficient. To help your child get ready for the test you can talk about the test with your child, and make sure they are not scared or anxious. Tell your child that you and their teacher have high expectations, and are both there to help, every step of the way. Take a practice test with your child and make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.*

*SVCS administers State standardized tests in May to assess students' academic performance.*

***May 5th- May 8th, the test will be administered to 6th-8th grade and 5th grade Science + PFT (Physical Fitness Test), May 9th, will be for any make-up work. May 12-15th the test will be administered to 3rd-5th grade, and 8th grade Science, May 16th will be for any make-up work. PFT for 7th grades will be administered during this time.***

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Please click the link below to access the Parent Understanding Letter about the CAASPP Summative Testing:

- [2024-2025 CAASPP Parent Understanding Letter](#)

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at <https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/>.

- [SMARTER BALANCED SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS-2023-2024](#)
- THE CALIFORNIA SCIENCE TEST 2023-2024
- The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

Please use the link below to access more resourced:

- [CAASPP Parents Guide](#)

**Tips for Families:** Set regular bedtime, Provide your scholar with plenty of time to get ready for school, make sure your scholar arrives at school on time so they are not missing any of their academic time. plus make appointments after school when possible.

If you need more understanding of the CAASPP testing, please hesitate to contact the office.

**Teachers Appreciation Week:** Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 9th, 2025 is Teachers Appreciation Week. Our teachers deserve a lot of appreciation for their dedication and resilience. Their innovative strategies have made a big difference in our scholars' education. Parents, scholars, and staff acknowledge and appreciate their dynamic role. It will make a big difference if parents' can appreciate their child's teacher during this special week.

**Enrollment Lottery - May 1, 2024 (5:00 - 7:00 PM):** Due to a high number of applications and an increase in returning students, space for new applicants is very limited. We will hold a lottery during open enrollment and create a waitlist for those not selected. New applicants are welcome to attend the lottery. Please check in at the front office on the day of the event.

**May Carnival: May 30th,** Under the guidance of Student Council Coordinator, Mrs. Nadra,



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Student council leaders have organized a carnival event for the end of the year. Please note that this carnival event is to celebrate all of the achievements, hard work, and dedication of our scholars. With that in mind, any scholar that receives a suspension during Trimester 3 will not be allowed to participate in the activities. This was communicated to all scholars at the beginning of the Trimester.

**Mother's Day:** Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day. Mothers deserve a lot of appreciation for their dynamic role in nurturing, teaching, and feeding their children, especially during these difficult times.

**Free Dress Day:** The last Free Dress Day for 2024-2025 school year is on May 30, 2025. The theme is to dress like a staff member. Other days, students are required to maintain their school uniform. The uniform indicates your scholar's readiness to learn, compete and excel. Make sure that whatever your child wears is still comfortable for them to move around, not distracting, and appropriate for school.

**Talking to Teachers During Class:** We encourage parents to reach out to their child's teachers, but not during the class time. It is detrimental to other students when parents try to disrupt teachers during their teaching time. If you would like to talk with your child's teacher, please set an appointment time with them.

**Asian American Heritage Month:** Since 1990, the U.S. government has designated the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. It celebrates the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

**Cinco De Mayo:** Cinco de Mayo commemorates Mexico's unexpected victory over France in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Cinco de Mayo literally means "Fifth of May" in Spanish, which is when this celebration of Mexican heritage falls each year.

**Next Awards Assembly:** The last awards assembly for this school year will be held on Wed., May 28th - Student Awards: Gr 1 @9:00 & Gr 2-3 @10:00  
Thur., May 29th - Student Awards: Gr 4-5 @9:00 & 6-7 @10:00

**Last Day of School/8th Grade Graduation:** 8th Grade Graduation will take place on

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June 5th. Details will be sent out to parents regarding the graduation ceremony details.

**Chronic Absenteeism:** If a scholar doesn't attend their classes due to illness or any other reason, he/she may be marked truant. It is very important to notify the office if you are in any extenuating circumstances. The increasing rate of truancy does not reflect well on our school. Please make sure to call/notify the office to avoid this kind of situation.

**Cyberbullying:** Cyberbullying, or online bullying, has been a credible threat against the safety of children, teenagers, and young adults since the inception of social media. Cyberbullying may limit students' academic performance and cause higher absenteeism rates. If your child confides in you that they are being bullied in any way at school, do not hesitate to contact the front office. Please encourage your children to self-advocate for themselves. They should let the school staff know immediately about any bullying incidents. We have a zero-tolerance policy against any form of bullying.

## Summer School Program Calendar:

**Week of 6/16 – 6/20: 4 days (Juneteenth Observed Thursday, 6/19)**

**Week of 6/23 – 6/27: 5 days**

**Week of 6/30 – 7/4: SUMMER RECESS – NO INSTRUCTION**

**Week of 7/7 – 7/11: 5 days**

**Week of 7/14 – 7/18: 5 days**

This program will provide students with resources that will help in making up for loss of studies and achieving academic success. Students who are behind in some subjects, at risk of retention, or need to work on their functioning skills might benefit from summer school. It is also a way for all kids to help bridge the learning gap over the summer and prevent learning loss.



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## Important Dates

Teacher Appreciation Week	May 5 - 9
Board Meeting	May 8 (4pm)
Enrollment Lottery	May 1 (5:00 PM-7:00 PM)
Minimum Day	June 5th
Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)	May 26
Carnival (Students & Staff only)	May 30
Free Dress Day	May 30
TK Promotion	June 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM
Kindergarten Promotion	June 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM
Student Awards (Grades 1-3)	Wed., May 28th - Gr 1 @9:00 & Gr 2-3 @10:00
Student Awards (Grades 4-7)	Thur., May 29th - : Gr 4-5 @9:00 & 6-7 @10:00
8th Grade Graduation	June 5, 2025 at 9am
Minimum Day/ Last Day of School End of Trimester 3	June 5, 2025



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