



Tuesday Folder

August 12, 2014

Pillar of the Month
RESPONSIBILITY

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your family back to school on Thursday, August 21. We will begin together, as we do every day, at 7:55 for the flag salute. In preparation for the first day of school, here is a quick Tuesday Folder update. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Early Release

Kindergarten will have early release (11am) Thursday, August 21-Friday, September 5. And early release (1p) Monday, September 8-Friday, September 12. Resuming their normal schedule of 7:55am-1:30pm beginning Monday, September 15.

Students in grades 1-4 will have early release (1pm) Thursday, August 21-Friday, August 29, resuming their regular schedule on Tuesday, September 2.

All students have early release on Thursday, August 21, and on Fridays.

7th Grade Tdap Immunization Records

All 7th Grade Students must have a current copy of their immunization records on file, including verification of the Tdap on or before the first day of school. Please bring these to Mercedes as soon as possible.

Sports Camp Sign-Ups

August 25-28 are early release days for grades 1-4, so that teachers can fully assess each child at the beginning of the school year. During this time we are offering a free sports camp from 1-2:30pm. Please remember to sign up by [clicking the link](#) on our website.

Middle School Electives

You and your child should be receiving an email explaining the Middle School Elective options and a survey to complete. Please help your child review this information and express their interest in electives so that we can best assign classes. Electives will begin on August 25.

Lunch Menus

In our continued efforts to provide healthy, mostly made from scratch, meals for students, you will notice the addition of a salad bar to our August/September menu that you will see on our website and via email by the end of the week. Country Garden Catering will be working with SYVCS to provide snacks and lunches made fresh daily in our kitchen. Please look for the lunch menu this week and turn them in by Friday, August 22.

Facilities

As you return to campus, you will notice many additions to our campus, most notably the new field! You will also notice that Middle School students now have a place to hang their backpacks, and I invite you come and visit our updated music room! When you see Brian on campus, please extend your thanks for his work to get our campus cleaned up, repaired, and ready for school.

Over the next few months, you will be hearing more about planned facilities updates at SYVCS, College Elementary, and Santa Ynez Valley Elementary School campuses. The district has placed a bond measure, Measure Y, on the November ballot, which seeks to secure funding to improve facilities district-wide focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. The facilities updates are planned over several years and would provide SYVCS with a dedicated multi-purpose/performing arts space as well as an engineering lab. Measure Y will further enhance our ability to deliver high-quality educational programs at SYVCS by providing expanded facilities for our student and families to continue to learn through science, technology, engineering, mathematics music, art and the garden.

-Mr. Mark Palmerston

Important Dates

August 21: First Day of School!
Kindergarten Early Release 11am
Grades 1-8 Early Release 1pm
August 26: MS Back-to-School Night 5:30-6:30pm
August 28: Elementary Back-to-School Night 5:30-6:30pm
September 1: Labor Day-No School

Reminders

Attendance-Daily attendance is critical to the academic success of each student. If your child is absent, please call the office to report the absence.
Lunch Boxes-Please remember to label your child's lunch boxes

Visitor Sign-In

All visitors on campus, including parent volunteers, need to check-in and check-out of the office. Please see Mercedes when you arrive on campus as a visitor.
