

Tuesday Folder

August 29, 2017

Character Counts

Responsibility

This week we started many of our buddy activities, including reading buddies for many classes. Through regular and consistent, academically focused activities, across grade levels, we work really hard to build strong connections (both academically and social-emotionally) between students. This is one step we take to strengthen our community. Ask your child about their buddy activities.

Back to School Night: K-4 Back-to-School is tonight Tuesday, August 29 at 5:30pm. Please note this is a parent only event. Please join us to get to know your child(ren)'s new teachers and to be updated on what's ahead for the year.

Picture Day: Picture Day today was great...we had a drone join us to take a whole school picture, followed by class and individuals photos! If you haven't turned your order form in, please drop it by the office.

PTSO: First PTSO Meeting of the year is this Thursday, August 31 at 8:15am. Please join us to kick off another great year of PTSO activities!

Canvas: 5th-8th grade parents, if you are in need of additional help getting logged on to Canvas and/or navigating courses, please drop by my office, Friday morning after the flag salute or next Tuesday and Wednesday at 2:30pm. Feel free to send an email or call to schedule a different time as well.

Birthday Grams: Student Council is continuing our tradition of Dragon Birthday Grams. For your child's birthday (or their half birthday for those with summer dates) your child can receive a set of balloons delivered by the Dragon and his/her crew singing the Dragon Birthday Song. Find the order form attached or pick one up in the office today!

Back to School Forms: Please be sure that you have completed and returned your emergency card and household income card to the office, as soon as possible.

Attendance: Please see the attached letter regarding attendance from the District Attorney, Joyce Dudley. Your child's on-time and regular attendance is crucial to their academic success.

GO DRAGONS!

-Mr. Mark Palmerston, Ed.D.

Important Dates

August 29: Picture Day

August 29: 5:30pm Back to School Night (K-4)

August 31: 8:15am First PTSO Meeting

September 4: No School-Labor Day

September 11: Kindergarten Dismissal at 1:30pm Begins

September 12: 6-7:30pm Welcome Back to School Family Night!

September 13: 9:15-1:30pm Field Trip-Lotusland (Grade 3)

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the new school year! As you know, providing your child with the opportunity to receive an education is one of the greatest and most significant gifts a parent can give their child. A good education serves as the foundation for a child to grow to become a happy, healthy, and productive adult. Society recognizes this importance and puts safeguards in place to ensure that each and every child benefits fully from their educational opportunities. With that said, I want to share with you some important information regarding those safeguards.

Education Code §48200 requires all children between the ages of 6 and 18 to attend a full-time education program as designated by the governing board of the school district in which the parent or legal guardian resides.

Education Code §48260(a) defines a "truant" as a student who **three times** during the school year either misses more than **30 minutes** of instruction or is absent from school for **three full days without a valid excuse**. Because society recognizes the importance of regular school attendance, Education Code §48205 defines when a student may be validly excused from school.

All parents or legal guardians of school-aged children should know that compulsory education is the law in the State of California, and the law provides that students who are truant may be detained or arrested during school hours. The law also provides that parents of students are responsible for ensuring school attendance and can be held accountable with legal sanctions amounting to an infraction and/or a misdemeanor.

As a grandmother, a mother of four sons, as well as your district attorney, I know that children who do not attend school run the very real risk of either committing crimes or becoming crime victims. Additionally, research has shown that those students who do not graduate from high school will face more challenges in finding meaningful employment and succeeding in several other facets of their life.

Your school is here to help your child become well educated. Truancy can result from many causes and your school district is ready to assist you as a parent in obtaining help from government and community-based organizations to address any issues that may be associated with truancy. With support and encouragement, your child can thrive and will reap the rewards from developing successful organizational skills; engaging in the arts, sports, and sciences; solidifying strong school-oriented friendships; and appreciating the value of academics, hard work, and studying.

The School District and I are committed to keeping the children of Santa Barbara County in school and doing all we can to ensure their individual joy and success. I hope that you have found this information useful, and I wish you and your child a safe and productive school year.

Sincerely,



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Estimado Padre/Guardián,

¡Bienvenido a este nuevo año escolar! Como sabe, proveer a su hijo(a) con la oportunidad de recibir la mejor educación posible es el regalo más grande que un padre puede darle a su hijo(a). Una buena educación es fundamento para el crecimiento saludable y productivo de una persona. La sociedad reconoce la importancia, y pone precauciones para estar seguro que cada niño se beneficie en su totalidad de las oportunidades de una educación. Quiero compartir información importante con respecto a las precauciones que exige la asistencia escolar.

El Código de Educación §48200 requiere que todos los niños entre los 6 y 18 años de edad participen tiempo completo en el programa de educación designado por el consejo educativo del distrito escolar donde los padres o guardianes legales residen.

El Código de Educación §48260(a) define "ausente" como un estudiante que **tres veces** durante el año escolar falta **30 minutos** de instrucción o falta **tres días completos sin una excusa valida**. Porque la sociedad reconoce la importancia de la asistencia regular a la escuela, El Código de Educación §48205 define cuando el estudiante tiene una excusa valida para faltar de la escuela.

Todos los Padres de familia o guardianes legales con hijos(as) de edad escolar deben de saber que la obligación de educación es la ley del Estado de California y la ley estipula detener o arrestar a estudiantes que se encuentran ausentes de la escuela durante horas escolares. La ley también dicta que los padres serán responsables de asegurar que sus hijos(as) asistan a la escuela o las faltas pueden sumar a una infracción o un delito menor cuando el caso se agrava.

Como abuela, madre de cuatro hijos y también como su Fiscal del Condado, yo se que muchas veces los niños que no atienden a la escuela, realmente toman el riesgo de cometer delitos criminales o pueden convertirse victimas de ofensas criminales. Además, investigaciones han demostrado que los estudiantes que no gradúen de la Escuela Secundaria enfrentarían más retos difíciles en encontrar un buen trabajo y en alcanzar éxito en otras partes de su vida.

La Escuela esta aquí para ayudar a sus hijos(as) a mejorar con una buena educación. Las faltas escolares pueden ser el resultado de diferentes causas y su Distrito Escolar esta preparado para asistirlo a obtener ayuda del Gobierno y de las organizaciones de la comunidad para ayudar con problemas asociados con las ausencias escolares de sus hijos(as). Con el apoyo y respaldo, su hijo(a) podrá vencer y obtener los beneficios y desarrollar talentos de organización, compromisos en el arte, deporte y ciencia, solidificando fuertes amistades orientadas en la educación, y apreciar el valor de educación, trabajo arduo y estudio.

El Distrito Escolar y yo estamos comprometidos a mantener los niños del Condado de Santa Barbara en la escuela y hacer todo lo necesario para asegurar éxito y felicidad individual. Ojala encuentre esta información productiva y mis deseos son que usted y su hijos(as) tengan un año escolar productivo.

Sinceramente,

Joyce E. Dudley
Fiscal del Condado

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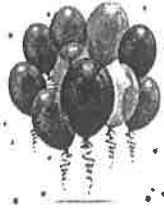
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Birthday Gram

Celebrate your child's birthday with a Birthday Gram! A fun and inexpensive way to celebrate your student's special day at school! The cost is only \$20.00. Your child will receive balloons, and will be sung to at school by the dragon mascot.

Please submit a separate form for each child.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____ Date of Birthday: _____

Additional Instructions:

Forms & Payment must be turned in *NO LATER than 2 weeks prior to Date of Birthday!*

Checks should be made payable to: SYVCS Student Council

Paid: CK# _____ Cash _____

If you have any questions contact: Mercedes at mvalencia@syvcs.org



Does your child have a summer birthday? Many parents will celebrate their child's half birthday or will submit a form for the last week of school. On the announcements, we will announce the actual birth date. Just make a note in the additional instructions.

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AUDITIONS

For

Mystique

*An all-girl a cappella singing performance group.
As seen on Fox 11 news as a Top 3 Finalist in the
Vocalosity a cappella group competition.*

Audition Date: Wednesday, August 30th

Time: 7-8 p.m. by appointment only

Location: St. Mark's-in-the-Valley, Los Olivos

Mystique Director: Heidi Jacobs

www.heidijacobsvoice.com

Mystique's practices are Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. at St. Mark's in-the-Valley. Many styles of music are performed. Tuition is \$90/monthly.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Heidi Jacobs
(805) 448-9659 or heidijacobsvoice@gmail.com

JOIN
The Pixies

*A beginning a cappella group for girls
4th - 6th grade.*

When: Every other Wednesday from
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. beginning September 6th
through May 23rd.

Where: St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Church, in
Los Olivos.

Tuition: \$50/monthly

Registration: Email Heidi Jacobs at
heidijacobsvoice@gmail.com
or call (805) 448-9659.

Group Director: Heidi Jacobs,
www.heidijacobsvoice.com

The deadline to register is Monday, August 28th.