



Weekly Bulletin

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Cycle	Events
11/2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy Monday!
11/3*	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Day (Students Released @ 12:07) Parent Conferences
11/4*	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Day (Students Released @ 12:07) Parent Conferences
11/5*	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Day (Students Released @ 12:07) Parent Conferences
11/6*	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start Day (School Begins at 10:00 a.m.) Parent Conferences
11/9*	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start Day (School Begins at 10:00 a.m.) Parent Conferences
11/10*	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start Day (School Begins at 10:00 a.m.) Parent Conferences
11/11	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Day Holiday-NO SCHOOL
11/12	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
11/13	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

*Block Schedule; see attachment

SVMS News

- Kids everywhere!!!** During the upcoming minimum and late start days, we ask that you remind your children to stay out of local shopping centers and eateries unless accompanied by an adult. Local merchants are not equipped to deal with large crowds of unsupervised children. Thanks for your support!
- CYCLE CALENDAR:** For your planning purposes, we've attached a copy of our Cycle Calendar that shows which cycle will be followed each day for the remainder of the school year.
- Celebrated Chargers:** Click on the following link (http://www.sierravistams.org/mainsite_docs/newsletters/staff%20news.pdf) to find out which SVMS students and staff are in the spotlight this month!



Student-Led Conferences

Fall 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent-teacher-student conferences are scheduled to occur on Nov. 3 - Nov. 10, 2009. These meetings provide an opportunity for each student to evaluate their progress with their advisor and parent. Prior to the conference, each student will work with their advisor to set academic and social goals for this school year. As a result of the discussion at the conference, your student will be given an opportunity to revise their goals if necessary. Students are expected to come prepared to speak about their progress and present preliminary goals. Each student should bring his or her **Charger Planner** and **goal-setting sheet** to their conference. Progress report grades will also be available for each conference.

Depending upon your child's progress report, you may not feel the need to attend this Sierra Vista event. Please understand that this conference time has been specifically designed as an opportunity for you and your child to take a pro-active approach to your student's educational experience for this year; the fifteen to twenty minutes will be well worth your effort to attend! We also understand that you may want to meet with one or more different teachers. Time has been set aside on Nov. 5 and 6 for conferences with teachers other than your child's advisor. Please understand that the teachers' first priority will be to conference with the parents and students whose grades are below a "C" level. If your child is achieving satisfactory grades, the teacher may ask you to conference with him/her at a later time. Please contact specific teachers by phone or email requesting a conference.

The times set aside for Student-Led Conferences are between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on November 3 and 4, and from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on November 9 and 10, 2009.

Conferences will be scheduled by appointment. Your child's advisor will schedule your appointment and send home a confirmation notice.

Remember that your student must attend the conference with you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn Matassarini

Principal

PTSA News

- **DADS NEEDED** - We are looking for a few good men! It's finally happening! Sierra Vista is looking for Dad's to be part of our CHARGER DAD group. Thanks to Brywood Elementary School for setting such a great example of how dad's can be uniquely involved. We understand you work, your time is limited but that many of you still want to feel connected. More importantly....we'd love and need your support!! As this group comes together you will be hearing more. Please look for more information regarding upcoming events in future bulletins. For more information - or to become a member of "SV Charger Dad's" please email Lawrence Guzzetta - guzzetta@mac.com.
- **Facilities Update Study Session** on 11/10 from 3pm to 5pm. Parents are encouraged to attend.
- **COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Please see the attached flyers regarding upcoming FREE community events/information sessions.

IUSD News

- **UCI Extension Mini Series for G.A.T.E. Parents:** The PowerPoint presented at the meeting, *The Gifted Child*, is available under *Power Point Presentations* on our GATE web site at http://www.iusd.org/parent_resources/gate/. Look for CAG (California Association for the Gifted) [The gifted child \(characteristics, needs, advocacy\)](#).
- **GATE CAC MTG. :** Attached are notes from the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting held October 27th at the District Office.
- **IUSD Today:** See what's happening around the Irvine Unified School District in the latest edition of IUSD Today (available online @ http://www.iusd.org/district_news_information/IUSDToday.html)
- **Board Briefs:** Find out what has transpired at recent IUSD Board of Education meetings by reading Board Briefs (available online @ http://www.iusd.org/district_news_information/BoardBriefs.html)

Community News

- This just in.....Irvine is *still* a great place to live! More details to follow...