

Message from the Principal

Greetings SVAE Family,

Last week we eased into the school year, but this week we opened up the throttle. Sunday will be an informative and fun open house! There will be informative classroom meetings with snacks and activities after. There will be a competitive campus scavenger hunt followed by a balloon toss. Then the older students are looking forward to a friendly game of flag football with parents. While the younger students will play different variations of tag and dodgeball. Looking forward to seeing you here on Sunday.

Blessings,

Mr. Hammond

School Open House/School Day –

This Sunday, August 25th from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. is our annual School Open House/School Day. It does count as a school day and attendance will be taken. There will be parent meetings in the classrooms so that you can know what is happening. Parents are asked to stay and participate in the school scavenger hunt. Snacks will be provided after the scavenger hunt. There will be water stations set up.

Please bring your own water bottle to refill.

Homework Expectations: Each evening you should expect to have an average of 10 minutes of homework for each grade level. For example, a fifth grader would multiple 10 by 5 because this is the grade they are in, equaling 50 minutes of homework each evening. A second grader could expect 20 minutes of homework while an 8th grader would expect about 80 minutes. If your child is consistently spending considerably more time than this doing homework, we would ask that you inform the homeroom teacher.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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| August 25 | SVAE Open House 1pm-5pm |
| August 27 | Pool Day everyone is leaving at 11 a.m. |
| September 2 | Labor Day/No School |
| September 5-6 | 7 th & 8 th Grade Spiritual Retreat |
| September 9-27 | MAPS Testing |
| September 11-13 | 5 th & 6 th Grade Outdoor Education |
| September 17 | School Picture Day |
| September 16-20 | Week of Worship |
| September 25 | Picture re-take day |
| September 25 | See you at the Flag pole 8 a.m. |
| October 7-8 | No School/Pastor/Teacher Convention |
| October 13 | SVAE Golf Tournament |
| October 18 | End of 1 st Quarter |
| October 20-21 | SVA Academy Days |
| October 21-25 | Red Ribbon Week |
| October 25 | 5 th -8 th Community Service bag drop off |
| October 30 | No School: Parent/Teacher Conference |

SVAE Grading System (3rd-8th)

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| A | 92.50-100% |
| A- | 89.50-92.49% |
| B+ | 87.50-89.49% |
| B | 82.50-87.49% |
| B- | 79.50-82.49% |
| C+ | 77.50-79.49% |
| C | 72.50-77.49% |
| C- | 69.50-72.49% |
| D+ | 67.50-69.49% |
| D | 62.50-67.49% |
| D- | 59.50-62.49% |
| F | 0-59.49% |
| I | Incomplete |

Home Habits: The staff at SVAE does everything we can to uphold and support the home. We want to communicate with you concerning your child and we encourage your involvement in the school program in whatever way is possible for your family. The following suggestions may help your child do their best in school each day:

- Provide a loving, caring, peaceful, and forgiving home atmosphere. "By beholding we become changed..."
- Make sure that your child has eaten an adequate breakfast each morning before coming to school.
- Limit reading materials, television, music, and DVD programming to

selections that encourage positive Christian values.

- Make sure your child gets sufficient sleep, relaxation, and recreation.
- Have a definite time and quiet location where your child can do homework undisturbed.

All registration forms, including signed financial contracts, need to be turned in to the office in order for your child's registration to be complete. All forms are available on the school's website (www.svaelementary.org).

Practice Schedule:

Bell Ensemble 8/26-8/31
Thursday- 3:30-4:30

Supporting School and Teachers:

Please do not criticize the school or teachers in front of your child. The principles of Matthew 18 are the rule of action in addressing classroom concerns. If you have a classroom concern, discuss the matter with your child's teacher. Our teachers appreciate your input. If, after talking with the teacher, you are still concerned, talk to the principal. He will be happy to mediate the problem if you have first talked to the child's teacher. The relationship between the parent and school is essential to the success of the child in all aspects of the school experience. The school recognizes that failure to maintain a positive working relationship between the parent and the school will have a negative effect on the child.

Help our school with the following rewards programs:

Box Tops for Education

Use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10 cents for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online

Piano Lessons at SVAE: If your child would like to learn to play the piano after school, please contact the office or Gerald White, at 335-8220. There will be time slots for four students each on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, starting at 3:30. Bells students will have preference for Wednesdays, and those with difficult schedules will be accommodated as necessary. Let Gerald or Adrienne know of your interest **now**, so we can begin on Aug. 29. Thanks! (Piano skills are nearly a prerequisite for playing bells- or most instruments.)

Student Appearance: Parents, please review the policies in the handbook ("Responsibilities of Students" section) regarding hair, usage of jewelry/make-up/nail polish, and dress standards, as well as the consequences for non-compliance. For example, shorts and skirts should not be shorter than four inches above the knee. **Sweat pants and athletic shorts are not permitted during the academic day. Pull-over hooded sweat shirts are not permitted.** Your child's collar must be visible during class time. For your convenience, the handbook and dress code information sheet have been posted on our school website (www.svaelementary.org).

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

August

28-Benjamin Burishkin
30-Myla Weseman

September

2-Connor Harrison
9-Levi Rhoney
10-Amanda Rivera-Diaz
10-Ethan Mihalache
12-Aidyl Cristian
14-Elizabeth Burishkin
14-Clark D'Avilar
17-Summer Turner
22-Kamden Goodwyn
23-Anya D'Avilar
25-Luis Cristian
27-Lala Biaggi
29-Easton Heilman
30-Jony Jovel

October

2-Collin Harrison
6-Conner Lorton
10-Kyland Jedamski
17-Mariah Jenkins
18-Nathan Grimes
25-Annalise Troussard
30-Edgar Argueta Arevalo

Hot Lunch Menu:

8/26-8/30

Monday—Macaroni and cheese

Tuesday— Pack a lunch Water day

Wednesday— Grilled cheese and tomato soup (PFE fundraiser)

Thursday— Domino's pizza, applesauce, salad (8th grade fundraiser)

Friday— No hot lunch 12:00 Dismissal

We are pleased to offer healthy options that will include fresh fruits & vegetables, whole grains and fewer processed foods.

Small=\$4.50 (Available for Pre-K – 2nd)
Large=\$5.50 (Available for Pre-K – Adult)

Lunches need to be prepaid (for the day or the week) in the main office.