



South Valley Preparatory School

“Home of the Aztecs”

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Dear 2019-2020 Aztec Families,

We know that sending your child to South Valley Prep is a choice and we thank you for choosing SVP! We have attached some information for you and your child(ren). Please be sure to look through and read all the information we have provided.

Below you will find some reminders regarding school policies and offerings.

Open House

Please join us for Open House on Thursday, August 8th from 6:00 to 7:30. In addition to the visiting the classrooms, we ask that you check in with the different tables in the cafeteria to get information regarding the following:

- After school clubs including Robotics
- Sports
- Meal Applications
- NAMA Catering
- Nurse – Health information & shot records
- City Community Centers (Herman Sanchez CC and Jack Candelaria CC)
- SVP T-shirt and Sweatshirt sales

2019-2020 Bell Schedule

- Monday through Thursday 7:45 to 3:38
- Friday early release 7:45 to 1:10

Students may arrive as early as 7:00 and must report to the cafeteria. Breakfast is served from 7:15 to 7:45.

Policies / Regulations Reminders:

- **All electronic devices including Cell phones must be TURNED OFF and TURNED IN EVERY SINGLE DAY** otherwise they will not be allowed to be brought to school. The school will not be held liable for phones or other electronic devices.
- Students are required to wear a **collared polo shirt** (any color, **no logos**) or an SVP t-shirt
- **Tennis Shoes must be worn EVERY DAY at all times** (no sandals, high heels, or boots)
- **SOLID COLORED PLAIN Blue, Gray or Black jeans** or Khaki Uniform style pants (no embellishments) that are **NOT torn, faded or sagging. No other colored jeans or patterned jeans or patterned shorts are allowed.**
- **Earrings are the only piercings that are allowed.** Other piercings **must be removed** during the school day.
- **Makeup is NOT allowed.** Please know that the SVP staff debates this rule every single year. Ultimately, this rule remains in place at SVP is due to the amount instructional time that is lost when students spend extended amounts of time in the bathrooms fixing and checking their make-up. In

addition, over the years we have had to repair sinks that break off the walls because students are sitting on the sinks trying to get closer to the mirrors to fix or put on make-up.

- **Fridays are dress down** – students are can dress down including wearing make-up. However, we ask that they still wear tennis shoes and they be aware of the Farm and Westside schedule on Fridays.

Farm & Westside Community Center Fridays

Each grade level is transported on Friday's to Westside Community Center and Sanchez Farm on a rotating schedule. The students have PE at Westside or they go to the Wisdom Garden on Sanchez Farm to work with our FoodCorp Volunteer, our Social Worker and other SVP staff in collaboration with La Plazita Institute. Hands on activities at the farm include organic farming techniques, health and wellness, historical and cultural traditions, water and food justice, physical activity and social and emotional learning opportunities.

Lunch

This year we have to re-establish our Free and Reduced percentage as a Provision 2 school. This means we will continue to provide free breakfast, lunch and dinner to *every student* regardless of your household income. ***However, in order to continue to do this, we are required to collect a free and reduced meal application from every household.*** You should have already received your application either through the mail or email, or both. We have to have this application completed, signed and returned to the school before school begins! Please be sure to send in your completed and signed application ASAP!

SV Prep will continue to uphold its mission to provide healthy and fresh food to all kids. We make every effort to educate our student on healthier eating and healthier life styles. This year we have contracted with NAMA Catering for all of our meals. NAMA Catering offers homemade, fresh, some organic, non-processed meals. If you have any questions regarding the meals, please see Jamie Vachio and her staff, they will be here for the Open House.

This commitment applies to food brought from home as well. We require that meals brought from home be healthy. We **DO NOT** allow Ramen Noodles, Hot Cheetos, Takis, sodas, candy, or any type of energy drinks on campus. SV Prep provides a snack bar where students can purchase healthy snacks. We have a microwave for student use but encourage you to have your students eat the FREE, healthy meals provided by NAMA. The August menu will be posted on the website soon!

Pick up / Drop off

Please be sure to pick-up and drop-off your child in the designated drop-off and pick up area in the lot next door. This is the **ONLY** designated drop-off and pick-up area.

Please, Please, Please

- **DO NOT PARK IN THE STREET TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD.**
- **DO NOT PARK IN SVP'S PARKING LOT TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD**
- **DO NOT PARK IN THE SURROUNDING PARKING LOTS TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD**

YOU MUST USE THE LOT TO PICK UP AND DROP OFF! This has been a very big issue with the surrounding companies that use this street. When cars are parked on both sides of Karsten, it blocks access to other companies and creates a safety issue!

Please consider picking up your child later. SVP serves free dinner from 3:40 to 4:00. This will help with the amount of traffic right after school!

After School Programs Monday through Thursday:

After school programming will begin on the first day of school however, it will be limited to homework club with some outside recreation time until the clubs begin.

- After school dinner is provided and open recreation from 3:38 to 4:00
- After school clubs 4:00 to 5:00
- Homework / Tutoring help 5:00– 5:30
- Pick up is NO LATER than 5:30

Until we secure additional grant money, there will be no after school programs on Fridays at SVP.

Other after school options

We will have people at the Open House from the surrounding City Community Centers to provide you information regarding additional after school options.

Sports Opportunities

Information regarding sports will be available at open house and thereafter through our Athletic Director. Please know that your child must have current physical and medical coverage in order to play sports.

- Fall sports include Cross Country running and Co-ed Flag Football
- Winter sports will include Boys and Girls Basketball and Girls Volleyball
- Spring Sports will include Co-ed Soccer and Track and Field

All sports are played through the Albuquerque Charter School League. Each team registration costs an average of \$400. We ask that you and your child participate in all fundraising activities that the school puts on. These fundraisers support many things including sports.

A high level of sportsmanship is both expected and required by both SVP players and SVP parents and families. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and may result players being removed from teams and or parents being banned from attending any sporting events. We must uphold a level of respect as competitors that sets a positive example.

Warm Regards,
Charlotte Alderete-Trujillo
Executive Director
South Valley Preparatory School

P.S.

School Supply list is attached and available for download on our website