

S-V Happenings

Serving all grades of the Sesser-Valier School

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Parent Survey: The Illinois 5Essential Survey is a tool to provide schools with data concerning the school. Please use the link <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> to complete the survey. You can also access the link from our school website. The survey will close on January 31, 2018.

Morning Student Drop-off

Since safety is a top priority for ALL students, please keep in mind the following policies for dropping off children in the parking lot:

- students need to be ready to exit the car quickly
- if you need to spend a few minutes with your child, please pull into a parking space
- if someone else is stopped to let out his/her child(ren), do not go around the left side of the car because someone might be getting out on this side
- after your child has gotten out of the vehicle, please move along so others can unload; if you feel the need to watch your child walk to the school doors, please pull into a parking spot, so the rest of the traffic can keep moving

We know that you care as much about student safety as we do so we thank you for your help in this matter.

2017 Sesser-Valier Holiday Tournament

A special “thank you” goes out to all of the local people who volunteered during the 2017 Sesser-Valier Holiday Tournament. Because of the sacrifices that the volunteers made, the tournament was again a big success. We received many compliments from those who attended the tournament from outside our community. Most visitors recognize the amount of work involved in hosting an event such as this, and they express their appreciation for the efforts of so many local people. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

Attending Evening Activities

During evening activities (such as basketball games, volleyball games, etc.), please remember the following:

- Outside food and drinks should not be brought into the school building. Anyone bringing items into the building will be asked to dispose of them properly
- When attending a game, individuals will not be allowed to walk under the bleachers to move from one side of the gym to the other. Each of these issues is for the safety of those attending the event
- Fans are also asked to refrain from entering or exiting the gym while play is in progress. This will eliminate movement that could disrupt the basketball game while it is in progress. Fans are asked to only enter and exit the gym during a time out, during half time, and between quarters.

- The use of tobacco products is prohibited on school property. This includes the use of chewing tobacco in the building.

Visiting the School: Please remember, if you (parent, grandparent, etc.) visit the school during the school day, you must sign in at the office. If you need to speak with a teacher, you will need to have an appointment with the teacher. Either call the teacher and leave a message or e-mail the teacher for an appointment. This is for the safety of everyone (both the visitor and the students). If you have any questions, please contact the office.

In the Case of the event of a School Closing: For school closing information, please check one of the following media sources:

Television stations: WSIL TV 3, KFVS Channel 12, or WPSD TV 6

Radio Stations: WMIX (94.1), WDDD (107.3), WTAO (105.1), WCIL (101.5), or Z100 (99.9)
If you call the school (625-5105), after you hear the school's greeting, press "6" for updated information on school closings.

S-V Remind: If you are interested in signing up for the district wide text message service that announces school closings, please visit the website at sv196.org and scroll to the bottom of the page for the link.

State Testing for Grades 3 – 8 – The State of Illinois will be participating in the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness of College and Careers). This testing will be completed during a testing window that begins on Monday, March 5, 2018. This test will be given to all students in grades 3 - 8. Also, students in grades 5, 8, and high school biology will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment starting Thursday, March 1st. As this time draws closer, please remember to avoid making appointments or planning family trips during this period of time, since all students are required to take the test. If you have questions about the testing dates, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, January 12 - 11:50 AM dismissal

Monday, January 15 - No School; Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

Friday, February 2 - Progress reports will be issued

Friday, February 16 - 11:50 AM dismissal

Monday, February 19 – No School; President's Day