

S-V Happenings

Serving all grades of the Sesser-Valier School

Friday, January 26, 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.

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.

School Dance Dress Code: The length of dresses and shorts at all Sesser-Valier High School dances must be below the fingertips. If a dress is determined to be inappropriate by the school administration and dance chaperones, then a sweater, scarf, or other article of clothing may be required to "cover up". For the 2018 Sesser-Valier High School Prom, strapless dresses must not be worn by students who are selected for the Court, or by students and approved guests who attend the dance.

State Testing for Grade 3 – 8 and High School: 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. The SAT will also be given to all students in grade 11. This is mandatory for graduation. The SAT will be administered on April 10, 2018. 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.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: In the 2017-2018 school year, Sesser-Valier High School is offering College Board Advanced Placement (AP) courses that provide students with opportunities to gain college credits accepted by most colleges and universities across the nation. Students who enroll in AP courses are encouraged to take AP exams. Colleges and universities require varying exam scores to receive college credits for courses. The fees for the exams are the responsibility of the students. Exam fees are determined by the College Board. Students currently enrolled in AP courses will be given a payment sheet with calendar deadlines. The sheets must be returned with the indicated payment before the deadlines. If you

would like more information regarding AP courses and exams, you can contact the high school office, visit <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap/what-it-takes>, or visit <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap/the-ap-experience>.

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.

Miles of Smiles, Ltd. – Miles of Smiles, a mobile dental unit, is providing preventive dental services at our school to eligible students in all grades. Services may include exam, cleaning, fluoride varnish, and sealants if needed. This service satisfies the dental requirement mandated by the State of Illinois for school children (Kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th). Miles of Smiles is scheduled to be at S-V on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Consent forms will be mailed in the upcoming days.

Cell Phone Usage: The school, in cooperation with the S-V PTO, asks that you do not use your cell phone while driving on school property. This is a matter that concerns the safety of all students at our school. Also, take note that there are "No Cell Phone Usage" signs on Highway 154 in front of the school as well. This is a state law for no cell phone usage in a school zone. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, February 2 - Progress reports will be issued

Friday, February 16 - 11:50 AM Dismissal

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

Wednesday, February 21- Miles of Smiles

Thursday, March 1 - Testing window opens for Grades 5, 8, and HS Biology to begin taking ISA (IL State Science Assessment)

Monday, March 5- Testing window opens for Grades 3 - 8 to begin taking PARCC(IL State Assessment)

Tuesday, April 10 – SAT test for all 11th grade students