



# November Newsletter

## SVCS Elementary Office

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Attendance is extremely important to your child's academic success. To fully benefit from all school has to offer and the great learning happening, children need to come to school and arrive on time.

Missing just 2 days each month adds up to 20 days a year which is considered chronically absent regardless of the reason by New York State. Even just being late 10 minutes a day can quickly add up to significant time lost. For example, when a student is 10 minutes late 2 days a week that equates to 80 minutes of lost instruction a month. More importantly - we miss your children when they are not here! Please encourage consistent attendance to create good habits throughout the entire school experience.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE THE BEST TIME TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER THE FIRST TEN WEEKS OF SCHOOL AND ANY CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE AT THIS TIME. CONFERENCES WILL BE IN PERSON. REPORT CARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT CONFERENCES ALONG WITH STATE TESTING RESULTS. IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP FOR A PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE TIME YET, PLEASE SIGN UP THROUGH PARENTSQUARE OR REACH OUT TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER DIRECTLY.

### COMING SOON

November 8  
Veterans Breakfast

November 10  
Veterans Day-No School

November 10-11  
School Musical- Beauty and the Beast

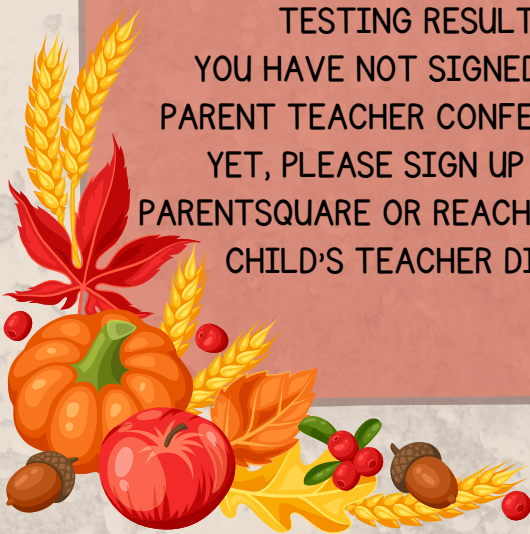
November 14  
Board of Education Meeting

November 17  
Character Ed Assembly

November 18  
PTSO Holiday Bazaar

November 20 & 21  
Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 dismissal

November 22-24  
Thanksgiving Break





# Better Together

Work together to reach a goal.

*This month we're challenging students to work together toward a common goal and shared purpose. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop teamwork in your child.** We can do this by modeling gratefulness, acknowledging positive moments, and affirming each other. Use this month's activities to practice working together and celebrate your family as a team.*



## 1 ENGAGE: Grateful for you

I am grateful for you! Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member all month. What you give attention to grows! On a sticky note or small piece of paper, write one thing you appreciate each day about your child and post it on their bedroom door. Doing this will plant seeds in their heads and hearts to help them see good things about themselves.



## 2 EMPOWER: Walk in My Shoes

Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member. Have every family member trace one of their shoes, then trade drawings and write three words you admire about that family member on their "shoe." Discuss how each family member brings something great to your family team.



## 3 EXCEL: Pay it Forward

When someone does something nice for you, do something nice for someone else. Doing this is a wonderful way to continue the cycle of gratitude. "Paying it forward" is a way of showing love and kindness to others. It could be something as simple as holding the door open for someone or buying coffee for a stranger. Once a week, share as a family one time you "paid it forward" during the week.

## Conversation Starters

♥ What is the best affirmation or compliment someone has ever given you?

♥ What are some things we are lucky to have but sometimes find ourselves complaining about?

♥ What is your favorite family memory?