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Davis School for Independent Study

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CURRENT 6TH – 11TH GRADERS - SCHEDULING FOR CLASSES FOR THE 2010/11 SCHOOL YEAR

Program planning for the next school year will begin in March. More details will be coming out soon!

STAR WRITING TEST FOR GRADE 7 – TUESDAY MARCH 2ND

All public school districts in California are mandated to participate each spring in the California Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program that assesses all students in grades 2 – 11. Students in grade 7 will be given the Writing Test on Tuesday, March 2nd with the make up being on March 3rd. A letter is being sent to 7th graders with more specific details.

CURRENT 11TH GRADERS – EAP (EARLY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM) TESTING

On Wednesday, March 3rd, at 8:30 a.m., DSIS 11th graders will have the opportunity to take the writing portion of the EAP test. A letter is being sent with more details about this test. If you have any questions, please contact me at 757-5333, ext. 170.

SAT AND ACT SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING

Now is the time for Juniors to register for the SAT or ACT!

Test	Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
SAT 1 & 2	May 1 June 5	March 25 April 29	March 26 – April 8 April 30 – May 13
ACT	April 10 June 12	March 5 May 7	March 6 - 19 May 8 -21

You can register on-line at www.collegeboard.com (for SAT) and www.actstudent.org (for ACT). If you have questions, please contact me at 757-5333, ext. 170 or mpaulson@djsd.k12.ca.us

COLLEGE AND CAREER TECHNICAL INFORMATION NIGHT FOR CURRENT JUNIORS AND THEIR PARENTS

Please plan to attend this informative evening on Thursday, March 25th, from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. The evening will begin in the Brunelle Theater at DSHS and continue in classrooms for breakout sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about post secondary options including career and technical information. Don't miss it!

LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES AT DSHS

The last day to drop classes at DSHS without academic penalty, is Friday, March 26th. If you are earning a D or F in a class and do not want it on your transcript, you must contact me, to request that the class be dropped.

ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH

Students have the opportunity to take tests to determine eligibility for the Academic Talent Search Program at California State University, Sacramento. The program provides academically challenging, fast-paced courses to highly able and motivated fourth through ninth grade students in the greater Sacramento area. The cost for each class is approximately \$235. There is financial aid available. Registration forms are available at the District Office, the ATS Office at (916) 278-7032 or ats@csus.edu. Contact me regarding the testing schedule. For more information on the Academic Talent Search program, visit <http://edweb.csus.edu/Projects/ats>.

COLLEGE – MAKING IT HAPPEN – 16th ANNUAL COLLEGE INFORMATION DAY

This event, intended primarily for 6th through 10th grade students and their parents, is designed to convey the importance of early academic preparation and to inform families that a college education is still both affordable and attainable. The program includes motivational sessions, practical hands-on workshops, career exploration, campus tours and information sessions on preparing academically and financially for college. The event will be held from 8:30 to noon at Sacramento State University, Union Ballroom. Pre-registration is highly recommended. Register on line at www.csus.edu/cmih or call (916)278-5610. The program is free and open to the public.

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY EXAM (CHSPE)

The CHSPE is an examination, which assesses a student's proficiency in the basic reading, writing and mathematics skills taught in the public high schools. If a student passes the examination, the California State Board of Education will award a Certificate of Proficiency, which by state law is equivalent to a high school diploma (although not equivalent to completing all coursework required for regular graduation from high school). The test is being offered on Saturday, March 20th, 2010. The regular registration deadline is past. The late Registration deadline is March 5th and costs \$120. The emergency registration deadline is March 16th and costs \$145. For more information or to register on line, visit the website at <http://www.chspe.net/registration/bulletin>.