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Davis School for Independent Study

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CURRENT 6TH – 11TH GRADERS - SCHEDULING FOR CLASSES FOR THE 2011/12 SCHOOL YEAR

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

AP/HONORS AND ROP INFORMATION MEETING

Parents and students (incoming 10th – 12th) are invited to a special program explaining AP/honors and ROP classes on February 16 (Wednesday) from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the North Gym at DSHS.

PARENT PROJECT (for parents of secondary students)

Sign up now if you are interested in this 10 week series. Topics include communication with your children, discipline, improving school attendance and performance, preventing and intervening in alcohol and other drug use, community resources. This is a great opportunity for support for the tough job of parenting. Cost is \$50. Facilitators: Jennifer McNeil, DJUSD and Trease Petersen, Davis PD. Call Trease Peterson to register or for more information, 747-5432. Meetings will be on Tuesdays from 6 – 9 p.m. beginning Tuesday, March 1.

STAR WRITING TEST FOR GRADES 4 and 7 – TUESDAY MARCH 1ST

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 grades 4 and 7 will be given the Writing Test on Tuesday, March 1st with the make up being on March 2nd. A letter has been sent to 4th and 7th graders with more specific details.

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

On Friday, March 5th, 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	March 12	past	Feb 25
	May 7	April 8	April 22
	June 4	April 22	May 20
ACT	April 9	March 4	March 5-18
	June 11	May 6	May 7 - 20

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@djusd.k12.ca.us

LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES AT DSHS

The last day to drop classes at DSHS without academic penalty, is Friday, March 25th. 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.

COLLEGE – MAKING IT HAPPEN – 17th ANNUAL COLLEGE INFORMATION DAY

This event, intended primarily for 6th through 9th 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. Register now 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 19th. The regular registration deadline is Feb 18th (receipt date) and costs \$110. The late Registration deadline is March 4th (receipt date) and costs \$135. The emergency registration deadline is March 15th (receipt date) and costs \$160. For more information or to register on line, visit the website at <http://www.chspe.net>.