

PRINCIPALS' UPDATE

March 04, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **No School March 4th-March 7th**
- **March 10 8:15 – 9:15am - Community Support Committee Meeting - Character Center**
 - Please note, committee meetings are events that three or more Board members may be attending. Posting this notice satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Sunshine Law.
- **March 10th PTO Meeting 5:00pm**
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)



Talent Show

The TPCA talent show is back and open to students of all ages!

- Auditions are on March 10th from 3:15-5:00
- Guidelines will be posted along with the audition sign up sheet outside the Commons for all students.
- The talent show itself will be taking place on Thursday March 31st at 6pm in the TPCA Commons.
- We are looking for all types of acts and all ages of performers so come show us your talent.
- Please contact Mrs. Mahoney (Elementary) (mahoney_catherine@svvsd.org) or Ms. Miller (Secondary) (miller_chelsea@svvsd.org) with any questions.

March 2022 Board Election Candidates

[DAVID JARVIS](#)
[DEVON NOTEBOOM](#)
[JOSE RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ](#)
[MATT RICHARDSON](#)
[MATTHEW MENZA](#)
[MORIAH SULLIVAN](#)



March 16 & 17 - Board Election Days

- Ballots and Ballot Boxes in the Elementary and Secondary Lobbies, 7:30 AM until 3:30 PM.
- Voting after 3:30 PM in the Elementary Lobby only until 7:00 PM

FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Innovation Academy

Traits of an Innovator:

INTERDEPENDENT. RISK-TAKER. THINKER. CURIOUS. PERSISTENT. CREATIVE.

Innovation Academy is an exciting summer program, taught by St. Vrain Valley School District educators with a background in STEM and design thinking. They are supported by a group of highly motivated Innovation Center PTECH students. Innovation Academy fosters a foundation of critical thinking through inquiry-based learning and uses the design-thinking process to create a community of learners who will

think globally and collaboratively to develop innovative approaches to problem-solving. Do the characteristics above describe your child? If so, this is the program you've been looking for! Registration opens in early March! Check out [this link](#) to access the IA website for more information about IA.

Drive Line

With less snow and ice this week, drop off and pick up have run a bit more smoothly. A couple of friendly reminders:

- North side: please pull up past the first crosswalk and then let your children out of the car.
- West side: please do not drop students off in the left lane as it is very unsafe for students to be crossing traffic lanes.

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Course Selections

- Over the past two weeks each student has had the opportunity to choose their electives for next year. They have also chosen alternates in case their first choice options are not available.

If you would like to see, or help revise, your student's choices, please login to their Infinite Campus account. Once you are in, click "more" on the bottom of the menu screen. Then click "Course Registration". From here, you can click through to see each of their class choices.

Schedules for next year will be sent out to families in May and will then be available in IC to access at your leisure.

Tardies

- You may have heard from your students about "Hall Sweeps". In an attempt to cut down on tardies, we are "sweeping" the halls directly after the bell and having students who did not make it to class on time call home. We have seen a dramatic improvement in just a few days and are proud of the hustle students are beginning to show.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Scheduling for 8th-11th grade students

This year, Twin Peaks has begun using My Academic Plan (MyAP) to help high school students identify the elective courses that interest them and help meet their goals. Over the past few weeks, students have been using MyAP to make their course requests for the next school year.

Now, students are ready to review their plans with their family. To see your student's Academic Plan, ask them to log into Infinite Campus. (This is best done on a larger screen, such as a laptop.) On the left hand side, click down to Academic Plan. Click "Next" on the question about post-graduation plans, and you will be brought to a page resembling the screen below.

The screenshot displays the My Academic Plan (MyAP) interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Today, Calendar, Grades, Attendance, Schedule, Academic Plan (selected), Documents, Message Center, and More. The main content area shows the student's academic plan for the next year. At the top, there are tabs for 'Academic Plan' and 'Course Plan Report', along with a 'Save' button and a search bar. Below this, the student's program is listed as 'Grad Plan (Graduation)' with a counselor 'Counselor: Mariou'. A note indicates 'Approved by parent/legal guardian'. An alert states: 'ALERT: Insufficient Academic Program participation: Tech CTE Req'. The plan is organized by grade, showing 'Grade: 09 12.0 / 12.0', 'Grade: 10 13.0 / 12.0', 'Grade: 11 10.5 / 12.0', and 'Grade: 12 9.0 / 10.0'. Under 'English (7.0 / 8.0)', there are four course selection boxes for grades 10, 11, and 12, each showing a 2.0 / 2.0 credit status. Under 'Mathematics (6.0 / 6.0)', there are four course selection boxes for grades 10, 11, and 12, each showing a 2.0 / 2.0 credit status. An alert at the bottom states: 'ALERT: Not enough credits selected in English to meet the minimum plan requirements.' The bottom of the screen shows a '1.0 credit overflow to Elective'.

Here, students will be able to show you the classes they have requested for next school year. Eight units is the maximum a student can take in a year. It is important to have alternate classes also in case the requested classes do not fit in your student's schedule this year. For more information about graduation requirements and classes offered, please use our [course catalog](#) and contact Ms. Cook with questions.

Some of the elective classes offered next school year include Business Economics, Advanced Music Theory, Astronomy, and Programming. The AP classes offered next year include AP Human Geography, AP Chemistry, AP European History, AP Literature, and AP Language.

One of the best things about MyAP is that it allows students to make a long-term plan over all of high school (and to change the plan as needed). If you like, you can help your student make plans for upcoming years. Students will also meet with Ms. Cook to make sure they are taking the classes that they will need to graduate and to achieve their post-graduation goals.

Please note that classes from other schools do not always appear in MyAP, but they can still contribute to fulfilling graduation requirements. If your student has transferred from another school or taken classes elsewhere, you may check with Ms. Cook about how those classes impact your student's academic plan.

If you would like to make changes to your student's requests for the 2022-2023 school year, you can ask your student to write out a request and deliver it to the secondary office, or you can email Ms. Cook at cook_rachel@svvsd.org. Schedules for next school year will be sent out to families in May and available on Infinite Campus at your convenience.

Please complete all schedule request changes by **March 18**.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Winter Sports Banquet and Awards

- Our Winter Sports Banquet is coming up on Tuesday, March 8th at 6PM in our High School Cafetorium. All boys and girls JV and Varsity basketball players and their families are invited to attend. Please RSVP and sign up for one or two items on the link below to help us out with food and drinks for the banquet. We are having enchiladas along with a variety of sides and toppings.
- If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Anglund at anglund_tammy@svvsd.org.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAFAF2FA6FEC25-2022>