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What's Happening Parents' Edition

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 10th: Student Support for students in Thursday/Friday cohort
Thursday, February 11th: Student Support for students in Tuesday/Wednesday cohort
Friday, February 12th: Professional Development NO SCHOOL
Monday, February 15th: Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL
Thursday, February 25th: Little Known Secrets of Paying for College 6:00 - 7:15 pm

A Note from Kirk

Dear New Vista Families-

It's hard to believe that we're almost halfway through the third quarter. Progress reports will be posted next Thursday. Please take some time next week to review grades with your kids. There's still plenty of time to change a grade.

It's been so good having students back at school. Teachers are saying that two days has allowed classes to gain a little momentum and continuity. I've been spending a lot of time in our classes and seeing kids working together, presenting projects, and connecting with each other has really been inspiring.

As you may have heard, the school board has allowed schools to invite targeted students to come to schools on Mondays for extra academic support and to access counselors. After talking this over with our team, and with our area superintendent, we'll be doing things a little differently. We will be providing additional support on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students in our Thursday/Friday cohort can come to school on Wednesday, and students in our Tuesday/Wednesday cohort can come to school on Thursday.

We will have our gym set up to accommodate this group. It will be a time to focus on their classes, and access social/emotional support by visiting the Center. During Asynchronous time students may work on classes, play ping pong, take breaks in the gym, or play other games and socialize with each other while respecting that others might be working on class assignments. Students will need to wear their masks and practice social distancing at all times. Students attending the Support days will enter through the girls' locker room door, on

the ramp by the lower parking lot, be checked for COVID screening form completion, and remain in the gym for the day. Breakfast and lunch will be brought to students in the gym and provided free of charge.

The support sessions will begin at 9 am, and we will have supervision through the end of the school day; 3:00 for most students, 4:00 for anyone who has a PM3.

Currently we're focusing on students who need additional support academically, and inviting, via email, students with low grades and/or attendance. We highly encourage you to talk with your students about attending these sessions if they are invited. Our Wednesday group is already full. For Thursdays, we have space. *You can RSVP for the Thursday support time using this form.*

Thank you again for your support and understanding as we make our way through the school year. As a reminder, there is no school next Friday, February 12th, or Monday, February 15th. Enjoy the long weekend, and be well.

Sincerely, Kirk

Estimadas familias de New Vista:

Es difícil creer que estamos casi a la mitad del tercer trimestre. Los reportes de progreso se publicarán el próximo jueves. Tómese un tiempo la semana que viene para revisar las calificaciones con sus hijos. Todavía hay mucho tiempo para cambiar una calificación. Ha sido muy bueno tener estudiantes de regreso a la escuela. Los maestros dicen que dos días han permitido que las clases ganen un poco de impulso y continuidad. He pasado mucho tiempo en nuestras clases y ver a los estudiantes trabajar juntos, presentar proyectos y conectarse entre sí ha sido realmente inspirador.

Como habrá escuchado, la junta escolar ha permitido que las escuelas inviten a los estudiantes seleccionados a venir a las escuelas los lunes para obtener apoyo académico adicional y acceder a consejeros. Después de hablar de esto con nuestro equipo y con nuestro superintendente de área, haremos las cosas de manera un poco diferente aquí en NV.

Brindaremos apoyo adicional los miércoles y jueves. Los estudiantes de nuestro grupo de jueves / viernes pueden venir a la escuela también el miércoles, y los estudiantes de nuestro grupo de martes / miércoles pueden venir a la escuela también el jueves.

Tendremos nuestro gimnasio preparado para acomodar a este grupo. Será un momento para concentrarse en sus clases y acceder al apoyo social / emocional visitando el Centro. Durante el tiempo asincrónico, los estudiantes pueden trabajar en las clases, jugar ping pong, tomar descansos en el gimnasio o jugar otros juegos y socializar entre ellos mientras respetan que otros puedan estar trabajando en la tarea de la clase. Los estudiantes deberán usar sus mascarillas y practicar el distanciamiento social en todo momento. El desayuno y el almuerzo serán gratuitos.

Las sesiones de apoyo comenzarán a las 9 am, y tendremos supervisión hasta el final de la jornada escolar; 3:00 para la mayoría de los estudiantes, 4:00 para cualquiera que tenga un PM3.

Actualmente nos estamos enfocando en los estudiantes que necesitan apoyo académico adicional e invitamos a los estudiantes con bajas calificaciones y / o asistencia. Le recomendamos encarecidamente que hable con sus estudiantes sobre la asistencia a estas sesiones si están invitados. Nuestro grupo de los jueves ya está lleno. Para los miércoles, tenemos espacio. <u>Puede confirmar su asistencia para el tiempo de soporte del</u> <u>miércoles utilizando este formulario.</u>

Gracias nuevamente por su apoyo y comprensión mientras avanzamos en el año escolar. Como recordatorio, no hay clases el próximo viernes 12 de febrero o el lunes 15 de febrero. Disfrute del fin de semana largo y esté bien.

Sinceramente, Kirk

Counseling Corner

Please read Counselor's Corner. We work so hard to keep you updated on community events, resources, post high school planning information, award opportunities, jobs, summer plans, and much more.

Little Known Secrets of Paying for College Event for Grades 9-12

We are so excited to announce that New Vista High School is hosting the College Funding Coach on **Thursday, February 25th from 6:00-7:15pm for a web workshop**. This event is for any family wanting to learn how to pay for college (Preschool - High School). The College Funding Coach was founded in 2002 to help families better understand the complexities of paying for college and make higher education more affordable. Since that time, The College Funding Coach team has been on a mission to help families save on the high cost of higher education. The College Funding Coach's founder, Brock Jolly, realized that most families want to help pay for their children's education; but they often lack the liquidity and/or the cash flow to be able to do so. The College Funding Coach has established an approach that helps parents understand the college funding process, reduce their out-of-pocket expenses, and balance the challenge of saving for college and retirement simultaneously.

This is a free educational **web event**. Please register by clicking <u>HERE</u> or on the flyer attached to this email.

Spring SAT/PSAT Test Prep

All 9th through 11th Grade students will be taking either the SAT or PSAT in April here at NV. To help you prepare, we have partnered with Princeton Review to offer a Test Prep class. The class will start the week of March 8th. It will meet twice a week for 3 weeks (excluding Spring Break). So it will run March 8th-31st. You will meet virtually on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4pm. The cost of the class is \$549. (Usually a \$899 class!). We must have at least 7 students sign up in order to run the class. Please fill out this form if you would like to take the class. Princeton Review will then contact you directly to get you registered. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS February 22nd.**

If for some reason this course does not fit into your schedule. Please visit <u>Princeton Review</u>. If you mention that you are a New Vista student they will offer you a 35% discount on any of their programs.

NOTE: This course will be designed for 11th grade students taking the SAT. 10th Grade students are welcome to sign up for this course but it will be SAT content and sometimes the math is too difficult. But motivated students are welcome!

** Please contact Aimee if you need financial support in order to take this class- New Vista Education has made a donation that could help 1 or 2 students**

New Vista Education

New Vista Education was established in the Fall of 2019 by a small group of parents to provide support for the teachers and students of New Vista. Thanks to the generous support of our community we have been able to purchase items such as a keyboard for the music department, a digital microscope for the science department, outdoor tents for outdoor classrooms, and other supplies. We are looking for parents who would like to join New Vista Education and help build our parent teacher organization. We will be having a zoom meeting on 2/23/21 at 6:30 to discuss the needs and interests of New Vista Education and those of parents interested in joining us. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Kristy at Kristylane@newvistaeducation.org.

New Vista Education is now registered with Amazon Smile. Amazon will donate .5% of eligible items. Click on this link to register your Amazon account to support New Vista Education. <u>https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-3095393</u>



Coffee with the Principal

Coffee with the Principal will be Thursday, February 11th, 8:45 am - 9:45 am. Here is the <u>link</u>. We look forward to seeing you.

<u>Yearbook</u>



ACT FAST! Yearbook Deadline extended to Monday!

The deadline to guarantee your student's yearbook was this past Friday. Personalization is no longer available. However, we are extending the time for you to reserve your book until Monday, February 8th. After this date, our school will be placing our final

order with Jostens and very few extra copies will be available at the end of the year. Visit www.jostensyearbooks.com.

School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Are you a parent who likes to think big, advocate for improvement and dig into data? Do you value consensus-based decision making and enjoy supporting your local school? If so, the New Vista High School Accountability Committee (SAC) may be the place for you. We value your support! If you are interested in joining our team, please contact <u>kirk.quitter@bvsd.org</u>

Student Council News

In light of all that is happening with our current learning environment, The New Vista Student Council has decided to develop a Senior Celebration Committee to create unique and clever ways of celebrating our amazing seniors this year.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee please email jennifer.street@bvsd.org

Celebration

Our very own Diane Jensen was highlighted by The Princeton Review, for all the amazing work she does with our students. Congratulations Diane!

Diane Jensen

School Counselor New Vista High School

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Before I was a counselor, I wrote greeting cards and self-help books for teens. I thought it was my dream job because I loved that my words brought people smiles and insight, but now I know it wasn't. I feel so blessed to be a school counselor. I can't think of another job that allows you to create deep relationships with the most awesome humans, help them find strength to face their challenges, and hand them tissues, chocolate, and words of understanding when things don't go as planned. (Jumping up and down to celebrate college acceptances is also a pretty cool perk!)

What advice do you give students?

My one piece of advice for students is to pause. No matter how overwhelming or exciting or uncertain or thrilling or hopeless or pressured or... etc., give yourself the gift of a pause. This tiny moment can mean everything.

