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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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SVJH has Great Results with State Tests!

I am very pleased to share the results of our standardized testing from the 08-09 school year. Last year's 8th graders took the MAP test in science, math, and Communication Arts. We saw gains in all areas. Our math scores were the highest they have been since opening our doors in 2004. Our focus on literacy has also resulted in great improvements in Communication Arts. Our Freshman class from last year took End of Course assessments in Biology and Algebra. We had 77% of students scoring "Proficient" or "Advanced" in Algebra and 70.5% in Biology. Our Algebra scores ranked us 3rd in the metro among all junior highs and high schools, while our Biology scores ranked us 7th.

Most importantly, SVJH made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in all areas. We are proud of the achievements our students made last year. Our teachers and staff continue to work just as hard to ensure our current students maintain this success.

Dr. Julie Gawerecki, Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 2nd	Talent Show
October 9th	Homecoming Early Release (11:30 a.m. No lunch served)
October 12th	Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4-8 p.m.
October 14th	Picture Re-takes
October 15th	Early Release (12:30), Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4-8 p.m.
October 16th	No School
October 20th	Choir Concert, 7:30
October 22nd	Orchestra Concert, 7:30
October 29th	Early Release (12:30)
October 30th	No School

SIGN UP FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SVJH!

SVJH News is our e-mail communication link with parents and guardians of SVJH students as well as members of the community.

We will send general school news, newsletters and information to you.

Sign up on our website! www.liberty.k12.mo.us/svjh

How to Increase the Amount of Time Students Read at Home!

1. Let them see you read.
2. Talk about what you read.
3. Make books and magazines accessible.
4. Show an interest in what they are reading.
5. Watch movies based on books and then read the books together.

Off to Quebec!

The SVJH and LJH French department (Mme Adam, Mme Hayles, and Mme Hollembaek) will travel with 32 of their French students to Quebec, Canada in January 2010. We will learn the history of the city of Quebec, travel up the coast along the St. Lawrence Seaway, visit a Huron Indian Village, learn about the maple sugar industry, and meet our French-Canadian pen pals. The trip will provide a perfect time to try our spoken “French” and compare student life here in Liberty to that in Canada. Our students will be writing in a daily journal to summarize their day’s adventures, as well as writing down what they observed or questions they still have. Everything we learn/discover in Quebec will be brought back and shared with our students here in Liberty.

Power School and Parent Portal

There are currently some district-wide problems with **Power School generated e-mails**:

- Grades are not accurate or not showing for all classes.
- This is a system error that cannot be fixed at this time.
- Parents and Students are encouraged to login to Power-School to access current grades.

Web address: <http://ps.liberty.k12.mo.us/public>

We apologize for any inconvenience!

CAST LIST FOR ANNIE

Performances on November 12th, 13th, and 14th at 7 p.m.

STAGE MANAGER – Sarah Cadd

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER 1– Ariel Kuznia

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER 2 – Ashton Melrose

ANNIE – MiKayla Wistrom

OLIVER WARBUCKS – Jordan Donner

GRACE FARREL – Morgan Burgess

MISS HANNIGAN –Alexia Lamb

ROOSTER HANNIGAN – Kenny Tran

LILY ST. REGIS – Lauren Pouliot

THE ORPHANS:

MOLLY – Sam Nguyen

PEPPER – Katie Corum

DUFFY – Nyla-Denise Brown

KATE – Madi Mathews

TESSIE – Diana Lalata

JULY – Caitlyn Johnson

LT. WARD/PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT – Brandon Skidmore

BUNDLES McCLOSKEY/BERT HEALY/WAITER – Tyler Gray

DOGCATHER/RADIO ANNOUNCER/WAITER – Chris Morgan

DRAKE – Josh Brooks

CECILLE/USHERETT – Erin Cooper

ANNETTE – Brooklyn Reeder

MRS. GREER – Kaitlyn Jantzen

MRS. PUGH – Maggie Dunn

STAR-TO-BE – Brandilyn Walker

<p>SERVANTS/USHERETTES/STREET PEOPLE:</p> <p>Veronica Rogers Kayla Davis Lauren Gazall Marissa Cooper Sarah Andrews Abbigail Kauer Abi Minney Shawna Kingston</p>	<p>ORPHAN:</p> <p>Hailey Tanner Sami Novak Breauna Sanchez Rachelle Hasapes</p> <p><i>Servants, ushers, and orphans may play many parts and will be in many scenes.</i></p>
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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

After a great beginning to the school year, the counseling staff is excited to share with you the services we will be providing this year. Please let us know if you would like to access any of our services, or have questions of any kind. This year we will be implementing the following programs:

Classroom presentations- We will be presenting information on a variety of topics such as bullying prevention, career exploration, and educational planning.

Success Groups- Each student has the opportunity to be a part of a peer group that focuses on issues related to friendship, anger management, changing families, school success, and girl issues.

Individual Counseling- Counselors are available to assist students individually throughout the year.

Parenting Classes- We will be giving more information out about this in the near future.

Breakfast With the Experts- Guest speakers will provide career information to our ninth grade students.

Our 9th grade counselor, Bill Scott, may be contacted at 736-7317 or emailed at bscott@liberty.k12.mo.us. Our 8th grade counselor, Taylor Barker, can be called at 736-7318 or emailed at tbarker@liberty.k12.mo.us.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



Vision screening for 9th grade will start in October

Scoliosis screening for 8th grade will start in March

If you do **not** want your student to participate in a screening, please contact the nurse at 736-7313.

If your student received a tetanus booster over the summer, please send a copy of the immunization to the nurse.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

You are invited to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, October 12 from 4:00–8:00 p.m. and/or Thursday, October 15, from 4:00– 8:00 p.m. This is a come and go format.

TRAVELING TEACHER SCHEDULE FOR SOUTH VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Dathan Boden	Monday, October 12—Liberty Junior High	Thursday, October 15—South Valley JH
Bess Hayles	Monday, October 12—Liberty Junior High	Thursday, October 15—South Valley JH
Bruce Lewin	Monday, October 12—Senior High	Thursday, October 15—South Valley JH
Sean Nicewaner	Monday, October 12—South Valley JH	Thursday, October 15—Senior High

COACH/TEACHER SCHEDULE FOR SOUTH VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH

The following teachers have coaching obligations for all or a portion of the conference time. Please feel free to contact the school and set up a time to conference with these teachers if you cannot see them at the times listed below. They will be at their tables for conferencing during the times stated.

Joe Boman	Monday, Oct. 12—6:00 pm	Thursday, Oct. 15—4:00 pm
Jason Carr	Monday, Oct. 12—6:00 pm	Thursday, Oct. 15—4:00 pm
Amanda LaRue	Monday, Oct. 12—6:00 pm	Thursday, Oct. 15—6:00 pm
Brock Nessa	Monday, Oct. 12—6:00 pm	Thursday, Oct. 15—4:00 pm