

**DOUGHERTY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
10550 ALBION ROAD SAN RAMON, CA 94582**

February 5, 2009

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| <p><b>DOUGHERTY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL<br/>WILL BE ON AN ADJUSTED DAY SCHEDULE ON<br/>MARCH 17 AND 18</b></p> |
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

All students must pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and meet district graduation requirements to receive a high school diploma. State law, Education Code Section 60851, authorizes this graduation requirement. The purpose of the CAHSEE is to determine that graduates meet identified standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. Additional information about the CAHSEE, including sample test questions, is posted on the California Department of Education website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/index.asp>. Bagels and fruit will be served prior to the test, compliments of the PTSA.

**All tenth grade students will take the CAHSEE on March 17 and 18 at 8:00 a.m.** In order to accommodate our students and to provide an appropriate testing environment for this *high stakes test*, we will need to alter the school day schedule. **Grade 9 and 11 students do not report to school until 11:30 a.m. on both days.** Please note "A" period will be at the **end** of the day.

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| <p><b>CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE)<br/>TENTH GRADE ONLY</b></p> |
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| <b>Tuesday, March 17, 2009</b>   | <b>8:00 a.m.</b> | <b>English Language Arts - part I and II</b> |
| <b>Wednesday, March 18, 2009</b> | <b>8:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Mathematics - part I and II</b>           |

**CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE POSTED IN ENGLISH CLASSES  
REPORT TO THE SAME CLASSROOM EACH DAY**

**ADJUSTED DAY SCHEDULE  
ALL GRADES**

**March 17 Bell Schedule**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> period</b> | <b>11:30</b> | <b>12:12</b> | <b>42</b> |
| <b>Lunch</b>                 | <b>12:12</b> | <b>12:42</b> | <b>30</b> |
| <b>Passing</b>               | <b>12:42</b> | <b>12:47</b> | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> period</b> | <b>12:47</b> | <b>1:28</b>  | <b>41</b> |
| <b>Passing</b>               | <b>1:28</b>  | <b>1:33</b>  | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> period</b> | <b>1:33</b>  | <b>2:14</b>  | <b>41</b> |
| <b>Passing</b>               | <b>2:14</b>  | <b>2:19</b>  | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>A Period</b>              | <b>2:19</b>  | <b>3:00</b>  | <b>41</b> |

**March 18 Bell Schedule**

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|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> period</b> | <b>11:30</b> | <b>12:12</b> | <b>42</b> |
| <b>Lunch</b>                 | <b>12:12</b> | <b>12:42</b> | <b>30</b> |
| <b>Passing</b>               | <b>12:42</b> | <b>12:47</b> | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> period</b> | <b>12:47</b> | <b>1:28</b>  | <b>41</b> |
| <b>Passing</b>               | <b>1:28</b>  | <b>1:33</b>  | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> period</b> | <b>1:33</b>  | <b>2:14</b>  | <b>41</b> |
| <b>Passing</b>               | <b>2:14</b>  | <b>2:19</b>  | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>A Period</b>              | <b>2:19</b>  | <b>3:00</b>  | <b>41</b> |

In the spring of 2008, DVHS received an **Academic Performance Index (API) score of 891**. This is the highest high school API score ever recorded in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. State-wide our test scores ranked us 27<sup>th</sup> among other high schools. The API score is based on our students' spring STAR test scores, the 10<sup>th</sup> grade CAHSEE test scores and students' attendance at both exams. **Please make sure your student is on-time for this high stakes test** and brings something quiet to read after the test. Students must remain in the testing room for the entire testing period.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Denise Hibbard  
Principal