

From Your Ridgecrest Counselors

We hope you are looking forward to a fun and restful Spring Break! Students have been working hard over the past three months and are deserving of some time off. When students return from break, they should be prepared for a great last two months of school. In the spirit of Spring Break, we encourage you and your family to do some springtime organizing.

Take some time over break to clean out backpacks, binders, and homework areas at home. When students come back from spring break they should feel a sense of organization and pride in their approach to academics. Also, use the break as a time to do some mental spring cleaning. Make lists of goals that you want to achieve during the last part of the year and how you will go about accomplishing them. Another great way to relieve yourself of everyday life is to put your phone away to take a mental break from social media. Remember, while the end of the year is nearing, there are still two months of school so students should return to school prepared to put in the effort needed to be proud of their work!

Spring into Spring Suggestions

- Review test and quiz study skills with your student. Check out our Academic Handbook with useful tools [here!](#)
- Talk about time management techniques regarding getting homework and long term projects completed.
- Think about what organizational strategies can be used to keep your students binder and locker organized during the last part of the school year.
- Consider your student's extracurricular activities and how these might impact or enhance the school experience. Have you checked out our 3rd trimester [Booster Club](#) offerings?
- Review your student's successes and challenges this year and come up with a plan to support those areas of growth. Spring Break is an excellent time for this conversation!

Summer Considerations

- **Summer School through PVPUSD**
 - Students can register online at www.pvpss.com from April 11 – May 27
 - A great way to review math, reading, and writing skills if looking for an opportunity for repeated instruction or looking to get ahead
 - Fun elective offerings available too
- **Keep the mind active**
 - Have your child plan an activity or trip by using maps, articles, and books
 - Think about ways to include reading or productive thinking into your summer plans
 - Keep your students engaged in learning through at home science experiments, trips to museums, or daily journaling
- **A time to rejuvenate**
 - Allow your student time to relax – s/he has been working hard for the past 10 months
 - Encourage your student to take advantage of the daylight hours by spending time outside

Upcoming Important Dates (denotes for students only)*

April 18–22: Green Ribbon Week – Check the Daily Bulletin on Edline for activities

April 11: 7th Grade Scheduling Presentations in Science class*

April 13: 8th Grade High School Scheduling Presentations in Science class*

April 14: 8th Grade Orientation with High School Counselors in Social Studies class*

April 26: 8th Grade High School Scheduling Visit with High School Counselors in Social Studies class*

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