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### Items Due:

By April 6th (extended deadline):

- **2017 Fall Campus Day Scholarship Application**, if applying

By April 10th:

- **Lesson Summary in Dropbox updated:** update **column with lessons completed** for March.
- **3rd quarter grades completed in Dropbox Lesson Summaries for all grade levels.**
- **Payment of April 3rd statement**
  - If you did not receive an emailed statement on the 1st, email [Janice](#).
  - Items due on this statement:
    - PSP Tuition payment, 7th of 8
    - Spring Campus Day Class Fees, 3rd of 4
    - Activities signed up for in March
  - Questions: email [Janice](#).
- **[Honors Night Response Form](#)**, **mandatory** for each family with K-11th
- **[April Response Form](#)**, if you wish to sign up
- **[Parent Participation Response Form](#)**, if you wish to sign up

***"... serve one another humbly in love" Gal. 5:13***

**SAT testing is the week of April 10th-13th. No testing on Friday.  
No Campus Day April 13th! Have a blessed Resurrection Day celebration!**

### Note from Administrator

Spring has arrived. Not only are we blessed to be in Sonoma County where beauty abounds but this year with the heavy rains greenery and fragrant flowers are in places we haven't seen in years. Isn't Christ, the Creator of all this, the same in our lives? Have you been in a spiritual drought or feel you're held in a pit that you just can't pull yourself out of? Just look out your window and know that He is God. His love is unconditional and He always accepts us wherever we are. Let Christ alone spiritually spring new life into your soul. Take a ride to the coast and understand the breadth and the depth and the height and the width of His love, while peering at the waves He alone commands. You will never be sorry making effort to draw closer to our living Lord.

April is a great month to get outside and plan next year, even if it's just in outline form. Think about what is working well and maybe what is not. Jot down some ideas for next year. Will you do online classes? Do you have the correct classes chosen for Campus Day that will meet your student's needs? 2017-18 Lesson Summary files have been added to your Dropbox folder to give you a place to record these tentative ideas. Check in with a mentor or PSP staff member if you have questions or concerns or just need someone to hear out your train of thought. Enjoy the past accomplishments of this year and look forward with renewed strength to the plans for next year.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

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### TEEM News

#### April 10th Curriculum Focus TEEM

**Monday, April 10th at 6:45** is our Curriculum Focus TEEM! **Prior to the meeting, from 6:00-6:45** our Member's Used Curriculum Swap/Sale and Classical Conversation display will be open in room 3. In room 22 we will have Bob Jones curriculum on display along with information about their distance learning course options.

***During our April TEEM meeting you will be able to choose from the following exciting workshops:***

#### **Delightfully Dyslexic** – Pam Douglas

Psalm 139:14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Each of us is designed perfectly by God, even a dyslexic brain, yet it is a mystery to many. Learn about the true definition, myths, symptoms, and amazing strengths of a dyslexic person. Discovering the struggles of dyslexia is eye-opening and useful to everyone, whether a parent, teacher, boss, coach or friend.

#### **Creative Arts in Homeschooling** – Rosalia Lewman

Use creative arts to boost academic achievement in all your child's subjects. Yes, even science, history and Bible! Integrating creative arts will also benefit different learning styles to make learning fun! Come learn how I do it!

#### **Developing Christian Character during the Homeschool Years** – Kerstin Fletcher

What is Christian character and how can parents help nurture its development? Let's take a look at the key elements in the joy of growing Christ like children so "that in everything He might be preeminent" (Colossians 1:18).

#### **Joy in Teaching Multiples** – Leslie Tonks

Teaching multiple children? Trying to juggle preschool children while teaching elementary? Come learn how to joyfully teach multiple grades and ages throughout the day.

#### **Keeping Kids Active** – Kim Gorauskas

How on earth can I help my kids get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day? Why is it important for kids to be active? What are some life skills that are easily learned through exercise and team sports? What opportunities are there at RVC and in the community? These are just some of the topics that we will discuss. No exercising will be done during this workshop.

#### **Intro to Classical Conversations** – Jenny Jones

Join us to learn more about the classical model of education which helps prepare students for success academically and spiritually. We will be reviewing the Trivium (Grammar, Dialectic, and Rhetoric stages of learning), along with how the Classical Conversations curriculum incorporates rich content into a fun learning experience for children ages 4-18.

#### **Incorporating Music into your Homeschool** – Christy Harmeson

Musical education expands children's horizons while bringing extra beauty and richness into the home. Come learn one family's approach to incorporating music into a homeschool education.

#### **Online Opportunities** – Linda Hoffman

This workshop will explore various opportunities for homeschoolers that are available online. Potters School, BJU Distance Learning, and Bright Ideas Academy will be a sample of sites covered. Bring your questions.

#### **Preparing for College** - Kim Dolan & Toddy Cantrell

How do I prepare my child to successfully enter college? What tasks need to be accomplished? Come benefit from the experience of two moms who have children in several different colleges with different majors.

#### **Role of the Homeschool Father - *for men only*** – Paul Bartholow

Come benefit from the experience and wisdom of a father who has homeschooled for over two decades. Hear advice on ways fathers can be involved in and support their family's homeschooling journey. For men only.

**May 19th is Honors Night & Graduation!**

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### Honors Night Awards - due by April 10th

Honors Night is May 19th! Each student will be recognized with an award. Parents determine the award and enter in the [Honors Night Response Form](#) by April 10th. Awards can be given for academic, character, or life skills. Awards are a maximum of 40 characters per student including spaces and punctuation. Award will be printed and announced as entered. Examples of awards: *Excellence in Math* or *Diligence and Determination* or *Cheerful Helper*.

Recognition will also be given to 7th-11th grade students who have completed at least 12 hours of community service during the year. Please record service on the [Honors Night Response Form](#) by April 10th.

If your family will not be attending Honors Night, please let us know on the [Honors Night Response Form](#) by April 10th. **Form is due by April 10th from all families with K-11th students.**

### SATS

SAT Testing will be the **week of April 10-13** from **8:40 to 12:15**. Your student's testing days have been e-mailed to you. Be sure that you have replied to the e-mail confirming your date(s). Makeup testing days are \$25 each.

- Students must arrive at 8:40 on their scheduled day(s) outside rooms 22 and 23. Do not enter until called inside. Approximate completion time each day will be 12:15. Students will call their parents if they finish early.
- Students should wear comfortable clothing (within dress code).
- The PSP will provide a light snack of cheese sticks, granola bars, goldfish crackers and water. Consider bringing an additional snack if necessary. No food or drink is allowed in the labs at any time.
- 4th-8th students may bring a 10 x 10 times table if needed.
- 9th-11th students may bring a simple, four operation calculator. Students will not be allowed to use cell phones or iPods or any other electronic devices during testing. **CELL PHONES WILL BE COLLECTED IN A BASKET** as students walk into the room.
- Students should bring scratch paper and a few pencils for math calculations.
- Students will have mandatory breaks during the day.
- Students are tested in Language Arts, Reading, and Mathematics only.
- OLSAT Testing will be for 5th, 7th, and 10th grades only.
- [Practice tests](#) for both the Stanford 10 and OLSAT 8 are available online. Click on Sample Test.

### Standardized Testing Options for K-3rd

If you would like to test your K-3rd student at home, information regarding different testing options can be found on [HSLDA's website](#).

### High School Preparation Meeting - Mandatory for Those New to PSP High School

On **Monday, May 1st from 7-8pm** in room 1, Linda will go over high school preparation which will include secondary course planning and curriculum overview, course options and recommendations for high school, high school graduation requirements, the JC option, and CIF (RVC sports) requirements for the HS athlete. Everyone is welcome; however **one parent from families who will have a student in 9th grade for the first time next year or are new to high school in the PSP is required to attend this meeting.** High school students are also welcome.

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### K-2nd Honors Night Mandatory Practice

May 11th from 12:15-12:45 is our mandatory K-2nd Honors Night practice. Campus Day teachers will bring their classes into the Auditorium when class ends. If your K-2 student does not have Campus Day classes, please arrive at 12:15. We will attempt to finish by 12:45. More information in the May newsletter.

### Parent Participation

PSP members are required to volunteer at least 12 hours of Parent Participation each year. Unfulfilled hours will be billed at \$15 per hour on your May statement. Monthly statements show status of hours. For questions regarding number of fulfilled hours, contact [Janice](#). **Click here to [volunteer](#)** for one of the following positions. For more information regarding positions below, contact [Shelley](#).

Honors Night & Graduation is May 19th.

- Return Emergency Packs during Campus Day on May 11th - 2 hours
- Honors Night & Graduation certificate preparation (week before Graduation) - 3 hours
- Honors Night Chaperones for K-2 grades - sit with and supervise children during Honors Night; must also attend K-2 Honors Practice on May 11th at 12:15 - 1.5 hours
- Honors Night Chaperones for 3rd-11th grades - sit with and supervise children during Honors Night - 1 hour
- Graduation Food Coordinator - 4 hours
- Graduation Food Helper - 3 hours
- Graduation Display Coordinator & Decorator (setup displays and decorations earlier in the day) - 2 hours
- Honors Clean Up (after Honors, during Graduation) - 1 hour
- Grad Night Clean up - 1 hour
- 3 Dozen Homemade Cookies for Honors Night – 1.5 hours
- Clean PSP Office - 1 hour
- Curriculum Return Helper - place free curriculum on tables and put away afterwards. Date in May to be determined - approx. 2 hours

### Activities

#### Annual End of Year Party

Don't miss out on the splashing fun at our PSP End of the Year Swim Party on Thursday, June 1st at Ridgeway Swim Center from 12:15 - 3:00 pm. Water and pizza will be provided. Bring a finger snack or dessert to share. Cost is \$5 per swimmer and \$2 per non-swimmer. Students in 9th-12th may attend without being accompanied by adult supervision; PSP staff & lifeguards will supervise them and they must be picked up by 3:00. Modesty is the goal for swimsuits. Please note Ridgeway does not allow the following items: metal rivets or zippers on swimsuits if going on slide (must be 48" tall to ride slide), floatation devices or toys, t-shirts over bathing suits while in water, and glass containers. Sign up on the [April Response Form](#) by April 10th.

### Junior Senior Banquet

May 6th is our Junior Senior Banquet, which is put on by the juniors for the seniors. Evening begins at 5:30 and ends at 10:00 (limo bus leaves from and returns to RVC). Juniors and seniors may purchase tickets beginning April 6th for \$65 each. Beginning May 1st ticket price will be \$75 each. Formal dress and guest form required if guest is not an RVC student.

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### Curriculum Purchase Opportunities

The PSP is excited to be able to offer the following curriculum at discounted school prices. For more information, click on the linked name of the curriculum to be directed to their website.

To purchase, sign up on the [April Response Form](#) by April 10th.

#### Wordly Wise

[Wordly Wise 3000® Online](#) is a dynamic and interactive online program that helps students master the academic vocabulary they encounter every day. Full audio support is included throughout the program to help your struggling readers or ELL students. Choose specific grade level on Response Form. Price is \$17.50 per student.

#### IXL Math & Language Arts

[IXL Math and Language Arts](#) annual subscription is a dynamic, adaptive online learning environment. Practice math skills from K through Calculus. Language arts skills for K through 12th grades approach each topic from many angles, offering visual representations, interactive activities, and more. Parent is free to choose any grade level in the program at any time. If you have a current subscription it will expire on May 17. New subscriptions or renewals will begin May 18. Please state whether new subscription or renewal. Price is \$15 per student.

#### God's World News

Looking for a spiritual way to keep your kids up to date with current events? God's World News is the answer. God's Big WORLD (grades Pk-1), WORLDkid (grades 2-5), and WORLDteen (grades 6-12) will foster your child's love for learning and fuel their faith. World is a printed current events magazine, which is delivered to the PSP office five times during the school year. A website with digital learning tools is also included. Cost is \$12.00 per subscription.

#### Omega Math

Campus Day Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 courses utilize the [Omega Math](#) curriculum. If your student is taking a Campus Day math course, this curriculum is included in the Campus Day class materials fee and we already have you signed up. If you wish to purchase a course independently for a student who is not in a Campus Day math class, the price is \$30. Courses will begin as of Aug 21, 2017 and remain available for nine months through May 20, 2018. Courses available: Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, or Pre-Calculus. Upper level courses can be very challenging in this college prep program. Contact Linda Hoffman for more information.

#### Bob Jones

The PSP has teamed up with [Bob Jones Press](#) to offer their distance video learning courses at a fraction of the retail price. PSP members may purchase individual courses ranging from \$69-\$99 + tax per course, depending on grade. Courses begin August 21, 2017 and remain available through July 30, 2018. Family will not be charged until August. Distance courses include a full year of daily teaching videos with directed lessons. Online assessment and texts are built in for grades 5 and up. If hard copy textbooks are desired, they must be purchased separately. More information and sample videos are on their website. We will also have BJU curriculum on display at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 10th in room 22. On the April Response Form, indicate grade and subject you are interested.

### RVC Broadway Show and Auction

RVC Music Department is holding its annual Broadway Show and Auction at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 21 at SRBC. Please join us for a fun evening of entertaining music and a silent auction. This event will benefit the musical education of students at RVC. General tickets are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family (no admission fee for children 12 and under). Doors open at 6:30 pm. VIP tickets are available for \$35 and include: an Italian-themed reception starting at 5:30 pm, first to bid at the auction, and upfront seating at the show. Please contact [Tamara Pitman](#) for more information and to purchase tickets. You can also go to our website at [www.rvchristian.org](http://www.rvchristian.org).

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### Kids Bowl Free

[Registration](#) for the summer Kids Bowl Free program is now open.

### RVCS Sports

#### High School Fall Sports

If your 2017-18 high school student will be playing a RVC fall sport, please indicate their participation on the [April Response Form](#). Linda must prepare a package showing outside graded classes and GPA. Fee for package will be billed on May 1st statement. Incoming 9th grade students are not charged for the 1st quarter, but must still indicate participation on the form. All high school athletes must also fill out the RVC Athletic Package.

#### Middle School Track

RVC is looking forward to participating in the MSSL track meet again this year. The event is open to 5th - 8th grade students and will be held on Friday, May 12 at SRJC. It is such a fun all-day event. Students may compete in running events as well as field events. Field events: shot put high jump long jump (RVC is running the long jump event and we will need some parent help at the meet for this. More info later.) Running events: 100M 200M 400M 800M 1600M 4x100M relay 4x200M relay Practices will be on Fridays from 2:00 - 3:15 on April 7th, 21st, 28th, and May 5th at RVCS. Meet at the high school quad area. [Click here to sign up](#). There will be more info about the meet to follow.

### March Home Games

**Come cheer on RVCS spring sports!** Check the RVCS [website](#) for up-to-date game information.

#### High School Boys Baseball

Tuesday, April 4th vs. Credo @ 4:00

Monday, April 10th vs. Calistoga @ 4:00

Tuesday, April 25th vs. St. Vincent @ 4:00

Tuesday, May 2nd vs. Upper Lake @ 4:00

#### High School Girls Softball

Thursday, April 20th vs. Potter Valley @ TBD

Tuesday, April 25th vs. St. Vincent @ 4:00

Friday, April 28th vs. Tech @ 4:00

Tuesday, May 2nd vs. Upper Lake @ 4:00

#### 5th & 6th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball

To be determined. See website for game schedule.

Go Eagles!

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