



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians of Pivot Charter School:

It's hard to believe we only have about 40 more school days left in this incredibly successful year! Where has the time gone? It is very important that students finish the school year strong and complete as many courses as possible, so please keep in mind that students should complete 25 credits, or five classes, on average, each semester. Please contact your Educational Coordinator if you have any questions about how your student is progressing.

There are some important messages in this letter regarding the remainder of this year and next year, so please read through everything thoroughly. We are excited to share some great changes that you will see in the upcoming school year.

Field Trips

We had a great year of field trips this year, and next year is going to be even better! We visited the USS Midway to celebrate Veteran's Day, The Aquarium of the Pacific, ice skating, and much more! Thank you for everyone who participated in our field trips, and if you haven't been able to attend any this year, we hope you can join us next year!



New Curriculum

This past year we added Edmentum curriculum to our choices for Pivot Students. Edmentum offers many fun and interesting courses that are unlike most options you find anywhere else. For many students, these courses are a fun way to get elective credits. Other students find these courses helpful in learning and exploring career options for their future. We will be adding even more classes next year!

Here are some of the courses Pivot Students are taking:

- Principles of Marketing, Advertising & Sales Promotion
- Principles of Hospitality & Tourism
- Nutrition & Wellness
- Introduction to Social Media
- Introduction to Fashion Design

Testing

We have some **mandatory** state testing coming up soon, so please be sure you make the appropriate accommodations to make sure your student is here. The reason this testing is so important is because the state uses our participation numbers and test scores to evaluate us as a school. See below for specific dates.

- **3rd & 4th grades**
 - **Monday, May 9 at 9:00am – Language Arts**
 - **Tuesday, May 10 at 9:00am – Math**

- **5th grade**
 - **Monday, May 2 at 9:00a – Science (CST)**
 - **Monday, May 9 at 9:00am – Language Arts**
 - **Tuesday, May 10 at 9:00am – Math**

- **6th grade**
 - **Monday, May 9 at 9:00am – Language Arts**
 - **Tuesday, May 10 at 9:00am – Math**

- **7th grade**
 - **Wednesday, May 11 at 9:00am – Language Arts**
 - **Thursday, May 12 at 9:00am – Math**

- **8th grade**
 - **Monday, May 2 at 9:00a – Science (CST)**
 - **Wednesday, May 11 at 9:00am – Language Arts**
 - **Thursday, May 12 at 9:00am – Math**

- **10th grade**
 - **Tuesday, May 3 at 9:00am – Science (CST)**

- **11th grade**
 - **Monday, May 16 at 9:00am – Language Arts**
 - **Tuesday, May 17 at 9:00am – Math**

- **Make-up Testing – Science (CST)**
 - **Friday, May 6 at 9:00am grades 5th, 8th, and 11th**

- **Make-up Testing – SBAC**
 - **Thursday, May 26 at 9:00am all grades – Language Arts**
 - **Friday, May 27 at 9:00am all grades – Math**

Reenrollment

Attached you will find a re-enrollment form for this upcoming school year. We would love to work with you another year!! If you are in good academic standing with Pivot Charter School (making acceptable progress toward

completing classes) and want to return next year, you must complete this form to reserve your spot at Pivot Charter School. Returning Pivot students have priority enrollment until May 25, 2016, and if you get your enrollment form in by **May 15th** you will receive a **free Pivot t-shirt!** The form must be signed and returned in order to be considered re-enrolled for the fall semester. Students who are currently on Intervention may be ineligible to re-enroll. If you have any questions about eligibility, please speak with your Educational Coordinator.

Vaccinations

New Immunization Requirements as of 2016

Under a new law known as SB 277, beginning January 1, 2016 exemptions based on personal beliefs will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or school in California. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending child care or school will remain valid until the child reaches the next immunization checkpoint at kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or 7th grade.

To see what vaccinations are required click the following link: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>

Please remember, whooping cough, also known as pertussis, continues to threaten students in California. To help stop its spread, all incoming 7th graders (and if your student is promoting to 7th grade from 6th) are required by law to have proof of a whooping cough booster ("Tdap") shot, or file an exemption, in order to attend classes this year. By law, students will not be allowed to attend classes without a shot record.

As always, please contact your Educational Coordinator, Site Coordinator, or Lead Teacher if you have any questions. We look forward to a very strong finish to the current school year and to an exciting transition to the upcoming school year as well. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

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