

Senior Updates

Dear Seniors,

You have less than three weeks left until you are a high school graduate! Here are a few updates and opportunities for senior events – take a look:

Senior Beach Day: In order to go to senior beach day, you must be passing all of your classes required for graduation, and pass your senior project POL. Make sure you are on pace to do so! Permission slips are attached.

Senior Breakfast and Awards Morning, Monday, June 5th, 9:00am to 11:00am

9:00am – Breakfast

10:00am – Senior awards

10:30am – Graduation practice

All parents are invited to join us for senior breakfast and awards – come celebrate!

Graduation Day:

Tuesday, June 6th, 8:00pm

El Segundo Performing Arts Center / 640 Main St, El Segundo, CA 90245

Graduation Tickets will be distributed on Tuesday 5/23. By default, all families are given eight tickets to graduation. If you would like to request more tickets, simply request more using the online form on the DVC Portal. If you have already requested tickets as of 5/21, they will be included in the tickets passed out on Tuesday 5/23.

Valedictorian and Graduation Speakers

Valedictorian Applications are available in the front office as well as included in this packet. Students with a weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher are eligible to apply.

Senior speaker applications are available in the office and included in this packet as well. All students are eligible to apply to speak with the theme of DVC family culture, and applications will be handed in with speech samples on Thursday, May 25th at 4:15pm in Eynon's classroom.

Grad Night, Last Day of School

Seniors are welcome to come to school and be inside of senior classrooms signing yearbooks and such on June 7th from 9:00am to 1:30pm. At 1:30pm we will load buses to go to Disney Land for grad night. Buses will return around 3:00am to DVC.

Grad Night contracts are included in this packet, and must be returned to the office by June 5th

Reminder: participation in all senior events, INCLUDING GRADUATION, is dependent on your successful academic progress and being a positive presence on campus (aka, no disciplinary action). If you are on a senior contract, you must complete all required pieces to participate in events, as outlined in your senior contract. If you are suspended for a poor decision during these last three weeks of school, you may not be allowed to walk at graduation. This would be a terrible consequence for you and your family. Make sure that you make great decisions as we near the end of high school and make sure your friends are also making the same good decisions!



FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM AND WAIVER

Your child has received charter school approval to participate in a field trip. Under the California Educational Code and Board Policy, teachers and support staff may take students on field trips to enrich and complement their educational experience. Such trips are always under the supervision of at least one teacher and/or school administrator, or certified athletic coach in the case of a same day athletic event, and all precautions are taken to ensure each student's welfare.

Student Name: _____

Field Trip Location and Address:

The trip will depart from and return to: Da Vinci Communications

12495 Isis Avenue, Hawthorne, CA 90250

***Note: Students have the option to remain at the beach and arrange their own transportation home if a parent/guardian indicates permission on the back of this form.*

Field Trip Date: Friday, May 26th, 2017

Trip Description: DVC Senior Beach Day to the Manhattan Beach Pier

Group attending: All seniors who are meeting all senior contract requirements and graduation requirements

Number of Students: 67

Time:

- Leave for Manhattan Beach Pier at 12:00 PM, Arrive at Manhattan Beach Pier by 12:30 PM
- Leave Manhattan Beach Pier by 3:55 PM, arrive back to school by 4:30 PM

Items Student Should Bring:

- Casual beach attire (*school dress code will still be enforced*)
- Water and sunscreen recommended
- *Note: Lunch will be provided at school before the field trip*

Names of staff attending:

- Nathan Barrymore
- Scott Weatherford
- Deepti Immaraju

Transportation: Parent/guardian must indicate their preference for transportation with their initials for one of the options listed on the back of this form.

Acknowledgement of field trip rules: Parent/guardian must read and initial each statement below:

_____ I understand that all rules outlined in the DVC Student Handbook will be enforced on this field trip. Students who do not abide by the DVC Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action, including revoking the privilege to walk at graduation.

_____ I understand that students are not allowed to swim during the field trip.

Please complete the emergency contact information and sign the reverse side of the form in order to give your child permission to attend this school field trip

WAIVER OF CLAIM: I understand that AB 766 provides that all persons making a field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the Charter School for injury, illness or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. I therefore acknowledge that as a condition of my son/daughter/ward participating in said activity, I hold harmless and waive any and all claims against the Charter School and the CCSA JPA (and their officers, employees, agents), including, but not limited to, claims arising out of any negligence of any officers or employees of the Charter School, for any injury, accident, illness, or death, or any loss or damage to personal property occurring during or by reason of the participation in said activity.

1. I understand this field trip is optional and attendance by my child is not required and that an alternative activity at Charter School will be provided if I do not give permission for my child to participate.
2. I understand that all students going on this trip will be responsible in conduct to the bus driver(s), to teachers, and, if applicable, adult sponsors at all times.

Please initial ONE of the statements below indicating your preference for your student's transportation.

_____ Student travels to and from the event using transportation provided (chartered bus or private vehicle driven by teacher)

_____ Student travels to the event using transportation provided (chartered bus or private vehicle driven by teacher) and arranges for own transportation home from the event. **I understand that no school supervision will be provided for the event after 3:55 PM.**

_____ Student transports himself/herself to and from the event. **I understand that no school supervision will be provided for the event after 3:55 PM.**

AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT MINOR: In the event that I, or other parent/guardian, cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the school staff to secure proper treatment for my child. I do hereby consent to whatever x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care are considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician, surgeon or dentist and performed by or under the supervision of the medical staff of the hospital or facility furnishing medical or dental services.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SECTION: MUST BE COMPLETED

Print Name(s) of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian Work Phone: _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Pagers, cell phones, e-mail: _____

Physician/Health Insurance Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Phone: _____

Student's Critical Medical Needs/Allergies/Conditions: _____

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this document and understand the information therein. I agree to each of the terms and acknowledgments above, and agree to permit my child to participate in the trip described above.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____ **Parent /Legal Guardian Signature:** _____

Parent /Legal Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Today's Date: _____



I understand and agree that if I do not meet the guidelines below, I may forfeit the privilege of receiving my high school diploma.

Guidelines:

- Students must adhere to Disneyland Grad Nite dress code & other Disneyland rules.
- Any violation and/or behavior incident committed at Grad Nite may result in the inability to receive my high school diploma at the conclusion of the last week of school.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons are not permitted at the *Disneyland*® Resort at any time. Authorities will be notified if students are found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. *If the student is found to be in possession of these items or under the influence their parent/guardian will need to pick up the student at their own expense.
- Clothing with derogatory or inflammatory language is NOT permitted. Clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco and/or contains suggestive language is also prohibited.
- Students must remain in either Disneyland or California Adventure. Downtown Disney is off-limits.
- Participation in inappropriate conduct will result in the student being escorted out of the park. This includes fighting, verbal altercations, bullying, excessive displays of affection, etc.
- Only transportation secured by Da Vinci may be used. Parents/guardians may not drop-off or pick-up students at Disneyland. Our estimated arrival time back at DVD is approximately 3:00 a.m.
- The DV bus will depart campus on 6/7/17 at 1:45 pm and will return around 3 am.

WAIVER OF CLAIM: I understand that AB 766 provides that all persons making a field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the Charter School for injury, illness or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. I therefore acknowledge that as a condition of my son/daughter/ward participating in said activity, I hold harmless and waive any and all claims against the Charter School and the CCSA JPA (and their officers, employees, agents), including, but not limited to, claims arising out of any negligence of any officers or employees of the Charter School, for any injury, accident, illness, or death, or any loss or damage to personal property occurring during or by reason of the participation in said activity.

1. I understand this field trip is optional and attendance by my child is not required and that an alternative activity at Charter School will be provided if I do not give permission for my child to participate.
2. I understand that all students going on this trip will be responsible in conduct to the bus driver(s), to teachers, and, if applicable, adult sponsors at all times.
3. I understand that all field trips begin and end at the School and that all students are required to go and return from this event on the transportation provided, unless prior arrangements have been made and agreed to in writing by the principal, site administrator, or teacher.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

TURN OVER TO COMPLETE MEDICAL INFORMATION

Authorization to treat minor: In the event that I, or other parent/guardian, cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the school staff to secure proper treatment for my child. I do hereby consent to whatever x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care are considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician, surgeon or dentist and performed by or under the supervision of the medical staff of the hospital or facility furnishing medical or dental services.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SECTION: MUST BE COMPLETED

Print Name(s) of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian Work Phone: _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Pagers, cell phones, e-mail: _____

Physician/Health Insurance Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Phone: _____

Student's Critical Medical Needs/Allergies/Conditions: *(if none, please write "none")*

I understand that all students participating in this trip will be expected to adhere to all of the rules & expectations of student conduct outlined in the Da Vinci Handbook. I agree to abide by these policies, and I understand that violation of these rules may result in my being sent home at my parents' expense.

Date: _____ Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this document and understand the information therein. I agree to each of the terms and acknowledgments above, and agree to permit my child to participate in the trip described above.

Date: _____ Parent /Legal Guardian Name: _____

Parent /Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Student Speaker Application 2017



Each year there a student speaker Da Vinci Communications will be selected by the Valedictorian/Speaker Selection Committee. This Selection Committee is comprised of administrators and teachers from DVC.

Students must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible:

- A cumulative weighted GPA of 2.0 or higher
- The completion of both 11th and 12th grade at Da Vinci Communications
- Passing all current classes during the application process
- Completed application submitted by the deadline

The criteria used to select candidates will include the following:

- Speech prepared and presented for the application
- Positive cultural impact on the DVC community
- Reflection of values of the Da Vinci Community
- Academics
- Attendance
- Embodiment of the Da Vinci Science Habits of Mind & 21st Century Skills
- Oral Communication & Public Speaking Skills

The Application Process is as follows:

- Complete application and submit to the front office by **Thursday, May 25th at 9am.**
- Interviews will be scheduled as needed.
- Candidates will be notified of interview results no later than the end of the day on **Friday, May 26th.**

Application Instructions: Use this form as your cover sheet, and attach your typed speech outline. Also, please read and sign in the box at the bottom of the page. Turn your application in to the front office **no later than Thursday, May 24th at 9am.**

Please attach your typed speech outline. The speech should be between 2 and 4 minutes in length.

By writing and signing my name below, I am submitting my application for senior speaker of the Class of 2017. I have reviewed the eligibility requirements above and meet all requirements, and I understand the criteria that will be used to evaluate my application. Furthermore, I have made myself aware of all the dates associated with this process.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Valedictorian Application 2017



Each year's Valedictorian of Da Vinci Communications will be selected by Valedictorian/Speaker Selection Committee. This Selection Committee is comprised of administrators and teachers from DVC.

Students must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible:

- One of the top 10 students in the class
- A cumulative weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher
- The completion of both 11th and 12th grade at Da Vinci Communications
- Passing all current classes during the application process
- Completed application submitted by the deadline

The criteria used to select candidates will include the following:

- Academics
- Attendance
- Embodiment of the Da Vinci Science Habits of Mind & 21st Century Skills
- Oral Communication & Public Speaking Skills
- Reflection of values of the Da Vinci Community
- Written responses on application
- Interview *(for finalists)*

The Application Process is as follows:

- Complete application and submit to the front office by **Thursday, May 25th at 9am.**
- Candidates selected for interviews will be notified no later than **Thursday, May 25th.**
- If needed, interviews will be scheduled.
- Candidates will be notified of interview results no later than the end of the day on **Friday, May 26th.**

Application Instructions: Use this form as your cover sheet, and attach your typed responses to the questions below to this sheet. Also, please read and sign in the box at the bottom of the page. Turn your application in to the front office **no later than Thursday, May 25th at 9am.**

Please attach your typed answers to the following questions:

1. Why would you be the best candidate for Valedictorian of the Class of 2017? (250 words or less)
2. If you were selected as Valedictorian of the Class of 2017, you would give a speech at graduation. The speech can be between 2 and 4 minutes in length. Please write an outline of your speech and include it. *(If selected for an interview, you may be asked to deliver a 30 second segment of your speech.)*
3. *If you would also like to be considered for senior speaker if you are not selected as Valedictorian, please initial below:*

_____ *If not selected for valedictorian, I would like to be considered for senior speaker*

By writing and signing my name below, I am submitting my application for Valedictorian of the Class of 2017. I have reviewed the eligibility requirements above and meet all requirements, and I understand the criteria that will be used to evaluate my application. Furthermore, I have made myself aware of all the dates associated with this process.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

