

Dear RBV families,

With the start of second semester of the school year, we have entered the season of state mandated testing. During the coming months, our students will take several tests of special significance.

The **California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)** will be given to all **10<sup>th</sup> grade students** on **March 17 and 18**. Students must pass these exams in language arts and in math as a part of their high school graduation requirements.

Additionally, in late April, **9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students** will take a series of **California Standards Tests (CST)** in English, math, social studies and science. This testing cycle will occur on **April 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, and 29**. The CSTs are used to measure students' knowledge and skills in language arts, math, science and social studies. These tests are important for your student and for RBV for many reasons:

- Test results can predict future problems and help the school and family work together to improve your student's learning.
- Test results inform the teacher about areas where each student needs additional teaching or support. Without this information, teachers cannot take into account the unique needs of each child.
- Based upon students' performance on these tests, our school, RBV, is ranked by the state and compared to other schools.
- RBV's general scores and ranking is published on the web and in the news media.
- Strong performance by RBV students impacts the image of our school in Vista and by universities.

Because these tests are so important for your students and our school, we ask that **students make every effort to attend school on all state mandated testing days** so we can provide for them a comfortable testing environment. One of the measurements used to evaluate our performance on these tests is the number of students who actually take the test. Therefore, it is crucial that all RBV students required to take those tests attend school to take the CAHSEE and the CSTs on the assigned dates. Please mark those days on your calendar, encourage your students to have a good night rest prior to the test and a healthy breakfast the morning of the tests.

I truly believe that if every student on our campus will simply do his or her **personal best**, students' performance will illustrate to our local community and the entire state of California the learning that takes place at RBV.

Take care,

Varda Levy  
Principal