

# *Dolores Secondary School*

Parent Monday Memo--March 25, 2019

## *Happy Spring!*

Even though we were blessed with more snow--in fairly copious amounts--over spring break, it does feel like spring is finally here, or at least on its way. I noticed that my daffodils and tulips are starting to come up in my flower bed, so I'm hopeful! I am thankful that we had such a wet winter, because our snowpack is now at 163% of average, and that is encouraging news.

We have a great many events coming up this spring, and I will do my best to keep you updated weekly. Also please make sure to check the Calendar Page on the district website. Susan is adding the events to the calendar also.

I hope you had a great time with your kiddos over break. I hope you have a great week!

Jen

## *Another Spring Testing Cycle is Set to Begin...*

Another spring testing cycle is set to begin. This year's assessment schedule is below. Please encourage your students to both take the assessments AND do their best on them. These assessments are used as an accountability measure AND as an instructional measure. They contribute to our scores on the School and District Performance Frameworks AND they allow us to improve our instruction, based on what the results tell us our students need more of. Please encourage them, make sure they get good sleep and a good breakfast before testing.

I am required to tell you that you may, by law, opt your children out of the state testing. In order to do this, you will need to make an appointment with me so that we can discuss your reasons, and I can accurately fill out the district forms, which are then reported to the state. If it is your intention to opt your students out of state testing, please make an appointment to see me the week of April 1-5. You may do this by calling the front office and connecting with Mrs. Burger.

April 8-12: 7th Grade English/Language Arts; 8th Grade Math; 9th grade PSAT; 10th grade PSAT; 11th grade SAT. More information will follow regarding the PSAT and SAT.

April 15-19: 7th Grade Math; 8th Grade English/Language Arts

April 22-26: 8th Grade Science; 11th Grade Science

### *School Events this Week (Please See District Calendar for Athletic Events)*

Monday, March 25: Superintendent Candidate Meet and Greet, 4:30-6:20 p.m., Commons

Tuesday, March 26: Sources of Strength Training, Library, 8:00-noon

Wednesday, March 27: Spring Sports Photos

### *Sources of Strength Training for Peer Leaders/Mentors--Tomorrow!*

In last week's Monday Memo, I briefly discussed Sources of Strength. Sources of Strength is an evidence-based Suicided Prevention Program, which is designed to allow students to take a significant role in transforming their school culture, and making their schools a place of belonging and acceptance for all. Tomorrow, the Pinon Project will be at Dolores to train our peer mentors. The training will take place from 8 a.m. till noon, in the library. Students will have an opportunity to sign up in advisory today, or before school tomorrow. If your student is interested in participating, please have him/her see Elisa Olson, school counselor, before school tomorrow, if he/she has not already signed up. More information about Sources of Strength is available at:

<https://sourcesofstrength.org/>

