



December 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first semester already! With final exams scheduled to begin tomorrow, I thought that I would take one last opportunity to communicate the schedule for final exams. Finals will be held Wednesday (12/19) through Friday (12/21). School will begin each day at 7:45AM and dismissal will be at 11:20AM. There will be two exams each day – Wednesday will be periods 1 and 2, Thursday will be periods 3 and 4, and Friday will be periods 6 and 7. The first final each day will begin at 7:45AM. The second final each day will begin at 9:40AM. There will be a 15 minute break between exams each day. I wish your students good luck for their final exams, perhaps they won't need it.

I would like to share some information with you that will be relevant as we return from Winter Break in January:

- 1) Students return to school to begin the second semester on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.
- 2) The construction fencing related to the track project is still anticipated to be down by January 8, which will allow us to resume normal procedures for walkers from the Tavan neighborhood and for our Tavan peer tutors. Should the fencing still be up when students return to school, we will continue with the modified procedures that have been in place this month.
- 3) The course selection process for the 2019-20 school year will begin in January. Current 11<sup>th</sup> graders will have registration presentations by the guidance counselors on January 14, current 10<sup>th</sup> graders on January 15, and current 9<sup>th</sup> graders on January 17. Beginning on January 22 and through February 1 all students will meet with their counselor one-on-one (as scheduled through their English Language Arts class) to finalize and input their requested classes for next school year. I encourage you to engage in the process of course selection with your students following their registration presentation and prior to them meeting with their counselor to finalize course selection.

As we head into winter break, I will use some of the time away to reflect upon my role here at Arcadia, the progress we are making for your students, and what changes or adjustments that I might be able to personally make in order to further my impact and effectiveness at Arcadia. Wishing you all the best this holiday season. Enjoy time over break with your students!

Professionally,

Todd Stevens - Principal Arcadia



Your children have worked very hard this first semester. Thank you for your outstanding support every day in making sure they are on time to school and prepared for class. We are extremely proud of them, and know you are, too! Even though the first semester of the 2018-19 school year is just wrapping up, middle schools and high schools have already begun the course registration process for the 2019-20 school year. Please visit the [Information Backpack](#) on the SUSD website for information about courses that will be available to middle and high school students next school year. SUSD is excited to be able to offer diverse coursework options for your students, including Critical Languages, Career & Technical Education, and Fine Arts. Check with your child's counselor or principal for your school's specific process and due dates.



## DISTRICT CORNER

Our second set of Kindergarten Roundups for the 2019-20 school year takes place the week January 14-18 at 18 SUSD elementary and K-8 schools. This is your chance to set foot in a real kindergarten classroom before your student does! Open enrollment to an SUSD school other than your neighborhood school may be available. Please check with the school of your choice.

The holiday season is upon us, and in this season of giving, please remember that one way of giving is to make a tax-deductible contribution to an SUSD school or activity, or in the name of an SUSD student! Your contributions have double-impact: one for the gift's recipient, the other for you, come tax time. Find out more at [taxcredit.sUSD.org](http://taxcredit.sUSD.org). Happy holidays from SUSD!