



VSSA Update 5.23.08

Families and Friends of VSSA:

We would like to announce an **evolution in the VSSA Summer Course selections**. We are now offering 11 courses through Aventa Learning. Courses are designed for students by grade level with more sophisticated offerings for the upperclassmen. We will still accept summer credits through COL, but the offerings have been trimmed down to eliminate courses that are already covered by VSSA teachers on sight through the year. We hope these expanded offerings will allow our student-athletes to pad their elective credits in the summer – providing them the opportunity to focus more on core classes and their athletic discipline throughout the regular school year. Thanks to all parents, teachers, coaches and students for speaking up on this win-win idea. See attached for the course listings.

Note: Aventa courses are slightly more expensive and are 'self paced'. These courses are not a good fit for students who wait until the last second to complete work. As per Battle Mountain H.S. policy, students who do not pass the courses will receive an 'F' on their transcript until the course is retaken. Students who wish to withdraw from the course after the three week 'Add/Drop' deadline will receive a 'W/F' on their transcript until it is retaken.

Attached is the **VSSA 2008-2009 Calendar**. Note that we have registration on August 19 and school begins on August 27.

Many **congratulations to Will Gregorak** for being named to the US Ski Team this Spring. We are thrilled for him and wish him continued success on and off the mountain for years to come.

VSSA is happy to announce that we have hired a new math teacher for next year. **Lyle Knudson, Ed.D.** will take over our math program beginning in August. He will most likely be teaching Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus and a technology elective.

Hope you have a wonderful and relaxing Memorial Day weekend.

Take care,

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