



VSSA Update 5.7.08

Families and Friends of VSSA:

If your kiddo wants to **get ahead on some credits**, go to: <http://www.col.k12.co.us/summer/summerregistration.html>. Email your intention to take a particular course to me. I'll clear it with Jeanne Hennessey in the counseling office and email you a confirmation. Some of our Junior and Senior families will tell you that it's nice to get ahead a few credits.

Note: It has been proposed that VSSA would move to a schedule that holds school in the Summer months and releases for three Winter months. If you have an opinion about this make it heard with Aldo Radamus, Geoff Grimmer, or Karen Ghent.

Next year we will operate on semesters. There will be no quarter grades posted in 08-09. We will continue to print progress reports at quarterly intervals, and teachers will issue midterm assessments. See rough timeline for 08-09 (attached).

With an eye on the future of the program, we are asking all parents to take 5-10 minutes and fill out an **exit survey for VSSA 07-08** (see link below). With a small program, it is important that YOU take part in sharing your ideas and perspectives on how we can strengthen the academic side of the program for next year...

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=20kRKduxMY_2fdw02KWGRboA_3d_3d

On Monday, May 19th, we are scheduled to take **NWEA standardized tests**. Please drop your 9th & 10th grade child off by 8:30 at **Battle Mountain High School**-students should meet in the library. We will bus the kids back to MMS at 12:30. 11th & 12th graders will have a regular day of a school at VSSA (MMS) and should count on regular attendance being taken for all classes that day.

Final Exams will be Tuesday 6/3 and Wednesday 6/4. Make-up exams and pizza party will be held on Thursday 6/5.

The best for last: This week is **Teacher Appreciation Week!** If you can recall any fond moments related to the VSSA teachers' efforts to educate your child, feel free to contact them with your appreciativeness!

Take care,

G.K. Grimmer