



## **Information Night for Families with Students Soon to Enter Middle School**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

**Sequoia Gym • 7 p.m.**

Families with students in the fifth and sixth grades are encouraged to attend Family Information Night at Rincon Valley Charter School, the award-winning middle school chartered by the Rincon Valley Union School District.

Rincon Valley Charter School (RVCS) consistently ranks among the top schools in the region, and offers middle school students many advantages:

- **Every 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader at RVCS is issued a MacBook laptop computer**, which they use for most of their school assignments.
- RVCS features a **project-based, integrated curriculum** that emphasizes **critical thinking skills**—and makes subject matter come alive for students.

- **More students take Algebra 1 at RVCS**—70% of RVCS 8<sup>th</sup> graders take Algebra 1, compared to 29% of the class at neighboring middle schools.
- RVCS has an **inclusive competitive sports program**, including volleyball, boys and girls basketball, cross country, and track.
- Students can take **more electives** at RVCS. All students may take Band, and elementary Spanish is included for every student. Each student additionally chooses electives ranging from Art to Video Production.
- The RVCS curriculum includes a **character development** component and many opportunities for **community service**.
- RVCS has a **block schedule**, which means there are three 100-minute long classes each day plus study periods, allowing for genuine depth and complexity in each lesson.
- **RVCS focuses on science**, helping students to prepare for an economy in which 80 percent of all jobs will require a background in math and science.
- The **RVCS curriculum is further enriched** with team-building outings and trips to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival and Monterey Bay's Camp Sea Lab for the entire student body.

- The **small-school setting** at RVCS helps eliminate many of the behavior problems that plague larger schools and enhances communication between parents, students, and faculty.

At Family Information Night on February 1, parents and prospective students can see demonstrations by RVCS students, meet the faculty, and find out how to apply to this innovative, effective middle school program. Application packets will be available to all attendees.

RVCS is a free public middle school, but families are required to complete an application in order to be accepted. Students who are currently enrolled in Rincon Valley Union School District (RVUSD) schools have first priority for admission.

RVCS brochures and application packets also are available at the RVCS Office at 5305 Dupont Drive, at all RVUSD elementary school offices, and at the RVUSD district office at 1000 Yulupa Ave. in Santa Rosa. Applications also may be downloaded at the school website: [www.rvcharter.org](http://www.rvcharter.org).

Additional information is available by calling the District Office at (707) 542-7375.

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