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Dear Parent:

At LSVI, we are hoping for some warmer weather. With two snow events this year, it is time for some sunny and warm days. As March approaches, we need to let you know of several things that are happening, which greatly affect the education of your child. March 12<sup>th</sup> marks the end of the third nine weeks with nine weeks testing occurring the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be mailed on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please check with your student about weekly progress reports on a regular basis. March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date of the LEAP Phase I testing with Phase II to be given April 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. We need your assistance in making sure that your child is in attendance and ready for this testing. We ask that you express to your child the importance of these tests and to encourage them to do their very best. Practice information may be found on the Department of Education website at [www.doe.state.la.us](http://www.doe.state.la.us).

It is our goal and commitment to improve the academics and programming at LSVI. This will in turn help to improve our school report card and the services offered to your child. One component of our report card is attendance. We are making a school-wide effort to insure that your child is in school daily. We are calling homes and following up to make sure that both school and parents are on the same page in this regard. Please assist us in making every effort to make sure your child is here. If your child is absent, please send an excuse. We also have named Ms. Vanessa Martin as our Supervisor of the Extended Day. Her primary role will be to provide continuity between the academic and the after-school day. Ms. Martin will make sure that discipline and academic issues faced during or after school are carried out throughout dorm and recreational activities. She will also assist with after-school recreation and social events.

There are several items of interest that I would like to report to you. Our new LSVI website is online and available at [www.lsvi.org](http://www.lsvi.org). We will be constantly creating and changing content on our website. If there is anything of interest that you might want on our website, please let us know. One of our students, high school junior Dimitrios Kouniaris, delivered a speech on social networking websites in relation to friendship at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of New Orleans on February 21, 2010. He won first place on his speech, which entitles him to compete at the Greek Orthodox Church's National Oratorical Festival in Florida in March. It is encouraging for all of us when one of our students has such success and represents our school so well. Our track team continues to practice hard for our upcoming conference competition, which will be held in Mississippi during April. We are excited about our high school boys' upcoming meetings

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with Catholic High School in Baton Rouge to explore ways that our school and theirs can interact. Also, we are in discussions with several members of LSU's MBA program to offer tutoring for the upcoming LEAP tests. As I write this letter today, we have approximately twenty students from LSVI and throughout the state taking the National Braille Challenge test. The winners have an opportunity to go to Los Angeles in June for the national competition. Our graduating seniors will be traveling to Lafayette on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to tour the campuses of Affiliated Blind of Louisiana and the University of Louisiana Lafayette. At ABL they will be given a tour of the facilities and see the courses that are offered. Several graduating seniors have expressed an interest in attending ABL after graduation. They are looking forward to visiting with former LSVI graduates that have continued their education at ABL.

Enclosed is school calendar for the month of March. Please note that the school will be closed for the Easter holidays from March 29-April 5<sup>th</sup>. Residential students return on April 5<sup>th</sup> with school to begin on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We are planning our annual Easter Egg hunt and will post details on the website when plans are finalized. Last month we sent home a form to make sure that your contact information and phone numbers were correct. Please make sure that we have correct information. We also sent home a note concerning our summer program and LEAP remediation. Please return the form as soon as possible if you are interested in having your child attend.

Again, I need to express to you the importance of your child being in school and of the upcoming LEAP testing. As always, should you need anything, please feel free to call us at 225 757-3482.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ACT Testing (1-5)	2	3 Seniors—ABL	4	5	6
7	8 Exams—7th Hour  ***** SDE Monitoring*****	9 Exams—2nd & 5th Hours	10 Exams—1st & 4th Hours	11 Mandatory Testing Inservice 3:15—4:15 - ALL STAFF Exams 3rd & 6th Hours	12 End of 3rd nine weeks  Guest Speaker 10:00	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Dance 	18	19 3rd 9wk report cards/ progress reports— mailed	20 Spring Begins 
21	22 Easter Egg Hunt 	23  ***** - Phase 1	24 Standardized Testing ***** Phase I (make up)	25 Easter Activity	26	27
28	29  ***** *Spring Break** *****	30	31	Easter Sunday— April 4	Note: Teachers return April 5th—In-service Students return April 6th	Note: Phase II Standardized Testing April 12-16

Dormitory Activities