

Vicenza Middle/High School



Black and Gold



Parents/ Sponsors,

The faculty, staff and administration want to wish you and your family a happy and safe Winter Break. I want to remind everyone of some very important dates for January 2009.

Quick Facts

December 22, 2008-January 2, 2009: Winter Break

Holiday Office Hours:

Week of December 22-26

Week of December 29– January 2

Monday, December 22

0900-1600

Monday, December 29

0900-1200 (Contact ES) 1200-1600

Tuesday, December 23

0900-1600

Tuesday, December 30

0900-1600

Wednesday, December 24

0900-1600

Wednesday, December 31

0900-1600

Thursday, December 25

Closed

Thursday, January 1, 2009

Happy New Year

Friday, December 26

0900-1600

Friday, January 2, 2009

0900-1600

January 5, 2009: School Resumes, "B" Day

January 8: PTSA meeting

January 15: 7th grade Lunch with the Principal

January 15: SAC Meeting

January 19: Federal Holiday, Martin L. King Day

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First Semester Exam Schedule

SY 2008/2009

Daily Review and Exam Schedule

Wednesday, January 14 Period 1: Normal Review

Period 2: Exam

Period 3: Normal Review

Period 4: Exam

Thursday, January 15

Period 5: Exam
Period 6: Normal Review
Period 7: Exam
Seminar: Normal

Friday, January 16

Period 1: Exam
Period 2: Normal
Period 3: Exam
Period 4: Normal

Tuesday, January 20

Period 5: Normal
Period 6: Exam
Period 7: Normal, plus clean out lockers
Seminar: make-up

Friday, January 23

Teacher Workday, Report Cards, End of the semester

Friday, January 30: NAEP testing, all students in the 8th grade, please see the attached letter.

Vicenza Middle/High School's website: <http://www.vice-hs.eu.dodea.edu/> Items on our webpage: daily bulletin, school's calendar, nurses corner, newsletters and it is becoming more student and school centered for your convenience.

Parent Survey: Please go to the following website <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/home/cssSurvey.php> to complete the DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Go Cougars,
Lauri Kenney



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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
VICENZA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



UNIT 31401 BOX 11

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16 December 2008

Dear Parent or Guardian:

I am pleased to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card. NAEP is an ongoing assessment of what young Americans know and can do in various academic subjects. Given to almost 1 million students throughout the United States in 2008, NAEP will show how our students in DoDEA compared to the various states and our country as a whole. It also shows long-term trends in academic performance over the 35 years the assessment has been in place.

The NAEP assessment will take place on Friday, 30 January 2009 and will take approximately 1-1/2 hours to administer. All eight grade students will be assessed in one of three test areas (reading, mathematics or science). *All responses are confidential, and no results will be reported to or about individual students or schools.* This means that the names of students who take part in NAEP are not recorded on any assessment materials that leave the school, and your child's grades or progress in school will not be affected in any way by participating.

NAEP data and results are often used by policymakers to make decisions regarding education. To help guide these decisions, NAEP asks students questions about their school experience, background, and what teachers teach in the classroom in addition to the subject matter questions. These questions do not address personal beliefs or attitudes. Student may omit any question or part of the assessment that they do not wish to answer. If you do not wish to have your child participate in the assessment, please call 634-7656.

We appreciate the participation of each child. Students who participate in NAEP will gain valuable test-taking experience, and our school's participation will be beneficial in painting a picture of what DoDEA and our country's schoolchildren are learning.

For more information about NAEP, please visit the web site <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. A Demonstration Booklet that contains student background questions and examples of test questions similar to those asked in this year's

assessment is available at that web site. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John Zaborek, School Counselor at 634-7656 or 0444-71-7882.

Sincerely,

John Zaborek
Test Coordinator