



**ASCENCION SOLORSANO MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER
August 2018**



Dear Parent/Guardian and Students,

I hope this letter finds each and every one of you in good health and ready for a tremendous year at Ascencion Solorsano Middle School. To those of you returning, welcome back and to those of you entering ASMS for the first time, welcome to the home of the Golden Eagles! We are looking forward to a great year and are excited to start school on Thursday, August 16. School will begin at 8:30 a.m. with all students reporting to their first period class. Please note our student schedule: 8:30 a.m. - 2:39 p.m., Monday through Friday.

I would like to invite you to participate in our “Welcome Back Social” on Monday, August 13, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. for all students. I encourage all families to use the Aeries online parent accounts to set up and adjust student information. This account will be used to update your student’s information and emergency contacts online (instead of the paper/pencil student emergency cards). On Monday, August 13, please come to the MPR (Multi-Purpose Room) for the following activities.

- 1) In order to receive your child’s schedule, an updated **Emergency Card must be completed**. We will have computers available to complete the Aeries online Student Data Confirmation Process. For those parents who choose to fill out the emergency card online prior to Monday, August 13, we will receive confirmation that the online information has been updated. Although we encourage you to fill out your child’s GUSD Emergency Card online, we will still have card stock Emergency Cards for your use. For safety reasons, students will only be released to individuals listed on the Emergency Card. All individuals listed on the Emergency Card will be asked to show valid identification prior to picking up a student.
- 2) Check with the **District Nursing Staff** regarding questions about immunizations and any other medical conditions the school should have knowledge of about your student. Remember, all students entering 7th grade must turn in proof of a TDAP booster vaccination or they will not be allowed to start school.
- 3) Stop by the **Food Service** table with questions regarding our **School Lunch Program**. At this time you may complete forms for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program.
- 4) Take the completed Emergency card to the **Student Schedule tables in the gym**. **Please note that we will not be making any changes to student’s schedules that evening**. Placement in academic classes has been based on a variety of assessments, teacher recommendations, and discussions with parents. Schedules are not final until after adjustments are made the first two weeks of school for academic placement and/or balancing of class loads.
- 5) While in the gym, you may purchase **Physical Education clothes (t-shirt and shorts \$30)**. P.E. locks will be provided by the Physical Education staff. For safety reasons, students are required to use school locks **ONLY**. You may also purchase sweatshirts and sweatpants. Students may only wear approved clothing for their Physical Education class. You are not required to purchase P.E. clothing but your child will need to have the required color scheme, gray t-shirt with black shorts.
- 6) **Please support our Parent Club and ELAC!** Parent representatives will have a table with information and an opportunity to sign-up as a parent volunteer. We still need parent support at the middle school! Get involved with our school by coming to our **first Parent Club and ELAC meetings in September; dates and times TBD**.
- 7) You will have an **opportunity to sign-up for “0” period Concert Band, 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Monday – Friday and our after school choir class, 2:45 – 3:30 p.m.** There is no bus transportation for “0” period Concert Band or the after school choir class.

I look forward to seeing and meeting you on Monday, August 13, from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. Our staff will be present that evening to meet and speak with you regarding our program. With many opportunities for parent involvement, please consider getting involved in “middle school life”. It is an exciting time filled with many changes for your sons and daughters. These three years are a critical period of growth for both you and your child as they transition to high school. Your involvement will contribute to their success in middle school. If you have any questions, please call me at (408) 848-4121, or email me at maria.walker@gilroyunified.org. If you have Transportation questions, please call (408) 842-0306.

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