



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



- **Thank you** for your attendance (and patience) at our annual **“Welcome Back Event”**. I appreciate all the families who completed/updated their Emergency Card online as it helped streamline getting student schedules. As we begin a new year, remember that ***Parents still make the difference!***
- **Begin the year by committing to attendance!** I would like to stress the importance of your child’s regular school attendance. One of your responsibilities as a parent is to get your child to school every day unless there is illness or an emergency. Give yourself extra time in the morning so your student is not tardy to school. Tardies disrupt the classroom instruction for all students who are on time to class. To report an absence, please call our new number, (669) 205-5000.
- Please plan to attend the **ASMS Back-To-School Night on Wednesday, September 5, from 5:00-7:15 p.m.** The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with “0” period followed by a brief school presentation from 5:15-5:35 p.m. in the MPR. Parents will follow their child’s class schedule with 1st period starting at 5:40 p.m.
- **Middle schools will have four minimum days during the 2018/2019 school year. Please mark your calendars!**
 - Monday, 8/27/18, Monday, 11/5/18, Monday, 2/4/19 and Monday, 3/11/19; 12:00 noon dismissal
- **Our first Parent Club meeting will be Wednesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in room C1-2.** I would like to give a special invite to our new 6th grade families. Parent support is still important in middle school!
- Our first **ELAC meeting will be Thursday, September 20, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** We will have our first **School Site Council meeting on Thursday, September 27, at 3:15 p.m. in the front office conference room. Please come out and support ASMS!**
- **Our first school dance of the year will be held on Friday, September 28, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.** The cost is \$5.00 to attend the dance. Please be sure to sign the Permission Slip and pick up your student promptly at 5:00 p.m.
- Our **Interscholastic Sports Program dates/seasons are as follows:** Cross Country and Girls’ Softball (now thru October), Girls’ Basketball and Co-ed Wrestling (mid-October thru early December), Boys’ Basketball (late November thru early February), Soccer and Volleyball (late January thru early April), and Track and Field (late April thru early June)
- We’ve worked extremely hard over the past few years getting traffic to flow smoothly at Solorsano. We are all here to help get students picked up, on the bus and headed home. **Please be patient as we continue to monitor the construction zone next to Solorsano. For safety reasons, Syrah Ct. and part of Grenache Way will continue to be closed to traffic. We will be routing all traffic through our current drop-off/pick-up area.** Please adhere to all traffic signs and campus supervisors who are out directing traffic and use extreme caution and safe driving practices as you approach the school. Continue to move your car forward into the parent drop-off and pick-up area. Please avoid dropping off or picking up near the Gym so we can keep the flow of cars moving. I appreciate your support as we work together to keep students safe.
- **Student safety is our number one priority at Solorsano!** As a reminder, all parents and visitors need to enter through the front office and all visitors will be required to wear an ASMS sticker for identification purposes. For safety reasons, **no parent/visitor will be allowed in the lunch area during student lunches.** If a parent wants to eat lunch with their student, a separate area has been designated.
- **Attention 8th grade parents:** All three middle schools will have their promotion ceremonies on Wednesday, June 5, at Gilroy High School. **Our 8th grade promotion ceremony will be at 3:00 p.m.** with Brownell following us at 5:00 p.m. and South Valley at 7:00 p.m. **June 5th will be a minimum day, 12:00 noon dismissal, for all three middle schools.**
- **Good luck to all students and parents as we enter another school year!** We welcome any suggestions that can make this a better experience for you and your student.