



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



Thank you for your support at our Back To School Night on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. This was an excellent time to meet your child's teachers and listen to curriculum and classroom information. It is the partnership of parents and teachers that help students navigate the middle school experience.

I appreciate all the parent support while we continue to navigate the closure of Syrah Avenue. Construction continues on extending Syrah Avenue out to Santa Teresa and Ballybunion. They're hoping to have the road open by December/January.

First Quarter ends on Friday, October 12. Parents will be able to pick up their student's report card at parent/teacher conferences. These conferences will take place Tuesday, 10/23, through Thursday, 10/25, 2:00 – 4:45 p.m. **All conferences are on a drop-in basis, not individual appointments.**

The District has approved four minimum days for middle school collaboration and planning. All these dates will be 12:00 noon dismissal. August 27, 2018 was our first minimum day. Please put these additional dates on your calendar:

- **Monday, November 5, 2018**
- **Monday, February 4, 2019**
- **Monday, March 11, 2019**

The CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) test results have been loaded into Aeries. Teachers, students and parents can view their results in the portal. In addition, the District mailed home the paper results last week. Included in that report will be an explanation regarding your child's scores in English Language Arts and Math.

Don't miss out on the ASMS 2018-2019 Yearbook! Initial cost of the book will be \$45.00 for a full-color yearbook. Books will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis so order early! The cost of the book will increase to \$55.00 at the end of 1st semester, December 21, 2018.

We have always had wonderful support from our ELAC parents! Come out and support ASMS at the DELAC sponsored **free Spanish Parent Conference on Saturday, October 13, 8:30 – 1:00 p.m. at South Valley Middle School.** We can do so much more working together!

Our School Site Council meeting will be Thursday, October 18 at 3:15 p.m. in the front conference room.

Please note that **you are required to have picture identification when picking up your student.** This is a very important safety requirement. If you have someone else pick up your student, that person **MUST BE ON THE EMERGENCY CARD, and must have identification.**

Attention all 8th grade families! Promotion Requirements - A letter will be coming home for all 8th grade parents and students to sign regarding participation in the 8th grade promotion activities. An 8th grade student may participate in the Promotion Ceremony if they pass each class with a D average for the year. The yearly average grade is comprised of 1st semester and 2nd semester grades in each of their classes, including Physical Education and electives. In addition, **any 8th grade student suspended in the 4th quarter will lose the privilege to attend the promotion dance and the Great America trip. Administration will decide if a suspended student can attend the promotion ceremony. All 8th grade students need to be responsible for academics and behavior!**

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please give me a call at (669) 205-5000, or send me an email at maria.walker@gilroyunified.org.