



**ASCENCION SOLORSANO MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**PARENT NEWSLETTER**  
**December, 2018/January, 2019**



**First semester ends on Friday, December 21, 2018.** First semester grades are an average of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter grades. First semester grades are recorded on a student's transcripts and count toward our Promotion Requirements. All semester grades will be mailed home. Please join us as we celebrate student achievement and success with our **first semester Academic Award Assemblies in January. The awards will include Principal's List, Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance.**

- 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Tuesday, January 22, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in the MPR
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders, Wednesday, January 23, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in the MPR
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Thursday, January 24, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in the MPR

**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 the first semester, December 21, 2018.

**Thank you for your participation in our Food Pantry on October 18 and November 15!** We had a total of 140 families pick up food in October and November! Our next food distribution will be January 17, 2019 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. through the back door of the MPR. All Solorsano families are welcome! Please check our website for future dates!

**December Meetings/Events:**

- SPAC meeting at D.O., December 10, 6:30 p.m.
- GHS Winter Choir Concert with the ASMS Choir, December 12, 7:30 p.m. at Gilroy Presbyterian Church
- Winter Band Concert, December 18, 6:30 p.m. in the MPR
- Winter Break: December 24 – January 4, 2019

**January Meetings/Events:**

- Monday, January 7, 2019, Teacher Record's Day; no school for students
- Students return to school on Tuesday, January 8, 2019
- ELAC meeting, January 10, 6:00 p.m.
- SPAC meeting at D.O., January 14, 6:30 p.m.
- DELAC meeting at D.O., January 15, 6:00 p.m.
- Parent Club Meeting, January 16, 7:00 p.m. in C1-2
- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, January 21, no school
- School Site Council; January 24, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. in front conference room
- District-wide Professional Development Day, January 25, 2019; no school for students

**Promotion Requirements:** An 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> semester and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades in each of their classes, including Physical Education and electives. In addition, **any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student suspended in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will lose the privilege to attend the Promotion Dance, and the Great America trip. All 4<sup>th</sup> quarter suspensions will be reviewed by Administration and a decision will be made regarding attendance at the Promotion Ceremony. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students need to be responsible for academics and behavior!**

**As we head into the holidays, I want to thank all of you for your continued support.** We have a culture built on the strength of each individual and it's through these strengths we have grown into a symbol of excellence in GUSD. Enjoy your time with family and friends this holiday season. Remember to breathe deeply, laugh often, and truly enjoy all the warmth of the season.

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.