



**ASCENCION SOLORSANO MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PARENT NEWSLETTER  
February 2019**



**Congratulations to all of our students for their academic success during 1<sup>st</sup> semester of this school year!** We had 100 students on Principal's List, 360 students on Honor Roll and 103 students with Perfect Attendance, for a total of 563 students receiving recognition! Our grade level Academic Award Assemblies were a huge success! Keep up the outstanding academic achievement!

**As we progress through 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, continue to motivate and encourage your student(s) to achieve success and growth.** Thank you to all the wonderful parents and guardians at ASMS. You are a very important piece of your child's educational success and middle school journey. Stay the course supporting your child, while always reinforcing academic excellence. I encourage all parents and guardians to **check Aeries** regarding current grades, assignments and homework. Continue to contact teachers either by email or phone if you have any classroom concerns. **Communication is key for your child's academic success.**

**On Thursday, January 31, we'll have a parent presentation from Community Solutions regarding the Teen Assault Awareness Program (TAAP). The presentations will be at 5:30 p.m. with English in the MPR and Spanish in the Library.** The TAAP program is an interactive presentation where teens learn about healthy relationships, boundaries, harassment, and staying safe. The goals of the program are to:

- Encourage teens to tell if they encounter any type of situation that could be abusive - on any level
- Ensure teens can identify trusted adults in their lives
- Promote healthy relationships
- Educate students on harassment and ways to assert themselves
- Identify healthy boundaries

**Gilroy High School and Christopher High School will have informational nights for all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday, February 4, 2019.** *Mustang Mania* will start at 5:30 p.m. and *Cougarpalooza* will start at 6:00 p.m.

**The Academic Coordinators from GHS and CHS will be coming to ASMS on Thursday, 2/7/19, to register 8<sup>th</sup> graders for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes.**

**On Friday, 2/15/19, there will be two assemblies for 8<sup>th</sup> graders entitled *Impact Teen Drivers* sponsored by the California Highway Patrol.** The focus of the presentation is seat belt safety, being a non-distracting passenger, and speaking up in unsafe driving situations. The first assembly will be during 2<sup>nd</sup> period, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and the second assembly will be in the afternoon, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend either the AM or PM assembly.

**Don't miss out on the ASMS 2018-2019 Yearbook!** The cost is now \$55.00 for a full-color yearbook. Books will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis, so order early! We did sell out last year! Buy your book now to have memories of middle school!

**Promotion Requirements:** An 8<sup>th</sup> grade student may participate in Promotion activities 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. Administration will determine if a suspended student can participate in the promotion ceremony. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students need to be responsible for academics and behavior!** Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who received a 1<sup>st</sup> semester grade of a D or F will have a meeting with a counselor. Our goal is to get all our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to the promotion ceremony!

Please note that you are required to have picture identification when picking up your student. 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.

**Included are some helpful hints for success in middle school. I encourage you to share with your student.**

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](mailto:Maria.walker@gilroyunified.org)