



ASCENCION SOLORSANO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Thank you for your attendance (and patience) at our annual “**Welcome Back Social**”. I appreciate all the families who did 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 an 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. (**Reference Attendance Information pages 5-6 in the Planner**)

Please plan to attend the **ASMS Back To School Night on Wednesday, September 4, 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 three more minimum days during the 2019/2020 school year. Please mark your calendars!

- Monday, 11/4/19, Monday, 2/3/20, Monday, 3/9/20; 12: 00-noon dismissal

Our Parent Club meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. in room C1-2. We had a great turn out at our first meeting! Lots of wonderful ideas were being formulated and now we need a plan to set some dates. Please be part of the conversation and get involved.

Our second **ELAC meeting will be Thursday, September 19, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** We will have our first **School Site Council meeting on Thursday, September 26, at 3:00 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 20, 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 weeks to get traffic to flow as smoothly as possible, given the circumstances, at Solorsano. **Please adhere to all traffic signs and supervisors who are out directing traffic.** We are all here to help get students picked up, on the bus and headed home. Please pick up your student by 3:00 p.m. each day. In addition, please use extreme caution and safe driving practices as you approach the school; **drive slowly, do not make illegal U-turns, do not park illegally or block entrances or exits.** Thank you all for your patience through this tough time.

Student safety is our number one priority at Solorsano! The six front gates will be open for students in the morning from 7:15 - 8:30 a.m. After 8:30 a.m., all gates will be closed and locked with outside access through the front office. At the end of the day, all gates will be open for student dismissal and then closed and locked. 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.

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.

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