



# ASCENCION SOLORSANO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent/ Teacher Conferences.** A huge part of student success is the partnership between home and school. As we progress through 2nd quarter and the end of the 1st semester, please continue to monitor your child's grades. With Aeries Gradebook being new this year, if you have any questions and /or concerns regarding your child's grades, please contact the teacher(s) for clarification.

**Congratulations to 17 of our students who achieved top scores on the 2019 CAASPP test in ELA and/or Math!** Students were recognized by the Superintendent and the Board of Education at the October 3rd Board Meeting. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication you put forth in your studies.

**Attention 8th-grade parents:** All 8th-grade students will take the CollegeBoard PSAT 8/9 (Preliminary SAT) on November 4, 2019. The PSAT 8/9 tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT in a way that makes sense for eighth-graders. It measures what they're already learning, shows them whether they're on track for college and lets them know where they need to most improve. That means students have time to tackle these areas long before they take the SAT for college admission.

**Our success as a school has been, in part, because of outstanding parent support.** Please come out and support our Parent Club Meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 7:00pm in room C1-2. Check out the parent club facebook and Instagram @ASMS\_parent\_club and get involved. Our Turkey Trot is coming up on November 22 and we will need a lot of parent volunteers to help throughout the day to support our students and staff. Please be on the lookout for more details coming this month.

**On November 19 our students will take part in an #ICANHELP assembly** to empower students on our campus to use social media in a more positive, healthy way and provide them with the tools for good citizenship. This movement will be part of our school culture to help our students become part of the solution. For more information go to #ICANHELP.com.

**Don't miss out on the ASMS 2019-20 Yearbook!** The 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 will increase to \$55.00 at the end of the 1st semester, December 18, 2019.

**Attention 8th-grade parents:** All 8th-grade students received a **Promotion Letter in October** to be signed by the student and parent/guardian. These letters were handed out in their Science class and must be returned with both signatures. As a reminder, an 8th-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 2nd-semester grades in each of their classes, including Physical Education and electives. In addition, **any 8th-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!**

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.

**The Food Pantry is returning to Solorsano!** St. Joseph's Family Center teams up with the Second Harvest to provide food to all interested families. We will host the pantry once a month from our MPR. Student volunteers, with adult assistance, will help receive, organize, and distribute the food to families. Distribution of the food will be from 3:00-4:00 pm through the back door of the MPR. All Solorsano families are welcome! The next one is on Thursday, November 21.

**The Gilroy Unified School District invites you to provide input on the development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget.** Take a quick survey that will help the District prioritize its spending for the upcoming school years. All responses are anonymous and the survey should take you no more than five minutes. The survey window is open from November 22, 2019.

Parent/Community: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DNJT7XS>

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