Valencia Middle School

Home of the Jaguars

The Best of the Best

Family Newsletter#1

July/ August 2026

Dear Families,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Ms. Acabal, and I am honored to serve as your new principal. I have been an educator for over 24 years and am bilingual in English and Spanish. Throughout my career, I have served as a bilingual teacher, Dean of Students, assistant principal, and the last 13 years as a principal.

I am excited to be joining Los Lunas Schools and becoming part of the Valencia Middle School community. I already know this is a special place because of our phenomenal staff, supportive families, and amazing students.

I would also like to introduce Mrs. Villella, our assistant principal. She brings over 20 years of experience with Los Lunas Schools and a strong commitment to education. Mrs. Villella is excited to continue her work as Assistant Principal at Valencia Middle School, where she remains dedicated to empowering students and supporting staff to ensure success for all Jaguars.

We would especially like to welcome our incoming 7th grade students to Valencia Middle School. We are excited to have you join us and look forward to supporting your academic, social, and emotional growth throughout the year.

We are confident this will be a wonderful and successful school year for everyone. Thank you for your support and partnership. Together, we will make this a great year for our students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 18th - Saturday - Back to School Extravaganza (REGISTRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS)
July 20th - VMS Registration
August 3 - 7th grade jump start
August 4 - 1st day of school
August 10 & 11 - IPads rollout
August 13 & 14 - iMSSA testing during ELA class
August 13 - Open House 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
August 17 & 18 - iMSSA testing during Math class

THINGS TO REMEMBER

School hours are:
7:10 a.m.- Students on campus
7:21 a.m. -First bell
7:25 a.m. -Tardy bell
2:25 a.m.- Dismissal

Attendance Matters - Go Jaguars!

This year, we will focus on improving our attendance rate. It is extremely important for students to be at school every day and on time.

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for student success. Each school day builds important skills, and missing class can create learning gaps that are difficult to make up. When students arrive on time, they begin the day prepared and ready to learn.

Strong attendance also helps students develop habits such as responsibility, time management, and commitment—skills that are essential for high school, college, and future careers. We appreciate your support in helping your child attend school every day and arrive on time.

DONATIONS

If you have gently used clothing suitable for middle school students that you would like to donate, please bring it to the office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Arrival Information

Please do not drop students off before the designated arrival time of 7:10, as there is no staff on duty. Students arriving after the 7:21a.m. bell must report to the office to receive a tardy pass. Students are expected to be in their classroom by 7:25.

Dress code

Please remember that we have a dress code here at school.

- "Sagging pants" are not allowed. Jeans, slacks, shorts, and all other pants must be worn at or about the waist at all times. Even if a shirt is long, the pants must be worn at the waist. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. Pants that drag or are excessively oversized are not allowed.
- Inappropriate exercise clothing will not be allowed without an appropriate covering garment.
- Pants with holes are permitted as long as skin more than three inches above the knee is covered.
- Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in the school buildings.
- No pajamas or undergarments are to be worn as clothing or outerwear.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be a length that are not higher than three inches above the knee.

Shirts:

- Sleeveless tops with a minimum width of two-inch wide straps are acceptable. The shirt straps must be wide enough to cover undergarments.
- Shirt hems must extend below the waist of pants/shorts/skirts whether in a sitting or standing position.

Not Allowed:

- Low cut, bare midriff or crop tops
- Oversized, too tight and/or revealing see-through shirts.
- Backless shirts, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops, off the shoulder shirts.
- Cutting or tying of shirt

Footwear:

- No bedroom or house slippers
- Must not resemble slippers

Outerwear:

- No inappropriate logos on hoodies, jackets, sweatshirts as determined by administration
- No oversized jackets (trench coats)
- Knit caps may be worn outside on inclement or cold weather days
- No blankets

Thank you again for your continued support and partnership. It is a pleasure working with your children. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact us at:

- Ms. Acabal: aacabal@llschools.net
- Mrs. Villella: nvillella@llschools.net

You may also call the school office and leave a message with our front office staff. We will respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ms. Acabal and Mrs. Villella