



Venado Middle School

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AND CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

April 8, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2018-2019 school year has been exciting and productive! It's hard to believe that the end of the year is around the corner. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with important information about the end of the year. Some of the information in this letter pertains to all students and some information pertains to 8th grade students only.

Information for both 7th and 8th Grade Students

Textbook Return - Wednesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 23 2019

Textbooks will be returned through classes on Wednesday, May 22 (7th grade) and Thursday, May 23 (8th grade). Student are responsible for the cost of lost books and any fees assigned for excessive damages.

Yearbook Distribution - Monday, June 3, 2019

Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, June 3 to all students who have pre-purchased one. There are a limited number of yearbooks left for sale, so if you are interested, please act quickly. Because yearbooks are treasured, students should safeguard their yearbooks by writing their names on the inside cover immediately. Any student who writes/draws inappropriate things, vandalizes and/or who damages a peer's yearbook will be held responsible for repairing or replacing the yearbook and may be subject to other disciplinary consequences.

Extended Lunch and Yearbook Signing Party - Wednesday, June 5, 2019

On Wednesday, June 5, there will be an extended lunch and yearbook signing party for eligible students. The ASB/Leadership class is providing a DJ and the City of Irvine Middle School Program (MSP) staff will be on hand with various games to make it a fun lunch.

Information for 8th Grade Students Only

Panorama Photo - Monday May 20, 2019

South Coast Photo will be here Monday, May 20 to take the 8th Grade Panorama Photo. This photo is a wonderful memory for 8th grade students. Order envelopes, which were provided to all students in Homeroom today, are to be returned to the photographer on May 20. Extra envelopes are located in the front office. The dress code applies, so please make sure students are attired appropriately.

Promotion Party/Dance - Friday, May 31, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Promotion Party will be held at Venado on Friday, May 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Only current eighth grade students from Venado Middle School who meet the eligibility criteria are permitted to attend the party. The party is sponsored by the PTSA and is free of charge. Students will need to arrive at the dance no later than 6:45 p.m. If for some reason your child must arrive later than 6:45 p.m. or you will be picking your child up before the dance ends at 8:30 p.m., please notify the main office in writing prior to Friday, May 31, so that we can make the arrangements. Otherwise, all students are expected to remain at the dance until 8:30 p.m.

Dress for the Promotion Party should be nice school clothes or dress-up clothing that would be appropriate to wear out to a nice dinner (a dress, skirt, blouse, nice pants, collared shirt, etc.). Clothing must meet the Venado dress code requirements. All school rules apply at the dance. Please pick up students promptly at the end of the dance.

8th Grade End of the Year Video – Tuesday, June 4, 2019

During a special Homeroom on Tuesday, June 4, our ASB/Leadership class will show the 8th Grade End of the Year Video in the Commons. The video is for 8th grade students only. Due to space limitations, only 8th grade students and staff are invited to attend.

Knights Awards Assembly – Thursday, June 6, 2019

Each year, Venado Middle School recognizes exceptional student achievement, leadership and school service of our 8th grade students at our annual Knights Awards Program. This year's program will be held on Thursday, June 6 from 8:40 to 10:00 a.m. Individual student awards will be given in all of our curricular areas. We will also be recognizing students for their participation in our school service groups.

All parents are welcome to attend this event. The parents of students receiving awards will receive letters notifying them in advance. The program will take place in the "amphitheater" on the east side of the school. Limited parent seating is available and so we encourage parents and guests to bring low lawn chairs and/or blankets on which to sit.

Limited parking is available in our main parking lot beginning at 8:10 a.m. Please do not use Deerfield Elementary School's parking lot. Handicapped seating will be provided for family members who make a request to Ms. Mariani, 949-936-6802, by Friday, May 31. We are not permitted to reserve the limited number of handicap parking spaces in our parking lot, so if you need one of these spots, please arrive early. We have also obtained a parking variance from the City of Irvine, which allows people to park on the school-side of Deerfield, starting at Doe Trail/Deer Creek and ending at Fawn Glenn/Deer Spring. If you live close to Venado, you may wish to consider walking.

Promotion Ceremony - Friday, June 7, 2019 from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

On Friday, June 7, 2019, eighth grade Venado students will be honored at our annual Promotion Ceremony. The ceremony will be from 8:45-9:45 a.m. on the Venado campus behind the Field House. Students must arrive that day by 8:30 a.m. and report to Homeroom classes. Student dress for this activity will be the same as for the Promotion Party (the dress code applies). Students should leave personal items such as backpacks, purses, etc. at home or have their parents hold on to them until after the ceremony.

Family members are invited and welcome to attend the ceremony. Parents and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or a blanket on which to sit. Handicapped seating will be provided for family members who make a request to Ms. Mariani, 949-936-6802, by Friday, May 31. We are not permitted to reserve the limited number of handicap parking spaces in our parking lot, so if you need one of these spots, please arrive early.

Limited parking is available for parents in our main parking lot at the front of the school beginning at 8:10 a.m. Please do not use the Deerfield Elementary School parking lot as school is still in session there. We have also obtained a parking variance from the City of Irvine, which allows people to park on the school-side of Deerfield, starting at Doe Trail/Deer Creek and ending at Fawn Glenn/Deer Spring. If you live close to Venado, you may wish to consider walking.

We look forward to an exciting and fun end of the year. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the school at 949-936-6800.

Sincerely,

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