



VENADO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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April 11, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Venado Middle School, home of the Knights! We are proud of all that our school and staff have to offer and hope that you and your child's experiences over the next two years are rewarding and meaningful. Our office and administrative teams are working diligently to prepare for the next school year. A central part of this process is the registration process. Students will be placed in academic classes according to current placement, SBAC scores, IUSD Math placement criteria, EL status, etc. Parents/guardians will submit elective course requests online.

Parent Night - Thursday, April 20

Our 6th Grade Parent Night for the parents of incoming 7th graders will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Due to space limitations, this event is for parents only. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet staff and learn about Venado's programs, schedules, classes, etc. Please feel free to use the Deerfield Elementary School parking lots. Limited parking is also available for parents in our main parking lot at the front of the school beginning at 5:45 p.m. In addition, we obtained a parking variance from the City of Irvine, which allows parents 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 seeing you there!

6th Grade Student Assembly - Friday, April 21

On Friday, April 21, we will be hosting a special assembly for all incoming 7th graders. Due to space limitations, this assembly is for students and teachers only. Students will learn about their new school and classes, including electives, for next year. As Venado Knights, school spirit is a big part of student life on our campus. Please encourage your child to wear our school colors, black and gold/yellow, that day. Prizes will be awarded to the students who show the most school spirit.

If your child attends College Park, Deerfield or Greentree Elementary Schools, your child will be walking to Venado with his/her teacher and class. Students from other elementary schools are also invited, but parents will need to sign their children out of the elementary school and provide transportation to and from Venado for the assembly. Students should arrive at Venado at 9:00 a.m. Students will also need to be signed out by parents at the end of the assembly, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Registration

All registration documentation will be posted on our website on this [page](#) on Friday, April 21. You can navigate to this page manually by following this path: <https://venado.iusd.org/> > About > Enrollment & Registration.

Listed below are important action items for all of our incoming families:

1. Review Venado Middle School's [Course Descriptions](#) document.
2. Embedded Honors Slide Deck and FAQs
3. Intervention Class Video and FAQs
4. To learn more about our elective class offerings, review the [Electives Program and Visual and Performing Arts Slide Decks](#). These documents have rich information for students and families and will assist with elective course request selections.
5. Submit elective course requests between Friday, April 21 and Friday, May 5, by completing the [Elective Course Requests Form](#).

*The Parent Night slide deck and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document will be posted after the parent night on this same page.

Elective classes are not assigned on a first come, first served basis. Once requests are submitted, changes are not permitted, so please take time to consider your requests carefully with your child. Parents who do not submit elective course requests will have elective classes assigned to their students. We really want to avoid doing this, so please submit your requests by the deadline.

We very much look forward to working with your child and you over the next two years. Once again, welcome to Venado Middle School. If you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in some way, please contact our front office at 949-936-6800. We're here to help. Go Knights!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis Torres', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Luis Torres, M.A.

Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Van Dam', written in a cursive style.

Shannon Van Dam, M.A.

Assistant Principal