



VENADO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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April 10, 2026

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, IUSD Math placement criteria, EL status, etc. Some students may be placed in an intervention support/lab or ELD class. Parents/guardians will submit elective course requests online.

6th Grade Student Assembly - Tuesday, April 21, 2026

On Tuesday, April 21, we will be hosting a special assembly for all incoming 7th graders. Due to space limitations, this assembly is for students and their 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.

Parent Night - Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Our 6th Grade Parent Night for the parents of incoming 7th graders will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 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. Limited parking is available for parents in our main parking lot at the front of the school. 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 Glen/Deer Spring. If you live close to Venado, you may wish to consider walking. Please feel free to use the Deerfield Elementary School parking lots, as they do not have any events planned for that evening. We look forward to seeing you here!

Registration

All registration documentation will be posted on our website on this [page](#) in the immediate future. You can navigate to this page 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. Review the Embedded Honors Slide Deck and FAQs
3. Watch the Intervention Class Video and FAQs
4. To learn more about our elective class offerings, review the *Electives Program Slide Deck*. This document has rich information for students and families and will assist with elective course request selections.
5. Submit elective course requests between Friday, April 24 and Friday, May 8, 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,

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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