



# Venado Middle School

Irvine Unified School District

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Dear Parents and Students,

The seventh grade year has flown past and we now begin planning for eighth grade. As our vision statement reminds us, we really do strive to "lead each student to recognize their greatest gifts and to reach their highest potential." Our desire is that our students are excited to come to school and view learning as a challenging and engaging experience. We believe this experience is heightened through a partnership between home and school and look forward to a continued collaboration with our parents.

Attached you will find the *yellow registration card* and course offerings. Please take time in making your choices. We will do our very best, given the ever decreasing resources, to accommodate your first choices. Providing alternates helps as well.

It might be necessary for some students to work on skills over the summer to better prepare themselves for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. This is especially true for students who are not passing their math and/or reading classes in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Summer school information and registration materials will be available separately and can be obtained from Venado's main office.

We encourage you to attend Venado's Open House on **Thursday, May 14**, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Beginning at 5:00, we will hold our traditional El Pollo Loco dinner. See the enclosed flyer for the order form, which must be returned with payment in the enclosed envelope to your child's advisor no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Meals are guaranteed only if purchased in advance. You will pick up the pre-order dinner tickets at Venado on the night of Open House. During dinner, our student groups provide entertainment. The classrooms open at 6:30 PM. Spending this exciting evening with us will give you and your child the opportunity to observe student activities, view class work and projects, visit with your child's teachers, as well as celebrate the learning that has taken place this year.

**Please return all registration materials and Open House dinner order forms and money to your child's advisor no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The Venado staff is looking forward to working with you and your child for another year. The middle school years provide a wonderful opportunity to help your child reach the academic goals you have established. On behalf of your student, thank you for being an active partner in their education. If you have any questions, please call us at 936-6800.

Sincerely,

Keith Tuominen  
Principal