

Venado Middle School

7th Grade Parent Education Night
September 2011

Who's who in the office?

- Bob Valdez, Principal
- Luis Torres, Assistant Principal
- Stefani Cachola, Psychologist
- Erin Garcia, 8th Grade Counselor
- Michelle Trapp, 7th Grade Counselor
- Ryan Itchon, Project Success

Middle School Facts

A bridge between elementary school and high school.

Multiple Classes

Five to Seven Teachers

Preparation for high school.

Six Classes Everyday

3 minute Passing Periods Between Classes

Preparation for the workplace

Rigorous Curriculum

Two Short Years

Middle School: A Time of Changes

Rule Breaking

Emotions
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Change in Eating Habits

Hormones

Peer Pressure

9 to 11

Hours of Sleep

Trying

RISK TAKING

new FRIENDS

things

DRAMA

Hyperbole

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- Not Coordinated
- Use the Planner
- Check the web site www.venadoms.org
- Communicate with teachers – phone, e-mail, ect



Grades are indicators of how well your child will do in high school.
High school grades will determine which college they will attend.

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Parent Portal

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Parent Portal

- A link to on-line communication between school and home
- Update student information and check attendance.
- One of many tools for tracking your child's progress
- Each teacher has his/her own system for posting and entering assignments and grades.

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Student Planner

- Listing of important rules and policies, school map, school calendar, bell schedules, etc.
- Incorporates John Wooden's Pyramid of Success
- A central place for students to keep track of school work, assignments and other important dates
- A central place for students to keep track and manage tasks
- Important tool in Venado's Tutorial program
- Students must have their planners in each class each day

Tools for Success

- Home Set of Books
- Website – www.venadoms.org
- Tutorial
- PBIS
- WEB
- Counseling
- Project Success
- ACE – Afterschool Classroom Enrichment

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Student Schedule of Classes

ACADEMIC CORE – Standard Course of Study for Middle School

- **Language Arts and Social Studies (Blocks)**
- **Leveled Math Courses (Intro to Pre-Alg, Pre-Algebra, Algebra)**
- **Science/Health**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ELECTIVES – opportunities for students to be exposed to new experiences and to explore areas of self-interest

- **Exploratory Elective Courses: Art, Ceramics, Digital Photography, Wood, Computers, Sign Language**
- **Year-long Electives Courses: Band and Orchestra, Guitar, Vocal Ensemble, Drama, ASB/Leadership, Yearbook, Spanish 1 and Student Aide Positions.**



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National Junior Honor Society

- National organization that recognizes outstanding middle school students
- Core principles: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, & Citizenship
- Membership requirements – 4.0 for 2 consecutive trimesters with no N's or U's in citizenship
- Meetings are held during lunch



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WEB: Where Everybody Belongs

- PBIS – 7th Grade Orientation
- Leadership training and mentoring opportunity for 8th grade students
- Opportunity for 7th and 8th grade interaction throughout the year.

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Advisement/Tutorial After Period 4 – 28 minutes



Period	Start Time	End Time	Total Minutes
1 st	7:58	8:50	52
2 nd	8:53	9:43	50
Nutrition Break	9:43	9:53	10
3 rd	9:56	10:46	50
4 th	10:49	11:40	50
Advisement/Tutorial	11:43	12:11	28
Lunch	12:11	12:46	35
5 th	12:49	1:39	50
6 th	1:42	2:32	50
7 th	2:35	3:26	51

Tools for Success

Advisement

- Mondays
- Serves as a homeroom
- Facilitates middle school transition
- Facilitates the formation of friendships
- Participation in community and school service
- Counseling Guidance Lessons

Tools for Success

TUTORIAL PASSES

Given after each six week grading period.

- Students will be given a Tutorial Pass for earning all A, B, or C's
- Tutorial Passes affixed to the inside of the front cover of the planner.
- Must be displayed while attending tutorials outside of a classroom.
- Passes may be revoked at anytime during the 6 week grading period.

This planner belongs to _____

Tutorial Pass Stickers

Tutorial Pass	Trimester 1 – Start of School
	Trimester 1 - Progress
	Trimester 1
	Trimester 2 - Progress
	Trimester 2
	Trimester 3 - Progress

TUTORIAL PASS STICKERS
Each progress and grading period, students receiving no grade lower than a "C" (meaning all A, B, or C's) will earn a Tutorial Pass Sticker. When stickers are earned and properly affixed above, the planner becomes your Tutorial Pass. Students with a tutorial pass for each six (6) week grading period, will earn the privilege of spending tutorial time working in the quad, library or computer lab as they choose. Students must maintain appropriate grades throughout the trimester to maintain the benefits of the Tutorial Pass.

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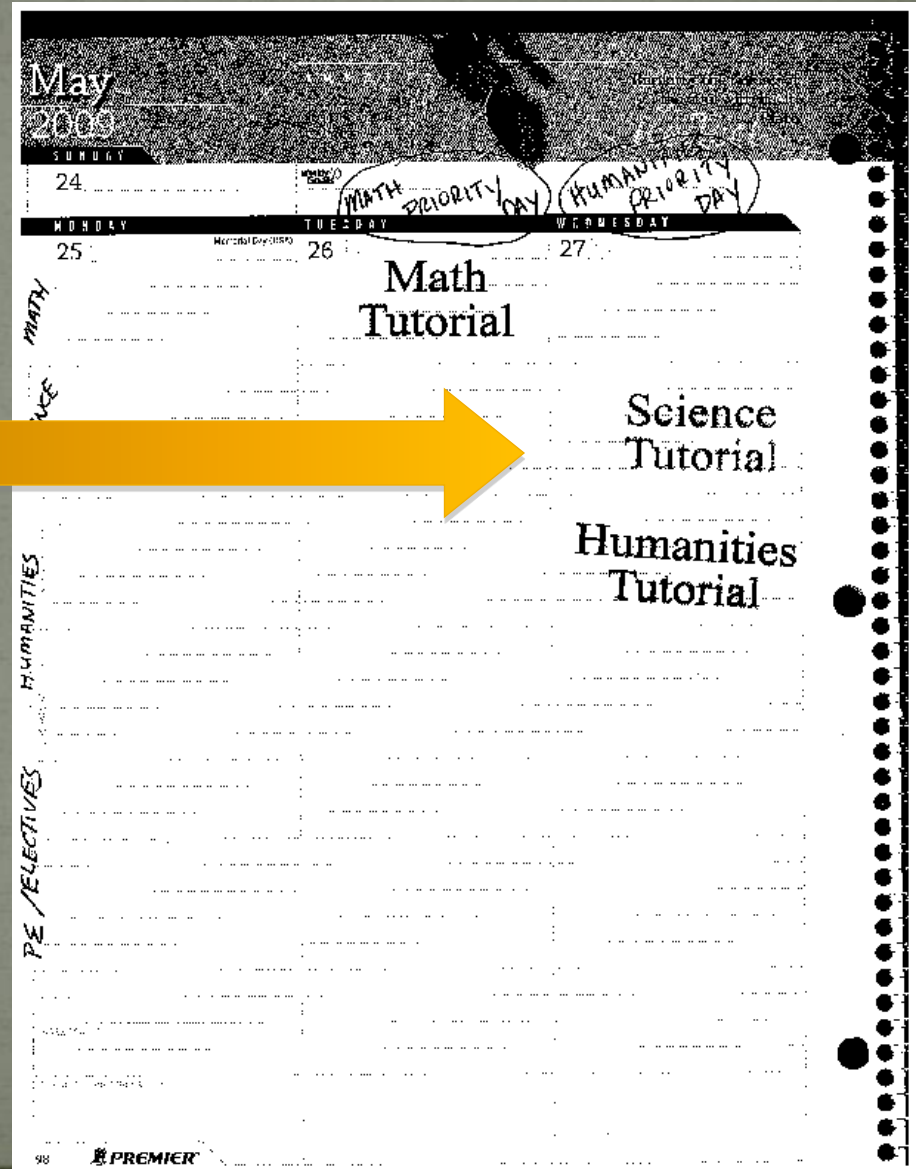
Tutorial Opportunities

- 3 days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)
- Open Tutorial
- Closed Tutorial
- Library – Pass Required
- Computer Lab – Pass Required
- Lunch Area – Pass Required

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Tutorial Priorities

- Teachers stamp for a specific subject area for re-teaching, retesting or assignment completion.
- If a student receives a stamp, he/she must attend that tutorial.
- If a student has more than one stamp he/she needs to speak with all teachers involved and work out which tutorial he/she is to attend.



Tools for Success

Goals of Tutorial

- Grades will increase (fewer D's and F's)
- Fewer missing assignments
- Higher GPA's (more students on the Honor Roll)
- Higher Test Scores (class tests and CSTs)
- Increase student eligibility
- More privileges earned
- Less student/teacher frustration
- Happy parents = happy home 😊

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Home and School Communication

STAFF

- E-mail
- Phones
- Parent Portal

SCHOOL

- Principal's News Letter
- Community E-mails
- Automated Phone Calls
- WEB Site

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Professional Learning Communities

Late Start Fridays

- Teachers working collaboratively
developing curriculum and lessons
common assessments
- Reviewing Data
- Staff Development
- Emergency Prep

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Attendance Policies

Absences

- Per state and district guidelines, an absence is considered excused for the following reasons only:
 - illness (with a doctor's note)
 - death in the family
 - religious holiday
 - doctor/dental appointment
 - student's appearance in court
- A parent may call their child in sick and the absence will be marked excused, so long as there have not been excessive excused absences.
- A doctor's note may be required to excuse an illness for students who have excessive absences.

Attendance Policies

Absences continued...

- Administrators are required to report attendance irregularities to the district and state.
- A student who has 3 or more unexcused absences is considered to be “habitually truant” by the school district and state.
- The School Attendance Review Board (SARB) may be used to address and help resolve unremediated attendance problems.
- Whenever possible, please make doctor’s appointments outside of school hours.
- Obtain Independent Study Contracts for absences of 5 days or longer (see Student Planner for more info).

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Positive Behavior Intervention & Support

PBIS

- School-wide Behavior Support
- WEB Orientation/Implementation Days
- HONOR Code
- HONOR Cards – rewards behaviors
- Super Knights – rewards academics
- Assemblies
- Staff Development

This year's motto: Be The Change

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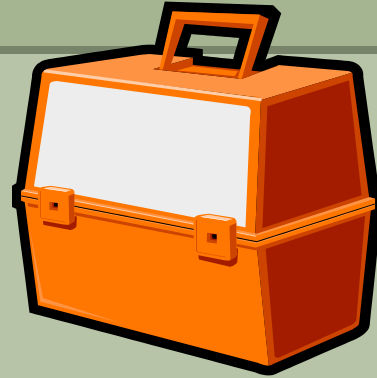
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School Breakfast and Lunch Program



- **Breakfast (available before school)**
- **Break/Snack**
- **Lunch**
- **Menus available**
- **Deposit \$ -- Lunchbox Program**

National School Breakfast and Lunch Program

(Application for Free/Reduced Lunch)

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Afterschool: ACE and YAT

ACE – Afterschool Classroom Enrichment

- Zero Period Jazz Band
- Afterschool Homework Club

*Looking to expand the class offerings

MSP/YAT – Middle School Program and Youth Action Team

- Mondays – Meeting Day
- *Tuesdays/Thursdays – Sports Days*
- Wednesdays – Community Service Days
- Fridays – Activity Days

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Staying Involved at Venado

PTSA – Parent Teachers Student Association

- Meetings – Third Thursday of the Month – 6:30 PM
- Membership Drive
- Financially Supporting VMS Programs and Projects

SSC – School Site Council

- Contributes input on school programs

Parent Volunteers

- Tutorial
- Copy Parents
- Chaperones
- PTSA Support

• Donations/Fundraising Events

- Magazine Sale (October)
- Venado Knight's Out (Diner Events)

• Attendance of Venado Events

• Parent Interest Surveys (email)

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Venado's Recycling Program

Plastic Bottles
Aluminum Cans
Pop tops
Lunch Trays
Paper and Cardboard
Energy/Electricity
Box Tops for Deerfield



Friday morning drop-off in front of the school.

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VMS Counseling Program

Erin Garcia, 8th grade

Michelle Trapp, 7th grade

- Provide support and guidance to students and their families in the following three domains: Academic, Career, and Social/Emotional.
- Meet with students on an individual basis, school-wide guidance, parent education and other specialized programs.
- Available to students before school, break, lunch, after school or by appointment.

Ryan Itchon, Project Success



Stay tuned for...

- PTSA – 1st meeting is Thursday 9/22 at 12:00
- Magazine Kick-off Assembly 9/28
- Magazine Fundraiser – October 2011
- Red Ribbon Week – Last Week of October
- Parent Conferences, November 1 & 2

General Questions

Good Night