



# Cerro Villa Middle School

California Gold Ribbon School 2015  
Distinguished School 1994, 2005, 2013

Fully Accredited for Grades 7-8 by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, WASC

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Dear Parent,

Another exciting school year is just around the corner! I would like to personally welcome you and your student to Cerro Villa Middle School, recognized as a Gold Ribbon School in May 2015, a California Distinguished School (2013-17) and WASC accredited (grades 7-8 from 2014-2017). Whether this is your first or second year with Cerro Villa, we pledge to provide your student with a variety of academic and extra-curricular opportunities to pave the way for success in high school and beyond.

The success of each student depends on the effective partnership forged among parents, students and the school. As a result, I encourage you to become actively involved in your child's education. In addition to academic encouragement, there are many opportunities for involvement. Our Parent/Faculty/Student Organization (PFSO), student clubs, and our School Site Council are great ways to provide your input and assistance to Cerro Villa. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office or Mrs. Nicol Jones, our PFSO President.

We have a **late start to school EVERY Wednesday** with school starting at 9:25 AM and ending at regular time, 2:43 PM. A bell schedule may be found on our school website or registration packet.

Summer registration for **8<sup>th</sup> grade is scheduled for Thursday, August 11. Registration for 7<sup>th</sup> grade is August 12.** The registration process should take about an hour. It is highly recommended that all students attend summer registration. School pictures, which are included in the yearbook, will also be taken at that time, so please dress accordingly.

This year we are on a staggered start, meaning 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin and end a day earlier than 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. **The first day of school for 7<sup>th</sup> graders only is Tuesday, August 23, 2016.** It is a minimum day with school beginning at 7:55 AM and ending at 12:05 PM. **All students will be on a regular school start, Wednesday, August 24, 2016.** (This is the only Wednesday that will be a regular start day with school beginning at 7:55 AM) **School ends at 2:43 PM.**

This will be our 21<sup>st</sup> year with uniforms!! Uniform information will be provided at registration and on our school website. Uniform sizing and purchases of shirts, bottom wear, sweatshirts and jackets is handled by our vendors at their establishments. **All students are expected to be in uniform on the first day and to follow the uniform requirements on a daily basis.**

Academic success is critical! Promotion from middle school requires that students pass 36 of 42 credits and not earn more than one "F" grade as a final trimester grade per subject. Ultimately, students will be retained if they do not complete the required credits. We utilize many intervention strategies such as academic advisement, Homework Help, tutorials, summer school and Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS). Parent participation is always an important part of the process as we monitor the progress of all students toward successful completion of middle school promotion requirements. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Lisa Ogan  
Principal

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