

Academic Decathlon

Program Overview and Participant Guidelines



St. Junipero Serra Catholic School
2020-2021



The Junior High Academic Decathlon Program Mission:

As Catholic school educators, we affirm that each young person entrusted to our care has been endowed by God with marvelous intellectual gifts and talents. The California Catholic Schools' Academic Junior High Decathlon (or AJHD) strives to bring forth some of those academic talents and celebrate them in the context of spirit-filled competition. The five goals of the Academic Decathlon Program are:

- to promote academic excellence;
- to promote collaborative spirit and cooperative learning skills;
- to promote logical and higher order thinking;
- to recognize the contributions of parents, teachers, school administrators, and business and community members in supporting high standards for all students; and to celebrate the diversity, excellence, and tradition of Catholic schools

Program History within the State of California:

The Catholic Schools Academic Decathlon was founded in September, 1989 by Dr. Mark Ryan who was then a junior high teacher at St. Aloysius School in south-central Los Angeles. Dr. Ryan had a vision for an academic event to parallel the athletic competitions so prevalent in schools. What began as a tiny competition involving a handful of schools from the greater Los Angeles area has grown to become a statewide event involving Catholic junior high students from across the United States. The Decathlon is now under the guiding jurisdiction of the California Catholic State Superintendents Curriculum Committee.

Program History within the Diocese of Orange:

Schools within the Diocese of Orange began participating in this program in 1997. The annual event is held on the first Saturday of March, March 7th this year, at one of the high schools within the Diocese. For the past several years the event has taken place at Santa Margarita Catholic High School in Rancho Santa Margarita. Decathletes and their families, coaches, and fans plan for a full day program on the day of the decathlon beginning with a Mass that is held at San Francisco Solano Church at 8:00am and concluding with an award ceremony that typically ends at 4:00pm. The number of participating schools varies each year to include approximately 16-20 Catholic elementary schools from within the Diocese of Orange. The team who takes first place overall in the competition will represent the Diocese of Orange in the state competition which is held Saturday April 4th. Typically, the event moves from year to year from a location in Northern California to a location in Southern California. This year the event will be held in Southern California with the location to be officially announced at a later date. The Diocese of Orange has hosted the state event three times, twice St. Junipero Serra Catholic provided the facilities.

Championship History:

2020 – St. Edward the Confessor- Diocese Champions & State Champions

Serra Catholic – 3rd Place Overall

2019 – St. Edward the Confessor- Diocese Champions & 2nd Place at State

Serra Catholic – 4th Place Overall

2018 - St. Edward the Confessor - Diocese & State Champions

2017 – St. Edward the Confessor – Diocese Champions & 2nd Place at State

2016 – St. Edward the Confessor – Diocese & State Champions

2015 – St. Edward the Confessor – Diocese & State Champions

Serra Catholic- 2nd Place Overall

2014 – Serra Catholic School – Diocese & State Champions

2013 - St. Edward the Confessor School - Diocese & State Champions

Serra Catholic – 2nd Place Overall

2012 - Serra Catholic - Diocese & State Champions

Serra Catholic Hosts State Event

2011 - Serra Catholic - Diocese & State Champions

2010 - St. Edward the Confessor School

2009 - Blessed Sacrament School

Serra Catholic School (Team and School) Send Sponsorship to Winning School to offset the cost of their travel to Sacramento, CA

2008 - St. Edward the Confessor School - Diocese & State Champions

2007 - St. Edward the Confessor School - Diocese & State Champions

2006 - St. Norbert School

Serra Catholic Hosts State Event

2005 - Serra Catholic School- Diocese Champions

2004 - Our Lady of Fatima School - Diocese & State Champions

Serra Catholic School Participates in OCDE Pentathlon This Year

Serra Catholic School Teachers Write Decathlon Assessments

2003 - Serra Catholic School - Diocese & State Champions

2002 – Serra Catholic School - Diocese Champions

2001 – St. Angela Merici School

2000 – St. Barbara School

1999 – St. Boniface School

1998 – St. Irenaeus School – **Serra Catholic first year Participating**

1997 – St. Pius V School



Program Overview:

The Academic Junior High Decathlon is an academic competition designed for Catholic students in grades 6-8. There are ten events that take place within the one-day competition. Two of the events are collaborative, team efforts including the 5,000-point Logic Quiz and the 8,000-point Super Quiz. The other eight events are individual events that are each worth 1,000 points including Religion, English and Spelling, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts (Art and or Music). The ten team members work together on both the Logic Quiz and the Super Quiz. There are eight team members who also take individual tests and two team members which are designated as the Members at Large who only compete in the team events.

Participants in the program including parents, siblings, coaches, and team members often remark that this experience not only celebrates Catholic education, but it is life-changing. This program is also one that the more a person puts into it, the more they get out of the program.

Logic Quiz: The Logic Test is typically the first event of the competition. It is facilitated in a space that is large enough to host all of the teams and the audience. The test coordinator will provide oral directions for the teams and then the event proctors will distribute the paper tests. Each team member will obtain one copy of the Logic Quiz to use. The team answer choices will be recorded on the one official answer document that the Logic Team Captain maintains. There are 20 logic questions with varied degrees of difficulty on the test. These problems include verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative logic. They are rigorous and require the team to think critically. The team oriented nature of this event means that each of the ten team members will work together to ensure that the talents of each team member are best put to use. In the past the Serra team has been organized by team member area of strength. For example, the team members who demonstrate talent in the area of verbal logic may sit together while the more quantitatively minded team members are placed together. Each team member will be given a pencil to use and is permitted to mark their quiz booklet as needed. The quiz booklets will be collected at the end of the quiz.

The Logic Quiz is a timed event. The event lasts for fifty (50) minutes. When time is called the team captain will turn in the official team answer document to the event proctors. The results of the Logic Quiz are not immediately known by the team as the answer documents are taken to a panel of educators who grade each team's responses for full and or partial credit. The results of the Logic Quiz are made public at the event award ceremony in the afternoon. The teams that earn first place through fourth place are recognized. Ties are not broken in this event.

Individual Events: Each of the eight individual events takes place in a designated classroom that is supervised by two proctors who read the directions, distribute the assessment, and monitor the competition. The team member designated to each test will be called by subject to join the various delegations that move from the Logic Quiz into the individual classrooms. Each individual event includes fifty (50) questions.

The individual events are timed and last for fifty (50) minutes. Each participant marks his or her answer choices on a *Scantron* document for easy scoring and so the test questions include the following formats: multiple choice, true or false, and matching. Each individual event also includes a tie-breaker. Individual ties are only broken in the event that there is a tie for the overall winner in the entire competition because only one school can represent the Diocese of Orange in the state competition. The results of the Individual Events are made public at the event award ceremony in the afternoon. Students who earn first

place through fourth place are recognized. Because ties are not broken for this event multiple winners may be recognized at each level (1st – 4th) and in each of the eight events.

Super Quiz: The Super Quiz is typically the last event of the competition and it takes place in a very interactive team format. The test consists of fifty (50) questions that are organized into groups of ten (10). Each of the groups of questions covers one of five (5) topics including religion, science, social studies, literature, and fine arts. For this quiz each of the team members will have a written copy of the test in front of them. The test is printed in a manner which allows the team member to only view one question at a time. The teams progress through the test as prompted by the reader.

Each question is read aloud to the teams and the audience. Following the reading of the question the team will have fifteen to twenty (15-20) seconds to deliberate over their response. Teams may talk and deliberate only from the time that the reader concludes reading the question until time is called and the reader announces, “Answers please”. When time is called the team and audience will first hear a chime, and then the reader will make the answer announcement and at that time the team captain will be required to raise the team’s answer choice. Once each team has shown their response, the reader will announce the correct response. The audience will have the opportunity to cheer for their teams following the reading of the answer response.

The event is proctored by two people at each team table including a score-keeper and a referee of the competition. Teams may not challenge answer responses during the competition but may seek clarification as needed when either the question or answer choices are unclear. Questions must be asked during the team deliberation period by asking the referee to hold the red flag aloft in the air. This event is not timed in format, but it is paced by the reader and can take anywhere from 60 minutes to 90 minutes in total for the 50 questions and the tie-breakers. The point-by-point results of this event are very public throughout the event. Although a tie-breaker is completed, ties will not be broken unless there is an overall award tie for the first place as only one school can represent the diocese at the state competition. Winners in 1st through 4th place will be recognized in this event.

Participant Eligibility:

Participation in this program at St. Junipero Serra Catholic is a highly sought privilege. This program has been designed with the intention of celebrating the School wide learning expectation of “Sharing one’s God-given talents”. Given the size of the school and the large gifted population the team will consist only of students from 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The team includes ten (10) team members. Membership on the team in 6th grade does not guarantee membership on the team in 7th grade, and membership on the team in 7th grade does not guarantee membership on the team in 8th grade. Each year a new set of objective data is reviewed to determine eligibility and the invitation list.

In Previous years, candidate eligibility has been determined by the school’s instructional team and administration using a rubric that includes grades on the student learning assessments in the areas of Literature, English Composition, Math, Religion, Science, Social Studies, Responsible Behavior, and Work Habits. The top fifteen (15) scorers on the rubric for 7th grade and the top fifteen (15) scorers on the rubric for 8th grade were invited to consider participation in the Academic Decathlon. This year all interested 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be allowed to take the candidate test for team selection.

Team Selection Process:

The application packet will be available for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students on **Monday September 28, 2020** that includes:

- Decathlon Program Overview and Participant Guidelines
- Proposed Practice Calendar and Event Schedule (in addition to the Guidelines)
- Qualifying Logic and Super Quiz Study Guide (Contained in the Guidelines)

The items bulleted below must be returned to the Program Coordinator, Mr. Loungarikis, on **Friday, October 2, 2020 by 1:00pm** in order for the candidate to be considered eligible to take the Candidate Logic Quiz and Super Quiz on **Monday, October 5, 2020 from 2:45pm – 4:00pm**.

- Application Cover Page
- Fee Statement
- Teacher Recommendation Form (Submitted by Teacher)
- Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form
- Candidate Statement Form
- Participation Agreement

Students who wish to attempt the candidate test must complete the participant package by the stated deadline. The final state of candidacy and the final determinant of participation will be an individual Qualifying Logic Quiz and Super Quiz that will be administered to all interested candidates in early October. The team will be announced on the school's website under Academic Decathlon on **Friday, October 9, 2020**.

Participant/Team Member Responsibilities:

Each of the eight individual subject areas (Math, Science, Literature, English and Spelling, Social Studies, Religion, Fine Arts, and Current Events) will have one team member who will compete on behalf of the school. Each of those students will work with an advising coach but will be independently accountable for the study and retention of the subject area material. Two students will serve as members-at-large for the team components (Logic and Super Quiz) and will not represent the school on an individual basis.

Participation in this program requires focus, tenacity, and hard work! Team members must be motivated to study independently as well as with other members of the team. Because of the team nature of this program, **each member is required to meet the expectations so as to support the team as a whole**. Together this team will succeed and individualism is not a trait that works well within this program. Team members are expected to maintain their regular school responsibilities including homework, independent reading, projects, and assessments. Team members and their parents should not expect teachers to make exceptions or extend deadlines for regular school work so team members should plan study sessions and balance regular school work accordingly. It is best that team members put in effort early in the Decathlon season (October – January) in order to avoid stressful studying at the end when end of trimester two finals and projects take place. The most successful team members are those who plan and organize their study material in a manner that spreads it out over many months versus at the end of the program.

Team Captain(s):

One team member will be selected based upon his or her logic assessment score to represent the team as the Logic Team Captain. One team member will be selected based upon his or her overall selection score to represent the team as the Super Quiz Captain. In some cases, both of these roles may be played by the same team member.

Team Practices and Events:

It is required that each team member attend **at least two** of the scheduled **team** practices per week. Practices may be scheduled to take place before school from 6:45 – 7:45am, during the school lunch period from 12:30 – 1:10pm, and after school from 2:45 – 4:00pm to accommodate the demands of student’s schedules. In addition, the parent volunteers may choose to schedule optional Saturday practices at an off-site location as needed. Individual event practice sessions **are in addition** to this team practice requirement.

Team members are also expected to participate in all team events including the team social events, the mock decathlon, team prayer service, and the team Mass and banquet. (Please refer to the tentative calendar for the dates and times of these events).

Individual Event Practices:

Individual event team members will coordinate practice times with his/her coach/advisor. All team members are required to “check-in” with their coach but are ultimately responsible for the study of subject area material. Please note that all coaching positions are filled on a volunteer basis and therefore students are asked to be considerate of the coach when committing to and or canceling practice meetings. In addition, parents are asked to drop-off and pick-up their students on time.

Alternates:

In some special cases alternate team members may be chosen at the sole discretion of the school’s administrative and coaching staff. In the event that an alternate is chosen, they are expected to prepare equally with the individual team member. Alternates will be treated as team members and are expected to attend all practices and team events. Thus far the coaching staff has **not** planned to assign any alternates for the 2020-2021 team.

Study Materials:

Materials for studying and a binder will be provided for each team member as part of the participation fee. These materials should be maintained by the team member and brought to each practice.

Team Uniform:

Each team member will receive a decathlon tee shirt and a team jacket. The jacket will be worn on the day of the event by all team members in lieu of the formal Mass uniform sweater. This jacket may also be worn to school on any non-formal school day as part of the regular school uniform. The tee shirt may be worn on spirit days. It is the responsibility of the team member to wear the team uniform as needed based upon the event calendar. The team will have an event uniform that will be worn for the mock event in January, a team photograph, the team mass, and the Decathlon held in March. Following the event, the team members may wear this uniform to school as part of the regular school uniform. For photos, the Mock Decathlon, and on the day of the event the boys will wear their formal, khaki uniform slacks, white school polo shirt, and the team jacket. The girls will wear their formal, plaid uniform skirt, a white oxford uniform shirt (or white uniform polo), white knee high socks, and the team jacket.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

Once the team is announced in early October, this program becomes intense and parent/guardian participation is required of all participants. **The team roster announcement is scheduled to take place this year on Friday, October 9th via the school website.** Candidacy is contingent upon parent/guardian volunteerism as noted in the participation package which is due from interested candidates by **Friday, October 2, 2020 by 3:00pm**. All parent/guardian volunteers must satisfy the school's safe environment requirements. **A mandatory parent/guardian meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 15th at 5:30 pm in Mr. Loungarikis' classroom 5C (C1-104: 5th grade hallway).**

The decathlon program is one where the experience that one enjoys is the direct result of what that person puts into the program. On the day of the event, parents most enjoy the competition when they know that their child has well prepared for the various events. Too often parents remark on the day of the event that they wish they knew how intense the competition was going to be because they would have better supported their child in his or her studying efforts. In order to avoid this feeling, it is highly recommended that parents get involved with their child's studying effort as early as October. Parents have also recommended that the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays include some studying so as to spread out the workload more reasonably. This is the kind of program that requires a very intense, hands-on approach from parents in support of their children. If helping your child study is not of interest to you then the academic decathlon program is likely not a good fit for your family.

In order to make this program run, parent/guardian volunteers will need to work in multiple areas. There are ample parent/guardian volunteer opportunities available including:

- **Individual Coach** - Responsible for preparing an individual team member for his/her event. This can be a very wonderful way to spend time with your own child if he or she is responsible for an individual event. This requires about 50 hours of one-on-one support, research, and practice from October through March.
- **Super Quiz Coach** - Responsible for preparing three or more students in one of the five categories of the Super Quiz. This can be a very rewarding experience but it requires research, organization, and communication skills. This requires about 50 hours of support from October through April.
- ****Practice Super Quiz Coordinators** - Responsible for collecting ten questions from each coach for the practice super quiz team sessions. Coordination includes collection, typesetting, and printing the practice tests.
- **Team Parent/Guardian Coordinator** - Responsible for communicating with other team parents to notify them of events or to coordinate volunteer coverage. This person will prepare, coordinate, and communicate the practice host schedule, team lunch, snack and refreshment schedule, and carpool drivers/chaperones for team events such as the Mock Decathlon. This person will work with Miss Banegas to coordinate student permission slips and parent volunteer driver forms as needed. We have accomplished this via e-mail and *Sign-up Genius* in the past and it works well.

- **Team Social Chair** – Responsible for coordinating three team-building, social events for the team. These events will be hosted throughout the decathlon season at various venues including homes, a bowling alley, restaurant, *Color Me Mine* paint studio, a parish food bank, etc. The social events are designed to help foster a team mentality and can include team member's families. The first event will be a potluck dinner for the families so that all team members and their families become acquainted. In addition, the Team Social Chair will plan one service activity and one purely social outing.
- **Practice Host** – Responsible for hosting one of many team practices that take place after school or on the weekends. This responsibility includes providing practice space, refreshments, and supervision. This can be coordinated as a potluck or hosted event. (This volunteer role will be coordinated and assigned by the Team Parent/Guardian using *Sign-up Genius*).
- **Photo Coordinator** - Photos will need to be taken throughout the season to document the team events and in preparation for the banquet slide show. This person will be responsible for establishing a team photo site where parents can upload, download, and share team photos as needed. This person will take and or collect photos from each event and will compile them into a presentation set to music for the team banquet. This person will also coordinate with the school's Director of Communication to share photos that can be used for school communications, press releases, and the yearbook.
- **Team Mass/Banquet Co-Coordinator** - Responsible for co-coordinating the catered banquet for participants and their parents, coordinating the invitations, handling the responses and fee collection for extra guests, decorating the tables, and preparing the church hall, restaurant, or club for the event. ***This year's banquet is tentative to COVID restrictions and may be held in a digital format.***
- **Decathlon Event Co-Coordinator** - Responsible for coordinating the refreshments for the Diocese event in March including a continental breakfast and hot lunch - the cost of which will be covered by the Participation Fee. The assigned table for the team will need to be decorated with balloons, team member goody bags, and other festive accompaniments. In the past we have also received set-up and decorating support from Alumni families.
- **Event Proctor** - Responsible for administering the tests at the Diocesan level competition and calculating or displaying scores during the Logic Quiz, the individual events, and the Super Quiz on the day of the event – training will be provided on the day of the event. By volunteering for this position you agree that you will sit on the event floor with the teams and not in the stands with the fans. ***This year is digital due to COVID, proctors may not be needed.***

Parent/Guardian Information Meeting:

A mandatory parent/guardian meeting is scheduled to take place on **Thursday October 24th at 6:00pm in Mr. Loungarikis' classroom C2-208.** This meeting is important because parents/guardians will have the opportunity to ask questions about the program and to learn about how parents/guardians help support each team member. Parents/guardians will have the opportunity to hear from returning team parents about how to make the most of this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow with your child.

Program Fee and Other Expenses:

The St. Junipero Serra Catholic Academic Decathlon program commences in October and extends through March (or April if the team progresses to the state competition). A substantial participation fee is required for participation in the Academic Decathlon due to the cost of the study materials, participation fee due to the Diocese of Orange, the team uniform, refreshments, and the team banquet. Beyond the participation fee, several other optional expenses may be incurred including fan wear, snacks and refreshments at practices, and prayer partner mementos. In the past additional tee-shirts have ranged from \$10-\$15 per person. Parents/Guardians and fans may also choose to purchase the team uniform jacket at cost. This cost may range from \$50-60 based upon which item the team selects and the cost of embroidery.

Decathlon Participation Fee: This fee will be collected to offset the expenses incurred by the school for this extra-curricular program. The fee for the 2020-2021 team will be **\$350** per student. A refundable **deposit of \$150** will be due by **Friday, October 2, 2020 by 1:00pm** as part of the participation application package. The deposit will be refundable for those candidates who are not selected to participate on the final team roster. **The balance of \$200 will be due from all participants by Friday, December 4, 2020.**

Program Coordinator:

St. Junipero Serra Catholic is blessed to have Mr. Noah Loungarikis coordinating the program. Mr. Loungarikis has served as a decathlon coach since 2011 and as a decathlon program coordinator since 2013. Mr. Loungarikis will prepare the team practice calendar and will coordinate distribution of the team study materials. Parents/Guardians, coaches, and team members should make Mr. Loungarikis their first point of contact with questions, concerns, or suggestions about the program. He can be contacted at nloungarikis@serraschool.org.

Once the coaching team has been coordinated, Mr. Loungarikis will send team members and their parents/guardians the roster of coaches.

***This concludes the Decathlon Program Overview and Participant Guidelines.
The following pages constitute the balance of the Participant Package/Application.***

Qualifying Logic and Super Quiz Study Guide

The following study guide has been prepared as a courtesy for those students who are interested in participating in the Logic and Super Quiz Qualifying Test scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020 from 2:45pm – 4:00pm in the SAC.

Logic:

Students should be prepared to complete several different types of logic problems including verbal logic, non-verbal logic, and number-based logic. The following website links provide excellent sample problems:

<https://www.braingle.com>

<http://www.brainbashers.com>

<http://www.mensa.ort/workout2.php>

<http://www.allstarpuzzles.com>

<http://www.kenkenpuzzle.com>

The Logic Qualifying Test may contain any of the following types of problems:

Sudoku

Cryptograms

Algebraic equations

Spatial reasoning

Anagrams

Patterns/graphs

Rebus

Probability

Lateral thinking

Grids

Drop Quotes

Word Division

KenKen

Super Quiz:

For the purpose of the Super Quiz portion of the qualifying test, students should read the packet excerpt from ***Rediscover the Saints*** issued by Mr. Loungarikis when the application packet is turned in. There will be 20 tough fill-in-the-blank questions related to the characters, setting, and the action that occurs within the section. Detail is key, so please read and re-read thoroughly for all details and minutiae.

Application Cover Page

This cover page and supporting documents must be returned to **Mr. Loungarikis on Friday, October 2, 2020 by 1:00pm** in order for the candidate to be considered eligible to take the Qualifying Logic Quiz and Super Quiz on **Monday, October 5, 2020 from 2:45pm – 4:00pm in the SAC.**

Please staple each of the required forms to this cover page.

Name of Candidate: _____

Homeroom: _____

Please check and attach the following parts of the Participation Package/Application to this form prior to submitting it to Mr. Loungarikis:

- Fee Statement and \$150 Deposit
- Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form
- Candidate Statement Form
- Participation Agreement

Check below if you have submitted your Teacher Recommendation form to one of your teachers. Please also provide the name of that teacher.

- Teacher Recommendation Form Submitted to a Teacher

Name of Teacher: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Fee Statement

This form and the deposit must be returned to Mr. Loungarikis on Friday, October 2, 2020 by 1:00pm in order for the candidate to be considered eligible to take the Qualifying Logic Quiz and Super Quiz on Monday, October 5, 2020 from 2:45pm - 4:00pm.

As detailed in the Decathlon Program Overview and Guidelines, the fee per student is **\$350** for the 2020-2021 school year. This fee offsets the costs associated with this extra-curricular program. A **deposit of \$150 is due from each candidate by Friday, October 2nd**. This deposit is fully refundable for candidates who do not make the final team roster. For those students who do make the final team roster, the deposits will be applied toward the initial study materials that each team member will receive in October. **The balance of \$200 is due from each team member by Friday, December 4, 2020.** Assistance with this fee may be available for families who qualify for tuition assistance. Please contact Mrs. Radzai directly to inquire about support for this fee at jradzai@serraschool.org.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Please attach a check or money order made payable to St. Junipero Serra Catholic School and note the details of that deposit below.

Deposit of \$150

Check Number: _____

Name on Check: _____

We understand that the balance of **\$200 is due from each participant by Friday, December 4, 2020.**

Parent Signature: _____

Email Address that should be used to send a reminder of this fee:

Teacher Recommendation Form

This form should be provided to the recommending teacher immediately upon invitation. The teacher will need a few days to prepare his/her statement. It is also helpful if the form is attached to a personal request letter that details some of the reasons why you feel you are a qualified candidate. Please also thank the teacher for considering completion of the form. As a courtesy to the teacher, it is not advised that candidates submit this form to their recommending teacher at the last minute before it is due.

The teacher will place this form in a sealed envelope and it will be submitted directly to Mr. Loungarikis by **Friday, October 2, 2020 by 1:00pm** in order for the candidate to be considered eligible to take the Qualifying Logic Quiz and Super Quiz. This form is **CONFIDENTIAL** and will not be shared with the candidate.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Recommending Teacher: _____

Please rate the student on the following qualities using the rating table below. Please mark an "X" in the category that best describes the applicant in each assessment area.

Area of Assessment	Area of Growth /Needs Improvement	Satisfactory/ Meets Expectations	Area of Strength/ Exceeds Expectations
Attendance			
Responsibility			
Self-Confidence			
Listening Skills			
Compassion for Others			
Maturity			
Flexibility			
Study Skills			
Test Taking Skills			
Willingness to Try New Things			
Tenacity			
Organizational Skills			
Willingness to Work with Others			

My overall Recommendation is (mark one):

_____ I strongly recommend this student.

_____ I recommend with some reservation.

_____ I recommend this student.

_____ I do not recommend this student.

Teacher Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form

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Please check all of the Parent/Guardian volunteer opportunities that interest you. We strongly encourage both parents/guardians to get involved in this program. Volunteer support is a requirement for participation in this program. These opportunities will be assigned to parents/guardians based upon interest. The list of assignments will be shared at the Parent Information Meeting on **Thursday, October 15th at 5:30 pm.**

It is a school requirement that the parent/guardian volunteer(s) all satisfy the Safe Environment requirements. Please contact Diana McCarron in the St. Junipero Serra School office dmccarron@serraschool.org for more information about these requirements.

Parent/Guardian Name #1: _____

Email: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Parent/Guardian Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Coach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Super Quiz Coach | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Super Quiz Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Host | <input type="checkbox"/> Mock Decathlon Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Mass/Banquet Co-Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Decathlon Event Co-Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Proctor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Parent/Guardian Name #2: _____

Email: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Parent/Guardian Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Coach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Super Quiz Coach | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Super Quiz Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Host | <input type="checkbox"/> Mock Decathlon Coordinator |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Proctor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Comments/Talents/Gifts that you would like to share with this program: _____

Participation Agreement

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I, _____ (print name) agree to comply with the participant responsibilities as stated in the Decathlon Overview and Guidelines and noted below. Should I become unable to comply with those guidelines, I will immediately advise the program coordinator (Mr. Loungarikis) and my coach(es) immediately.

Participation in this program requires focus, tenacity, and hard work! Team members must be motivated to study independently as well as with other members of the team. Because of the team nature of this program, each member is required to meet the expectations so as to support the team as a whole. Together this team will succeed and individualism is not a trait that works well within this program. Team members are expected to maintain their regular school responsibilities including homework, independent reading, projects, and assessments. Team members and their parents should not expect teachers to make exceptions or extend deadlines for regular school work so team members should plan study sessions and balance regular school work accordingly. It is best that team members put in effort early in the Decathlon season (October – January) in order to avoid stressful studying at the end when end of trimester two finals and projects take place. The most successful team members are those who plan and organize their study material in a manner that spreads it out over many months versus at the end of the program.

Team Practices and Events:

It is required that each team member attend **at least two** of the scheduled team practices per week. Practices may be scheduled to take place before school from 6:45 – 7:45am, during the school lunch period from 12:30 – 1:10pm, and after school from 2:45 – 4:00pm to accommodate the demands of student’s schedules. In addition, the parent volunteers may choose to schedule optional Saturday practices at an off-site location as needed. Individual event practice sessions are in addition to this team practice requirement.

Team members are also expected to participate in all team events including the team social events, the mock decathlon, team prayer service, and the team Mass and banquet.

Individual Event Practices:

Individual event team members will coordinate practice times with his/her coach/advisor. All team members are required to “check-in” with their coach but are ultimately responsible for the study of subject area material. Please note that all coaching positions are filled on a volunteer basis and therefore students are asked to be considerate of the coach when committing to and or canceling practice meetings. In addition, parents are asked to drop-off and pick-up their students on time.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____