

Making the right choice for your child...

Choosing the right school with the right program for your child is one of the most difficult decisions a parent must face.

Rooted in Faith and Vision, the community of St. Serra Catholic School welcomes children from the parishes of St. Kilian, San Francisco Solano, Santiago de Compostela and Holy Trinity. In the spirit of the Gospel, the parents, teachers, and administration of Serra Catholic School strive to educate and develop the unique potential of each student spiritually, academically, physically, psychologically and socially.

Student Learning Expectations

- A Catholic, Christ-Centered Life that Serves God and Others
- An Engaged and Active Life-Long Learner
- A Respect and Reverence for Human Dignity and Diversity
- A Passion to Share and Lead with One's God-Given Gifts

ADDITIONAL CURRICULUM INFORMATION:



*"Unless our Catholic philosophy and way of life are taught religiously, our civilization will be founded on sand."
St. Junipero Serra*



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8TH



EIGHTH GRADE CURRICULUM



**Large School
Opportunities,
Small School Culture**

8th GRADE CURRICULUM

Instruction in 8th grade is offered using a departmentalized approach.

Avg. Class Size: 25 students

RELIGION

- Annual Spiritual Retreat
- Christmas Nativity
- Family Life
- History of the Roman Catholic Church
- Monthly Masses
- On-going Service in Action Projects and Opportunities
- Weekly Bible Study
- Weekly Sunday Gospel Preparation

MATHEMATICS

Four Levels of Instruction Daily

- Algebra I Skills
- Curriculum Aligned to the Common Core Mathematics Standards
- Daily Foundation Skill Reinforcement with Simple Solutions
- Geometry and Measurement
- HSPT- High School Placement Test preparation, overview, and testing strategies
- Note-taking including Math Specific Vocabulary and Study Skills
- Problem Solving Skills and Logic Games

LANGUAGE ARTS

Three Levels of Instruction Daily

- *Chapman University Holocaust Art and Writing Contest*
- Curriculum Aligned to the Common Core ELA Standards
- English Composition featuring the *Jane Schaffer* Approach to Expository Writing
- HSPT- High School Placement Test preparation overview and testing strategies
- Literacy Skills with a focus on reading non-fiction, informational text and practice in study skills and note taking
- Literary Analysis including the investigation of literary devices, themes, conflicts, characters, story structure and point of view
- Literature, including non-fiction and poetry
- Mechanics of Standard English, including grammar, usage, and punctuation
- Middle School Reads- Featuring an Author Visit
- Vocabulary integrated with literature
- Writing genres of descriptive writing, journals/ letters, narrative and persuasive writing, and poetry

SOCIAL STUDIES

- A Nation Divided — Civil War
- American Revolution
- Forming a New Nation
- Life in the Colonies
- Project-Based Learning Opportunities
- Reconstruction
- Seeking Independence
- United States History
- Washington D.C. Trip or Adventure Week

SCIENCE

Physical Science

- Acids, Bases, and Solutions
- Chemical Reactions
- Electricity
- Elements and the Periodic Table
- Energy and Heat
- Hands-On Experiments
- Introduction to Matter
- Scientific Inquiry/Lab Projects
- Solids, Liquids, and Gases

ENRICHMENT CURRICULUM

- Art
- Creativity Lab
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- 1:1 Technology Integrated across Curriculum

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- Academic Decathlon
- Athletics: Parochial Athletic League
 - **Boys & Girls:** Flag Football, Basketball, Lacrosse, and Volleyball
 - **Co-Ed:** Track & Field and Soccer
- Band
- California Junior Scholastic Federation (CJSF)
- Campus Ministry
- Choir
- Christmas Concert
- Handbells
- Homework Club
- Scouts
- SerraVision Broadcast Crew
- Student Council
- Theater Arts: Spring Musical

