

Making the right choice for your child...

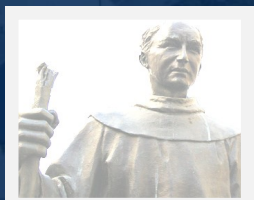
Choosing the right school with the right program for your child is one of the most difficult decisions a parent must face.

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

"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: 26 students

RELIGION

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

MATHEMATICS

Four Levels of Instruction Daily

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

LANGUAGE ARTS

Three levels of instruction with over 70 minutes of daily instruction:

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

SOCIAL STUDIES

- United States History
- Life in the Colonies
- Seeking Independence
- American Revolution
- Forming a New Nation
- A Nation Divided — Civil War
- Reconstruction
- Annual **National Geographic Bee**
- Project—Based Learning Opportunities
- **Educational Field Experiences and Excursions**

SCIENCE

Physical Science

- Introduction to Matter
- Solids, Liquids, and Gases
- Chemical Reactions

- Acids, Bases, and Solutions
- Elements and the Periodic Table
- Energy and Heat
- Electricity
- Scientific Inquiry/Lab Projects
- Hands-On Experiments

ENRICHMENT CURRICULUM

- Art Integrated with Social Studies and Religion
- Music Integrated with Social Studies and Religion
- Technology Integrated across Curriculum
- Spanish
- Physical Education and Health

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- **Parochial Athletic League:** Boys-Flag Football, Basketball, Lacrosse, and Volleyball; Girls-Volleyball, Basketball, Lacrosse, Softball and Spirit Squad; Co-Ed —Track & Field and Soccer
- Junior High Academic Decathlon
- SerraVision Broadcast Crew
- Sound & Audio Crew
- CJSF — California Junior Scholastic Federation
- MS Choir
- Spring Musical
- Homework Club
- Christmas Concert
- Student Council
- Campus Ministry
- Knights of Columbus Annual Writing Contest

