

## Making the right choice for your child...

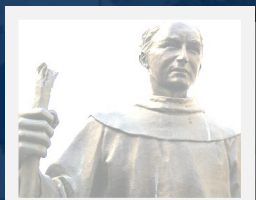
Choosing the right school with the right program for your child is one of the most difficult decisions a parent must face.

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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# 7<sup>th</sup>

## Seventh Grade Curriculum



**Large School  
Opportunities,  
Small School Culture**

# 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE CURRICULUM

Instruction in 7th grade is offered using a departmentalized approach.

*Avg. Class Size: 25 students*

## RELIGION

- Monthly Masses
- New Testament
- The Life of Jesus including his teachings, and the Sacraments he instituted
- Family Life
- Weekly Sunday Gospel Preparation
- Annual Spiritual Retreat
- On-going Service in Action Projects and Opportunities

## MATHEMATICS

### **Four Levels of Instruction Daily**

- Curriculum Aligned to the Common Core
- Algebra I skills
- Geometry and Measurement
- Problem Solving Skills and Logic Games
- Simple Solutions
- Note-taking including Math Specific Vocabulary and Study Skills

## LANGUAGE ARTS

### **Three Levels of Instruction with over 70 minutes of Instruction Daily**

- Curriculum Aligned to the common Core ELA Standards
- Vocabulary Integrated with Literature and Spelling
- Literature including non-fiction, fiction, and poetry embedded in thematic units
- English Composition featuring the Jane Schaffer Approach to Expository Writing
- 6 Traits of Writing: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions Literary Devices including: theme, conflict, characterization, story structure, and point-of-view

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Featuring History from the Decline of the Roman Empire through the Age of Enlightenment Culture and History

- China
- Japan
- Rome
- Medieval Europe
- Africa
- Civilizations of the Americas
- Project-based Learning Opportunities

## SCIENCE

### **Life Science**

- Cell Biology
- Genetics
- Structure and Function of Living System
- Scientific Inquiry
- Hands-On Experiments

## ENRICHMENT CURRICULUM

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

## 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
- Campus Ministry
- SerraVision Broadcast Crew
- MS Choir
- Spring Musical
- Homework Club
- Christmas Concert
- Student Council
- CJSF — California Junior Scholastic Federation

