

Sunday, August 27, 2023 ♦ 8th Grade

FROM THE TEACHERS:

Back to School Night for 5th-8th grade is Thursday, August 31st from 6:00-8:00.

The Back to School Night packet and all required forms will be available electronically on your child's Homeroom Canvas page. Parents should print out the forms that require signatures and give them to their child's Homeroom teacher by Friday, September 8th. Homeroom teachers will deliver them to the appropriate people.

High School applications are almost here... Santa Margarita and JSerra both open September 1st!

Please [click here](#) for important information.

Student Birthday celebrations- Students may coordinate with their Homeroom teacher to wear non-uniform dress* on their birthday or agreed upon date. Snacks or treats may be brought in to share with classmates. Please keep in mind, some students may have nut allergies. *For non-uniform dress guidelines and expectations, please see section 1901, starting on page 23 in the [parent-student handbook](#)

8th GRADE NEWS & REMINDERS:

Welcome to 8th Grade!! Your Room Parent Coordinators are Lisa Zawistoski and Liz Yanni. Please take a moment to read their welcome message below and don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything!

My name is Lisa Zawistoski and I'm excited to co-lead 8th Grade RPC for our 2023/2024 school year. This is my final and 14th year at St. Serra. I have 3 sons: Mac - a Freshman Baseball Player at Chaminade Catholic University in Honolulu, Taylor - a Sophomore Baseball Player at JSerra Catholic High School and Jude - a 8th grader at St. Serra. All our boys are very active playing baseball and traveled across the country this summer playing tournaments! My husband has been very active at St. Serra; coaching many football teams, chairing the Golf Tournament, emceeing/DJing Trunk or Treat and serving on the Advisory Board. I've been active also with co-chairing Anchor Ball and Room Parent to 4th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades. We are parishioners at San Francisco Solano Catholic Church and all our children were baptized there.



Hi everyone, my name is Liz Yanni (Youakim) and I am also excited to co-lead 8th Grade RPC. This is our ninth year at Serra with Alex currently in 8th grade and Anthony in 5th. Our journey has been amazing and filled with many opportunities to serve at the school and form long lasting friendships! We have been actively involved in many activities, but the Seasons Tuition Assistance Luncheon and Student Council are very near and dear to our hearts. I can't wait to see what this year has in store for us all and to form amazing memories in their final year as Serra Bears!



We look forward to working together with you and our teachers to make this a great year for our 8th graders!

Serranade

Love to sing? If so, there's good news - Serranade is open to 5th through 8th grade students. No audition is necessary to be in the ensemble. Activities for Serranade include students singing at the Christmas Concert, Spring Concert, Masses, and community events. More information [here](#).

Band & Handbells

St. Serra recognizes the importance of music in our development of the whole child. For students in grades 5-8 who enjoy music we have Serra Band and Serra Handbells. Find meeting times and start dates [here](#).

Junior Thespians

The Junior Thespian Troupe is open to students in grades 6th - 8th. This is a theater-based activity where students learn about all aspects of theater. Students will participate in various roles such as director, editor, and actor. More information [here](#)



Yearbook

The Yearbook Squad is open to students in 8th grade who are interested in helping design and create the 2024 yearbook. If interested, please complete the Yearbook Squad participation Agreement [here](#).

Calendar Reminders:

Wednesday, August 30: Minimum Day
Thursday, August 31: Back to school night grades 5-8 6:00pm
Friday, September 1: Food for Friends/Spirit shirt day
Monday September 4: Labor Day-no school

Grace and Blessings,

Lisa Zawistoski and Liz Yanni, 8th Grade RPCs
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