



Sunday, August 27, 2023 ♦ 5th

FROM THE TEACHERS:

The fifth grade teachers are extremely excited to be working with this group of students! We know that the transition to fifth grade and the "big" building can be an adjustment. Know that we are all here to help. Please reach out to your student's homeroom teacher if we can assist your child in any way! Here's to an awesome fifth grade year together!

Our school as a whole is working on improving students attendance and timely arrival at school. Please partner with us to achieve this goal by getting your student to school on time (7:45 a.m.), working to schedule appointments, vacations, etc. during non-school times/days, and by impressing upon them the importance of time in class. Thank you in advance for your efforts to support this goal!

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

- 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. See main page of St. Serra Sunday News for specific details about this night.

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](#)

5th GRADE NEWS & REMINDERS:

My name is Kathryn Anderson and I am excited to be one of the 5th Grade RPCs for the 2023-2024 school year. This is our family's 9th year at St. Serra, and our time here has flown by! Our daughter, Emily, is a 5th grader and has been at St. Serra since TK. Our son, Michael, is an 8th grader and has been at St. Serra since Kindergarten. We feel so fortunate to be a part of this amazing community of families and educators. Please feel free to reach out to the RPCs with any questions or just to say hello.

My name is Aileen Padilla and I am excited and looking forward to being one of the 5th Grade RPCs for this school year. We have been at St Serra for 11 years now and we have loved every single one. Our daughter Mia is in 5C and has been at Serra since Pre- School. Our youngest, Elliot, is in Kindergarten and our oldest son, Sebastian, is now a Junior in OCSA and was at St Serra since 1st grade. We feel blessed to be a part of St Serra, our second home.

We look forward to working with you this school year and making it a great year for our 5th 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.

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](#).

Calendar Reminders:

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



Grace and Blessings,

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