



Sunday, November 13, 2022 Weekly Update for 8th Grade

FROM THE TEACHERS:

First trimester is coming to a close, please check your child's supplies and replace anything that is missing or broken (i.e. pencils, four-colored pen, red pen, black pen, 6-inch ruler, glue stick, yellow and pink highlighters).

Thanksgiving Break would be a good time to check haircuts and, of course, skirt length.

Social Studies Textbooks: If you have a social studies textbook at your home, please make sure that your child checked it out from Mrs. Bassett. There are a number of missing textbooks from class. If your child would like to have a textbook at home, they may check one out from Mrs. Bassett. Thank you.

Baby Photos due November 18: The yearbook has only received 28% of 8th graders' baby photos. Please email a digital version of your 8th grader's baby photo, with your child's name as the file name, to Janess Sifers (jsifers@serraschool.org) **by Friday November 18**. We are looking for a portrait (headshot) photograph; however images can be cropped if they are good quality. Thank you!

CJSF 8TH GRADERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TWO FINANCIAL AWARDS

(1) The **DiGiovanna Memorial Award** is an essay contest open to 8th grade members of a CJSF chapter in good standing. There will be one award recipient in each region receiving a \$100 award. Student application and essay submission form will be available on November 1st on <https://csf-cjsf.org/cjsf-awards/>

(2) **The Marian Huhn Memorial Awards** (St. Serra staff will submit a nomination for this)
A total of \$6,250 is awarded annually, with five students from each region receiving a \$250 award.

- Students must be nominated by their CJSF Adviser.
- Nominations are open from November 15 to February 25.
- Advisers should read all of the requirements and information available on our website before nominating.
- Student finalists must attend the Huhn Workshop in his or her region.

SAVE THE DATE for High School Placement Preparation Course

We will be offering a preparation class for the high school placement test to help your student prepare. The class will offer practice tests for both the English (with Ms. Hubert), and Math (with Mrs. Guilas) components of the Placement Test. Scoring and feedback on errors will be given. Instructional assistance will be available for material with which students need extra help. Two sessions are offered for your convenience, but please only join one session when the time comes. Sign ups and payment forms will be sent out at a later date. The cost of this is \$75.00 per session.

Session 1:

- **Practice Test** - Tuesday, January 10, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Results & Review** — Thursday, January 12, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Session 2:

- **Practice Test** — Monday, January 23, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Results & Review** — Wednesday, January 25, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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8th GRADE NEWS & REMINDERS:

Graduation & High School Information: <https://www.serraschool.org/academics/eighthgradenews.cfm>

Calendar Reminders:

Wednesday, November 16:	Minimum day
Friday, November 18:	End of Trimester 1 Spirit shirt day. Spirit shirts are to be worn with school uniform bottoms.
November 21-25	No school. Thanksgiving break. Happy Thanksgiving!

Grace and Blessings,

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