Welcome ~ New Families ~ Padres Quick Reference

Welcome to Serra! We are excited for your family to join our community. Here are some important items to help your son make the best transition to being a Padre. To keep you connected, be sure your email is set to recognize **Junípero Serra High School**. Additional information will be sent as the new school year approaches.

P	**Physical Examination and Immunization Requirements**	**Physical Exam:** Every incoming student must submit a medical form that documents a physical exam within the last year. Please download the *Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form*, which includes a medical history and evaluation, and is signed and stamped by a licensed medical physician. **The physical form** is due on **June 2, 2025,** for all students who would like to participate in summer athletics conditioning (please see our athletic clearance process below), and on **June 30, 2025**, for incoming students who do not plan to participate in athletics. Please scan and email the completed form to the Admissions Office. **Immunization Records:** You are required to provide us with a copy of your son's most current official immunization record. It must include proof of the Tdap booster shot, which is required of all California students. Immunization records should be emailed to the Admissions Office by **Monday, June 30**, **2025**. *Serra complies with the immunization regulations of the State of California and the Archdiocese of San Francisco, for all freshmen and transfer students. California School Immunization Law (Health and Safety Code Sections 120335-120375) and the Archdiocese of San Francisco require that no registering pupil shall be admitted to school unless and until the parents (a) have established the required record of immunizations received by the student, (b) presented a statement of medical exemption, or (c) have filed an affidavit, prior to January 1, 2016, stating beliefs opposed to immunizations. (Visit the National Vaccine Information Center's website for more information on California SB 277, which disallows personal and religious belief exemptions.) You can find more information at the California Department of Health website, Shots for School.*
A	**Athletics**	**Incoming students who plan to participate in a Serra sport need to complete our athletics clearance process.** Scan the QR code after May 15 to create an account (click on **2025-26** school year and select **Junipero Serra/San Mateo**). Upload your completed form by **June 2, 2025.** *Important Note: The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), the governing body for high school sports in California, requires that student-athletes have a current annual physical examination, or statement by a medical practitioner, certifying they are physically fit to participate in athletics before they are eligible to try out, practice, or participate in interscholastic athletic competition. The date of the certification must be within 365 days of the completion of the sports season.* **Fall sports**--cross country, crew, football and water polo-- will begin on Friday, **August 9.** You will receive an email during the summer that provides details about fall sports meetings and activities, which will include dates and times. Questions: Contact Athletic Director, Justin Ferdinand.
D	**Devices (BYOL) and Textbooks**	Students are *required* to bring a portable internet access device to school daily. The **Bring Your Own Laptop (BYOL) Program** allows students to access internet resources as needed on campus and in-classroom curriculum. Scan our code to learn more about our minimum device requirements. **Ordering Textbooks** Books can be ordered online through MBS Direct beginning in July. Books should not be ordered until class lists are received (end of June). If a physical book is required, MBS Direct often has used books available for sale. If you are interested in used books, you should order early, as they often sell out.

		Some courses require online textbooks, some require physical textbooks, and some require a combination, or let students decide. Each teacher decides what material best supports his/her class. Textbooks should be ordered as soon as you have your schedule.
R	**Required Summer Homework** **and** **Required Tech Orientation**	**Required Summer Homework** ***All students*** **have math and English summer homework**. This is an important way for students to retain the skills and knowledge developed over the school year and help with the smooth transition into a new school. It is expected that students will have completed the required summer reading prior to the first day of classes in August. **Math**- Math homework will be available on PCR (the parent/student portal) after June 1. **English**- Summer reading is located on the Serra website under academics, or scan our code in this section. Assignments will also be available through PCR (after June 1). **Required Summer Technology Orientation** Incoming students are required to complete a technology orientation program in the summer. All students attending classes for advancement must attend the technology orientation prior to starting their summer program. Log into your applicant portal to register for the Summer Technology Orientation.
E	**Engagement**	**Carpool information** will be included in the summer mailing. All families will receive a Google form to indicate interest in carpool formation, which we encourage you to complete. Serra will then group families in the same area and send out the lists in late July. **Padre Annual Fund** Each Serra family is asked to make a separate financial commitment in the form of an annual parent pledge. This pledge supports our mission by enhancing current programs for your son(s). All donations are 100 percent tax-deductible. Our most important goal is 100 percent participation from all families, including financial aid recipients. We ask that every family contribute at a level that is comfortable and meaningful. Participation and support of the annual parent pledge campaign further validates our mission and enables us to secure additional funding from foundations and alumni who are asked to participate in our annual fund. You can find out more information by contacting Jen Munsey, Serra's annual fund director, at 650.573.9935. **Parent Clubs** There are numerous opportunities for parents to actively engage in the Serra community. While we don't mandate specific volunteer hours, our vibrant community thrives on the spirit of volunteerism. We encourage each family to consider contributing a minimum of 10 hours per year. Your involvement not only strengthens our community bonds, but also plays a vital role in enhancing the overall Serra experience for students and families. Scan our QR code to find out more about our parent clubs and how to create a supportive and collaborative environment where every contribution, big or small, makes a significant difference!

S	**Serra's Course Progression and Graduation Requirements**	**Course Progression and Graduation Requirements** All students will take a minimum of six classes during the school year. These include English, math, world history, biology, theology, and a world language. The level of English, history, science, and math will depend on placement. Students will also select an elective class or an independent study period. You can review the four-year course progression, UC/CSU course requirements, and Serra's graduation requirements in the PCR. Click "Student Information" and then "Scheduling Next Year" to locate the information. You can also find the Junípero Serra High School Graduation Requirements/UC Admissions/CSU Admissions document on the Welcome page. 

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