

Welcome Back

2026-27 BACK-TO-SCHOOL GUIDE

JSERRA
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

July 10, 2026

On behalf of the JSerra faculty, staff, and administration, we welcome you to the 2026-27 school year, and we send a particularly warm welcome to our new parents of the Class of 2030!

As is typical of our campus during the summer months, preparations for the start of the new school year are in full swing. Specifically, we are freshening up all of our classrooms, painting each room and replacing all carpets. Last year, you will recall, we renovated our Quad which made our campus very much resemble a construction site well into the first semester! (We do, however, take great pride in the beautifully finished product!) We look forward to normal operations as we start this 23rd school year.

You may also recall that last year was an accreditation year for JSerra. We are happy to report that the school recently received notice of the full six-year WASC/WCEA accreditation, affirming the high-quality work for which our faculty and staff have become known. Speaking of accolades, we are also edified to report that we once again had stellar results from our students on their Advanced Placement exams. In the aggregate, our pass rate this year was an impressive 92%, once again far surpassing state and national averages.

Along with this letter you will find a litany of information about the new school year. Please review everything carefully in order to best support your sons and daughters. One thing that will be of interest to everyone – and you may have seen a note about this in the Lion Lowdown – is the simplified process for securing textbooks for your children. We have partnered with EdTech to provide families with a personalized textbook list based on each student's enrolled courses. This new system streamlines the process by generating a customized list of required books for each student, helping families easily identify and purchase correct class materials. To access the textbook store, students must log in to their Schoology account and open the Shelfit app from their student profile. From there, families can click "Store" to view and purchase textbooks.

One final thought from us. While our school programs are decidedly crafted for our students, we always encourage parents to participate in school life as much as possible. Our experience has been that the parents who make the effort to get involved on campus get almost as much out of JSerra as their children do, and there are a myriad of ways to get involved. Volunteering with JSPA, celebrating all-school Mass with us on Wednesdays, attending athletic and artistic events, coming to AdelanteFest (9/19) and the annual Gala (10/17), taking Parent University classes, signing up for the many informational sessions offered by our college counseling team, or simply joining the two of us for coffee during our quarterly open-forum sessions we host are just some of the ways parents can be involved in these most important formative years of their children's lives.

Again, we are privileged that you have chosen JSerra to partner with you in this most important endeavor of developing in your sons and daughters a Christ-centered world view and strong moral compass rooted in our Catholic faith. We wish you our very best as these remaining weeks of summer come to a close. See you on campus in August!

Siempre adelante,





Rich Meyer
President

Eric Stroupe
Principal



Calendar of Events 2026-27

1ST SEMESTER

AUGUST 2026

4	**New Transfer Orientation**	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room
6	**Freshman Student & Parent Mass and Orientation**	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Pavilion
7	**Freshman Retreat**	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room
8	**Senior Parking Paint Day**	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Senior Parking Lot
10	**First Day of School**	8:30 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.	On Campus
12-13	**School Photos**	8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room
12	**First All School Mass**	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Pavilion
21	**Friday Night Lights**	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Senior Parking Lot
21	**First Home Football Game**	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Varsity Football Field
21	**Welcome Back Dance**	10:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.	Pavilion
27	**Used Uniform Sale**	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room
27	**Back to School Night**	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	On Campus
28	**Club Rush**	12:05 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room
28	**Schedule Change Deadline**	3:00 p.m.	Virtual

SEPTEMBER 2026

1	**TNL: Opening Bonfire**	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Doheny State Beach
7	**School Closed: Labor Day**		
9	**NHS Induction Mass**	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Pavilion
10	**Friday Night Lights**	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Senior Parking Lot
10	**Homecoming Football Game**	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Varsity Football Field
11	**School Closed**		
11	**Homecoming Dance**	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Pavilion
18	**Coffee with the President and Principal**	8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room
19	**AdelanteFest**	4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	On Campus
23	**St. Junipero Serra Day Mass & Eucharistic Procession**	9:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Pavilion
28	**College Fair**	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Pavilion

***Dates, times, and locations may be subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.**

OCTOBER 2026

9	Last Day of First Quarter		
12	School Closed		
13	Testing / College Application Assistance	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Academic Classrooms
13	Parent Teacher Conferences	1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Pavilion
14	First Day of Second Quarter	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Pavilion
17	Gala	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	VEA Newport Beach
21	Grandparents Mass	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Pavilion
30	Trunk or Treat	12:05 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.	North Campus Parking Lot

NOVEMBER 2026

2	Operation Christmas Love Kick Off		
9	School Closed: Veterans Day		
20	Coffee with the President and Principal	8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room
20-28	Peru Service Trip		Piura, Peru
23-27	School Closed: Thanksgiving Break		

DECEMBER 2026

2	Advent Tea	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room
8	Immaculate Conception Mass	10:25 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Pavilion
9	Christmas Tree Lighting	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Quad
11	JSPA Christmas Luncheon	12:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Renaissance Newport Beach
11	Online Finals	By Appointment	Busch Hall: Center Room
14-16	First Semester Finals	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Student Classroom
18-31	School Closed: Christmas Break		

2ND SEMESTER

JANUARY 2027

1-4	School Closed: Christmas Break		
5	First Day of Third Quarter		
18	School Closed: Martin Luther King Jr.		
29	Coffee with the President and Prinicipal	8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room
30	Winter Formal	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Off Campus

FEBRUARY 2027

9	Fat Tuesday	12:05 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.	Varsity Football Field
10	Ash Wednesday Mass	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Pavilion
12-15	School Closed: President's Day	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	
24	Lenten Tea	8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room

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MARCH 2027

5	**Last Day of Third Quarter**		
8	**School Closed**		
9	**Testing Day**	8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Academic Classrooms
9	**Parent Teacher Conferences**	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Pavilion
10	**First Day of Fourth Quarter**		
20	**Swallow's Day Parade**	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	City of San Juan Capistrano
25-31	**School Closed: Spring Break**		

APRIL 2027

1-2	**School Closed: Spring Break**		
10	**OCIA: Sacrament of Initiation**	10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	St. Edward the Confessor
30	**State of the School**	8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Busch Hall: Center Room

MAY 2027

1	**Coffee with the President and Principal: State of the School**	8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Busch Hall Center Room
3-7	**Teacher Appreciation Week**		
3-14	**AP Exams**	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	On Campus
5	**May Crowning Mass**	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Pavilion
8	**Mother Son Brunch**	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Pavilion
12	**Underclassman Award Ceremony and Mass**	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Pavilion
19	**Senior Award Ceremony and Mass**	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Pavilion
21-27	**Finals**	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Various Classrooms
27	**JESPY Awards**	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Varsity Football Field
28	**Baccalaureate Mas**	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Varsity Football Field
29	**Class of 2027 Commencement Ceremony**	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Varsity Football Field

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUR 2026–2027 CALENDAR, ARRIVING IN YOUR MAILBOX SOON.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
WWW.JSERRA.ORG

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Bell Schedule
2026-27

Please check the website for the most current bell schedule information.

SCHEDULE UPDATED: MAY 1, 2026

WHITE SCHEDULE

Typically Mondays

7:30-8:25		Office Hours
8:30-9:15		Period 1
9:20-10:05		Period 2
10:05-10:20		Break
10:25-11:10		Period 3
11:15-12:05	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Period 4
12:05-12:35		Lunch A
12:40-1:25		Period 5A
12:10-12:55		Period 5B
12:55-1:25		Lunch B
1:30-2:15		Period 6
2:20-3:05		Period 7
3:10-3:30		Office Hours

CRIMSON SCHEDULE

Typically Tues & Thurs

7:30-8:25		Office Hours
8:30-9:45		Period 1
9:45-10:00		Break
10:05-11:20		Period 3
11:25-11:50	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Den
11:50-12:20		Lunch A
12:25-1:40		Period 5A
11:55-1:10		Period 5B
1:10-1:40		Lunch B
1:45-3:00		Period 7
3:05-3:30		Office Hours

MASS SCHEDULE

Typically Wednesdays

7:30-8:30		Staff Meetings
8:30-9:45		Period 2
9:45-10:00		Break
10:05-10:10	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Period 4
10:25-11:25		MASS
11:30-12:00		Lunch A
12:05-1:20		Period 4A
11:35-1:50		Period 4B
12:50-1:20		Lunch B
1:25-2:40		Period 6
2:45-3:30		Office Hours

BLACK SCHEDULE

Typically Fridays

7:30-8:25		Office Hours
8:30-9:45		Period 2
9:45-10:00		Break
10:05-11:20		Period 4
11:25-12:05	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Den
12:05-12:40		All School Lunch
12:45-2:00		Period 6
2:05-3:30		Office Hours

GOLD SCHEDULE

Rally or House Competition

7:30-8:25		Office Hours
8:30-9:00		Period 1
9:05-9:35		Period 2
9:35-9:50		Break
9:55-10:25		Period 3
10:30-11:00		Period 4
11:05-11:35		Period 5
11:40-11:45	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Den
11:55-12:35		RALLY/HOUSE COMPETITION
12:45-1:20		All School Lunch
1:25-1:55		Period 6
2:00-2:30		Period 7
2:35-3:30		Office Hours

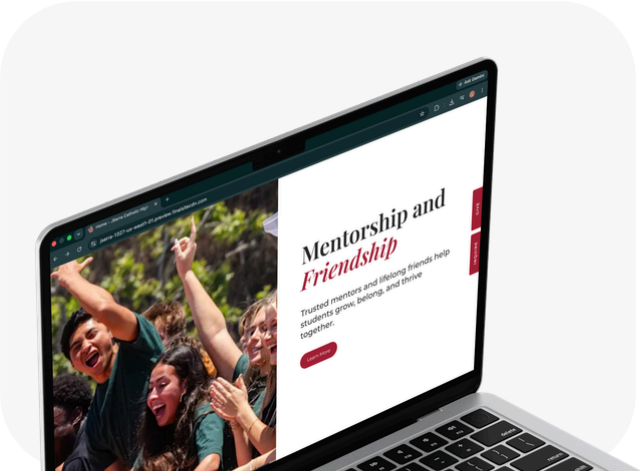
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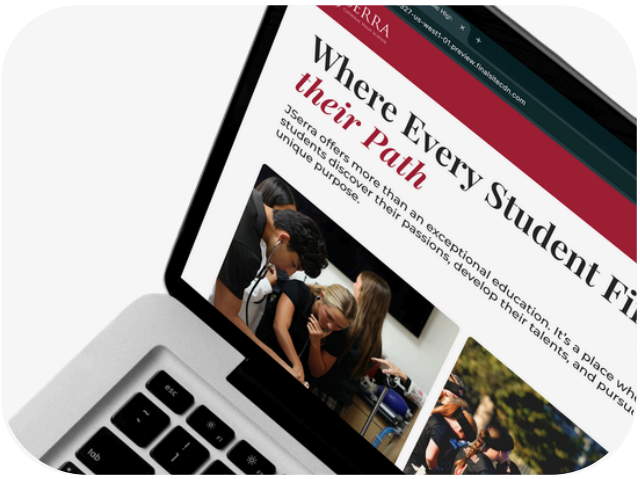
Faith. Intellect. Character
Now Easier to Explore.

We are excited to share that JSerra will launch an updated website in **August 2026**. Our hope is that the refreshed site will make it easier for families to find the information they need, stay connected to campus life, and access important resources throughout the school year.

As we make this transition, some saved bookmarks may need to be updated once the new site goes live. Please watch for additional updates in the weeks ahead, and be sure to visit the website after it launches to explore the new look and improved navigation.







Introduction

FRESHMAN STUDENT AND PARENT ORIENTATION

Thursday, August 6, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
PAVILION

JSerra will be your students' home for the next four years, and we want your family to feel part of the JSerra community as soon as you set foot on campus at orientation!

- Meet new friends while engaging in icebreaker activities and games
- Commemorate the start of a new year with the freshman family Welcome Mass

Following the Freshman Family Welcome Mass in the Pavilion with your freshman student(s), we invite you to Busch Hall for refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. Meet fellow freshman parents, connect with school leadership, and gain valuable insights and practical strategies for navigating the high school journey together.

ATTIRE FOR STUDENTS

Students must wear jeans or uniform pants and a uniform polo shirt. Closed toe shoes required; tennis shoes are strongly recommended.

WHAT TO BRING

- Students will be provided all items needed for the day.
- Students are encouraged to not bring bags, backpacks, purses, laptops, or other personal items as the day is quite active.

SCHEDULE

7:45 a.m. Check In Begins

8:30 a.m. Mass in the Pavilion with Students and Parents

9:45 a.m. House Calling and Student Activities

10:15 a.m. Parents Meet School Leadership and Gain Parenting Insights

11:15 a.m. Class of 2027 welcomed to JSerra Campus



Introduction (continued)

FRESHMAN RETREAT (REQUIRED ATTENDANCE; FRESHMAN STUDENTS ONLY)

Friday, August 7, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Busch Hall: Center Room

Freshman Retreat is on the second day of Freshman Orientation. This retreat will introduce students to the vibrant spiritual life of JSerra.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Dynamic Workshops
- Stories of Faith
- Time with Fellow Students, Faculty, and Staff

WHAT TO WEAR

Students must wear jeans or uniform pants and a uniform polo shirt. Closed toe shoes required; tennis shoes are strongly recommended.

WHAT TO BRING

- Students will be provided all items needed for the day.
- Students are encouraged to not bring bags, backpacks, purses, laptops, or other personal items as the day is quite active.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (PARENTS ONLY: ALL GRADES)

Thursday, August 27, 2026 | 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
JSerra Academic Classrooms

Join us on campus for our annual Back-to-School Night, where parents have the opportunity to meet their son or daughter's teachers and visit their student's classroom.

This event is for parents only.



JSerra Parent Association (JSPA)

CLICK HERE
For Volunteer Form

WELCOME TO THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR!

JSPA partners with the School Administration each year to support the school's mission and enrich the school community through parent forums, student events, fundraising, and teacher appreciation.

What is JSPA? IT'S YOU!

As a parent of a JSerra student, you're a part of the JSerra Parent Association (JSPA)—and we'd love for you to get involved!

How does it all happen? WITH YOU!

JSPA is entirely run by parent volunteers, and your participation makes all the difference.

SAVE THE DATE

USED UNIFORM SALE

Wednesday, August 27, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Come thrifting before Back-to-School Night in the Busch Hall Center Room. All proceeds support JSPA activities.

FNL TAILGATE

August 21 and 28, September 10, October 9 and 30 | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Stop by the JSPA tent for a drink and a sweet treat before the football game!

JSPA GENERAL MEETINGS

September 18, November 20, January 29, and April 30 | 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Find out how you can be involved ! Join us immediately following Coffee with the President and Principal at 8:45 a.m.

LADY LIONS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 11, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Renaissance in Newport Beach will host our Annual Lady Lions Luncheon and Boutique. With space for many guests and a beautiful boutique venue, this will be our largest Lady Lions event to date!

TICKETS GO ON SALE ON NOVEMBER 2.

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

Contact Christa Simmers, JSPA President, at JSPA@jserra.org



Upcoming Speaker Events



COFFEE WITH THE PRESIDENT & PRINCIPAL

Friday, September 18, 2026

8:45-9:45 a.m. | Busch Hall: West Center Room

Friday, November 20, 2026

8:45-9:45 a.m. | Busch Hall: West Center Room



COFFEE WITH COURTNEY: TOPIC TBA

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

8:45-10 a.m. | Busch Hall: West Center Room

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:45-10 a.m. | Busch Hall: West Center Room

ADELANTE FEST '26

"I'M ALIVE AGAIN"

AN EVENING OF FAITH, HOPE, AND INSPIRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19



PAUL J. KIM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



MATT MAHER
SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST

GET TICKETS & MORE INFO

JSERRA Catholic High School

Uniforms



Join VMU at JSerra in
Busch Hall
July 29
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The primary school uniform vendor is **Vicki Marsha Uniform (VMU)**
Boys khaki pants and shorts may be purchased at an outside vendor (Walmart, Target, Old Navy) if they are khaki and flat front (no cargo pants). All uniforms can be purchased through the VMU website or in store at:

5292 Production Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649.

All school spirit wear must be purchased at the school **Spirt Store**. Spirit wear polo shirts and sweatshirts may be worn in place of school uniform polo shirts and sweatshirts. Spirit t-shirts may be worn on designated spirit days.

All school team/club polo shirts and sweatshirts provided by school teams and clubs may be worn in place of school uniform polo shirts and sweatshirts. No team sweatpants, warm-up pants or athletic shorts may be worn during the school day unless specifically approved by JSerra Administration. JSerra team/club t-shirts may be worn on designated spirit days.



YOUNG MEN

- **Shirt:** White, crimson, or black short or long-sleeved polo
- **Pants or Shorts:** Black or khaki pants purchased from any vendor, provided they meet our uniform standards outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook. We emphasize the importance of adhering to these specifications to maintain a cohesive appearance (e.g., denim is not allowed).
- **Mass Days:** Sweater vest, v-neck pullover, or cardigan, white polo shirt, and khaki pants



YOUNG WOMEN

- **Shirt:** White, crimson, or black short or long-sleeved polo
- **Skirt:** Plaid, pinstripe, or gray skirts. Gray skirts must be worn on Mass days.
  - ***Skirts must be no higher than 3" above the knee***
- **Pants or Shorts:** Black or khaki pants purchased from any vendor, provided they meet our uniform standards outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook. We emphasize the importance of adhering to these specifications to maintain a cohesive appearance (e.g., denim is not allowed).
- **Mass Days:** Sweater vest, v-neck pullover, or cardigan, white polo shirt, and gray skirt

For more detail regarding the Uniform Policy, please review the **Parent Student Handbook**.

JSerra's IT Department

IN PERSON ASSISTANCE

Technology support and printing services for students Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm located in Busch Hall (Building 2, next to the Library)

REMOTE SUPPORT

Submit questions and requests for IT support to **support@jserra.org** or call at 949.493.9010

PRINTING

When students need to print a document while on campus, email the document as a Word or PDF attachment to **print@jserra.org**, then pick it up in the IT Department

HOW-TO-GUIDES

Explore the numerous pages on the **technology section** of the DEN as it's full of helpful step-by-step "How to guides" for a variety of JSerra programs.

ONE-TO-ONE LAPTOP PROGRAM

A convertible Lenovo 2-in-1 laptop with pen that can be used as a tablet for note taking.

At JSerra we are committed to partnering with parents in the formation of our students' faith, intellect, and character. Many families have asked us to support in helping their teens use technology more intentionally and responsibly.

Our school-issued laptops offer a solution for both families and teachers:

- ***Improved focus:*** JSerra-issued laptops have pre-loaded all the right productivity software with none of the distractions (e.g. games) so that students can develop the habit of fully immersing themselves in the task at hand.
- ***Consistent security and support:*** We can maintain stronger security protocols, control access to educational tools, and provide on-site IT support to prevent disruptions to the educational experience for students.
- ***Device standardization:*** When all students use the same device, teachers can create uniform lesson plans, avoid software compatibility issues, and spend more time teaching versus troubleshooting technology issues.

Cell Phone Information

CELL PHONE POLICY

To support a focused and respectful learning environment, students are required to keep cell phones stored in their lockers or vehicles during the school day. Phones may be used before and after school only.

Cell phone use during class time or inside school buildings—including restrooms, chapel, library, and courtyard—is not permitted. Parents who need to reach their child during school hours should contact the front office or email the student directly.

For full details on JSerra's cell phone and electronic device policy, please see the **Parent Student Handbook**.

CELL PHONE-FREE CAMPUS

MORE PRESENCE
Students are more engaged in class, more present in conversations, and more connected to campus life.

BETTER FOCUS
Without the constant buzz of notifications, focus improves and learning deepens.

STRONGER COMMUNITY
More face-to-face interactions, real friendships, and meaningful relationships, are alll hallmarks of our mission.



JSerra is committed to an integral education which focuses on the development of the entire person including the fostering of a *virtuous use* of technology in its many forms.

Textbook Information

Familiarize yourself with the Textbooks section of the JSerra website (www.jserra.org), under: **Portal (Den) > Parents & Students > Textbooks.**

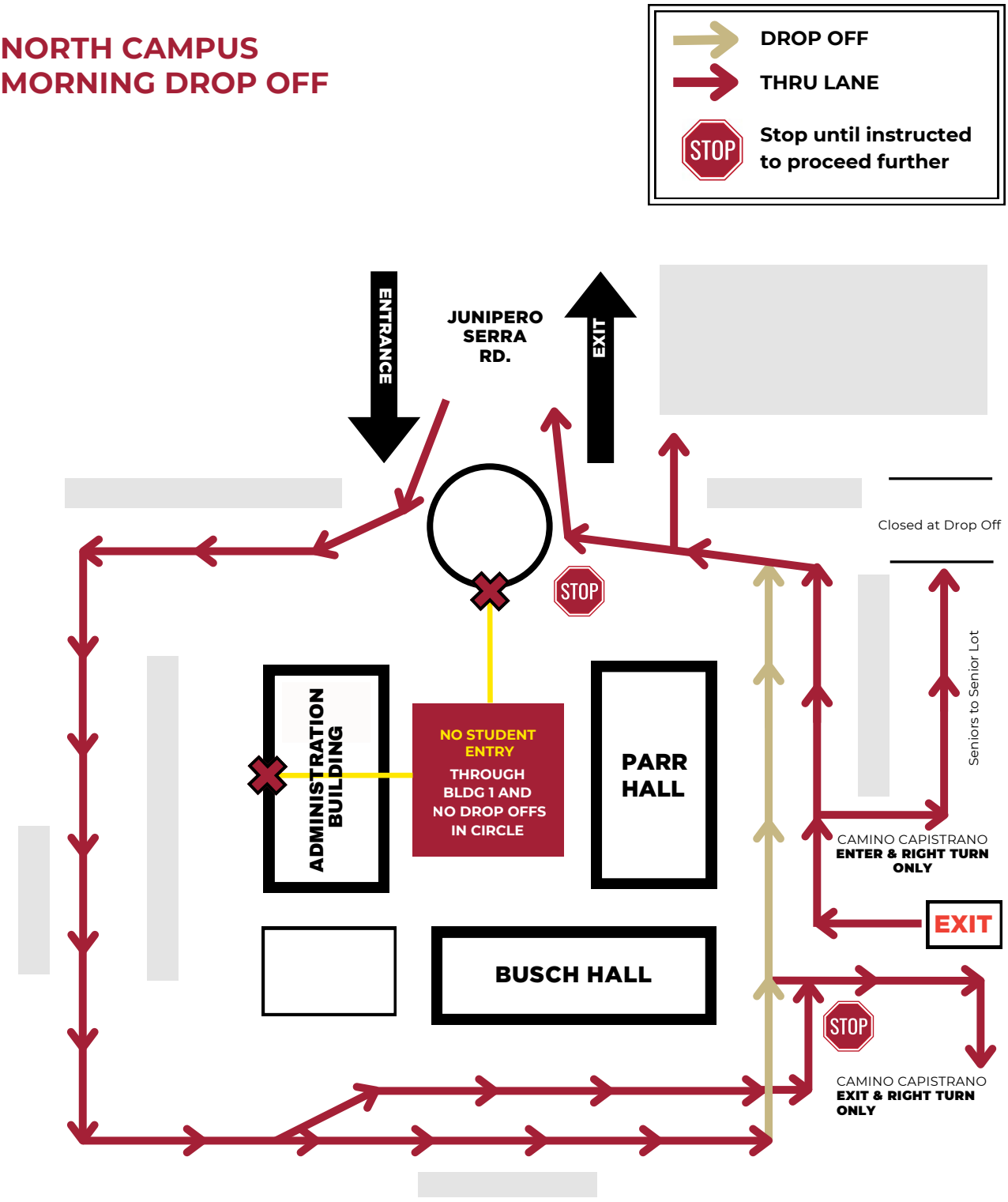
This section provides a number of links as well as key information and should be your starting point for textbooks.

Customer Support for Parents and Students: (855) EdTech5 or customersfirst@shelfit.com



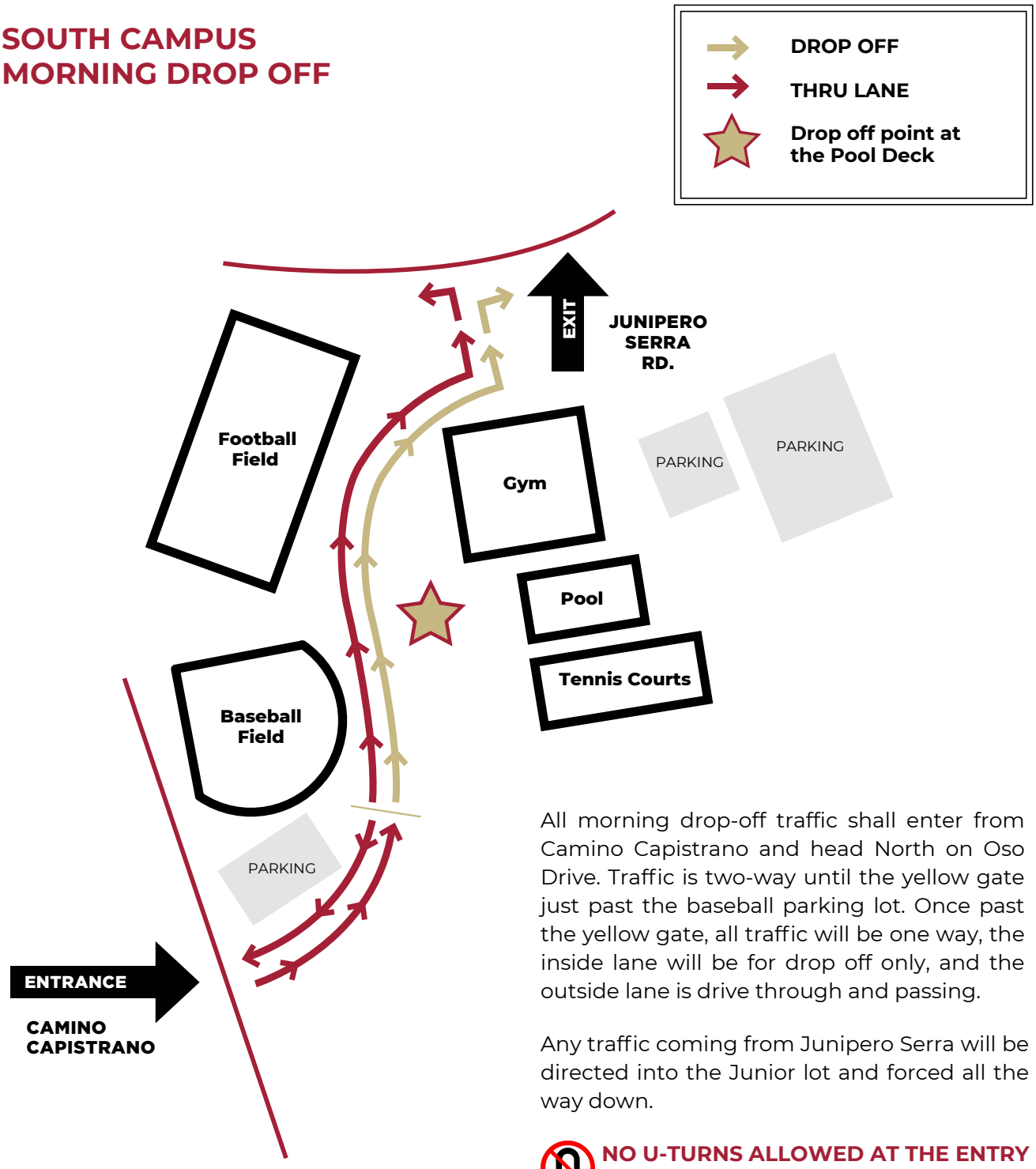
Drop-off Map

NORTH CAMPUS
MORNING DROP OFF



Drop-off Map

SOUTH CAMPUS MORNING DROP OFF



All morning drop-off traffic shall enter from Camino Capistrano and head North on Oso Drive. Traffic is two-way until the yellow gate just past the baseball parking lot. Once past the yellow gate, all traffic will be one way, the inside lane will be for drop off only, and the outside lane is drive through and passing.

Any traffic coming from Junipero Serra will be directed into the Junior lot and forced all the way down.

NO U-TURNS ALLOWED AT THE ENTRY WAY OR ANY TYPE OF DROP OFF.

Health Information

THE NURSE'S OFFICE

We provide students and school staff with basic health care, first aid, and health counseling while emphasizing illness prevention.

The Nurse's Office is staffed daily with two RN's available during regular school hours and is **located in the Administration Building.** Depending on your child's medical needs, the information below is important to provide to the Nurse's Office.

MEDICATION(S)

Any prescription for Asthma Inhaler, EpiPen, prescription medications, or antibiotics needing to be administered during school hours, retreats, or field trips must have a **Parent/Physician Request for Medication Form** on file with the Nurse's Office for this school year. This form is to be completed annually.

All Authorized over the counter medication will be dispensed from the nursing office. Students are **NOT ALLOWED** to carry any medication other than approved emergency meds.



CLICK HERE
Updated health information, and medical forms.

Attendance

Attendance is a critical factor in the intellectual and character formation of young men and women. It reflects respect for teachers, fellow students, and the individual student's development. In addition, numerous absences may have significant negative academic impact. JSerra's rules are clearly stated in the **Parent Student Handbook** and should be read by students and parents.

Front Desk and Attendance Office are in the Admin Building.

The following reflect the basic rules regarding absences and tardies:

FULL DAY ABSENCE

All absences require school notification before 8:00 am.

An email must be sent to the Attendance Office, at attendance@jserra.org, identifying the parent who is notifying the school, the student's name, grade, and reason for absence.

PARTIAL DAY ABSENCE

Parent or Legal Guardian must check the student in or out from the Attendance Office.

If the student is to be absent for part of a school day, the parent or legal guardian must come to the school to check the student out from the Attendance Office on the day of the absence. This is true even for students who drive themselves to school.

LEAVING SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS

The student must report to the Nurse's Office when ill.

The nurse will determine the severity of the illness and will notify the parent. The parent must report to the Attendance Office to sign the student out and then report to the nurse for dismissal.

TARDIES

- Students who arrive **LESS THAN 10 MINUTES LATE** for school at the start of the school day should report to their assigned class.
- Students who arrive **MORE THAN 10 MINUTES LATE** for school at the start of the school day should report to the Attendance Office.
- If a student is more than 5 minutes late for a class after the first period of the day, they will be marked as absent.

Attendance (continued)

ALL-SCHOOL MASS

Wednesday all-school Mass is our school's central spiritual event for the building of JSerra's culture of faith. Parents are invited to attend! Students are not to schedule off-campus appointments during this time.

ALL-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

All-school activities take place throughout the school year, the building of JSerra's culture of character. Students are not to schedule off-campus appointments during this time.



Campus Ministry

RETREATS

Retreats make space for personal encounters with Christ and the community, engaging students of all faiths and backgrounds. Hosted at an off-campus site, retreats include time for recreation via swimming pools, water slides, challenge courses, and game rooms while taking advantage of natural surroundings conducive to personal reflection and an encounter with Christ through prayer, Mass, Confession, and praise and worship. Retreats are considered excused absences. Students who miss a day of classes for a retreat will receive one extra school day to make up schoolwork that has been missed.

2026

August 7: Freshman Day Retreat
JSerra Catholic, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

September 28-29: Freshman Overnight Retreat
Mission San Luis Rey

October 11-14: Kairos 61
Whispering Winds

October 21-23: Sophomore Retreat
Whispering Winds

November 8-10: Junior Retreat
Whispering Winds

2027

January 17-20: Kairos 62
Whispering Winds

February 1-2: Freshman Overnight Retreat
Mission San Luis Rey

February 10-12: Junior Retreat
Palomar Mountain

February 22-24: Sophomore Retreat
Whispering Winds

March 7-10: Kairos 63
Whispering Winds



Campus Ministry (continued)

TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS (TNL)

Tuesday Night Lights (TNL) helps every student grow personally and spiritually. It is a weekly gathering for students who wish to meet and make friends, learn more, or grow in their faith through inspiring messages, worship, service, and leadership. The nights vary from beach bonfires, dodgeball tournaments, movie nights, dinners at Chick-fil-A and Ruby's, and include games, music, a short talk from one of our Campus Ministers, and an opportunity to connect with peers. Students do not need to register and are invited to attend on Tuesday evenings. Please see the Lion Lowdown and Calendar for up-to-date times and special locations.

NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAMS (NET)

NET stands for National Evangelization Teams, and this year, JSerra will again have a NET Team of our own! From September through May, eight young adult missionaries will be on our campus serving students through Campus Ministry. They will be chaperoning our retreats, TNL's Nights, and engaging with and mentoring students during the school day in classes, at breaks, and after school in athletics and extra-curricular activities. These missionaries are mature in their faith as they lead teenagers, yet young enough to know clearly what it's like to be a teenager in today's world.

BE A HOST-HOME FOR THE NET MISSIONARIES

JSerra is seeking host families for the NET missionaries for a two-week minimum stay for two people (either two men or two women). Families may host more than two people and/or for a longer stay than two weeks if they wish.



CLICK HERE
to become a host family

Christian Service

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Christian Service is a requirement for graduation. A minimum of 80 hours must be completed over a student's four-year career. All hours must be approved by the Coordinator of Christian Service.

CLICK HERE for Christian Service requirements and opportunities.

THE DEADLINES FOR COMPLETING THIS REQUIREMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 80 hours must be approved by April 30th of the students' senior year.
- Students may choose when they earn their 80 service hours. There is no yearly requirement. However, service records will be reviewed when students are considered for leadership opportunities such as NHS, the Peru mission trip, and Caritas Christi. We recommend that students earn 20 hours per school year to be considered current. There is no limit to the number of Christian Service hours students may complete in a school year.
- When students complete a service project, the hours must be submitted for verification within a limited timeframe. If service hours are not submitted before the verification deadline, the credit will expire.
  - Each January 15th, hours from the previous summer or semester must be entered into x2VOL. Hours from the previous summer or semester entered after January 15th will not be approved.
  - Second-semester hours must be entered no later than April 30th. Hours entered after April 30th from the second semester will not be approved.

CLICK HERE to set up an **x2VOL account**.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We aim to assist JSerra students in identifying charities for which students can perform Christian service and practice the type of love that we are made for. Service opportunities will be shared in the weekly Lion Lowdown newsletter that is emailed to all parents and students. Students are welcome to find other opportunities as long as they align with the Christian Service goals.



Athletics

The purpose of JSerra Athletics is to form relationships built upon integrity and love, with intentional focus on personal and competitive development of student-athletes and service to others.

SPORTS & SEASONS*

JSerra offers 25 sports (with 28 teams, and 26 of which compete in CIF) that take place during the school year. Each sport is open for registration prior to the start of the season.

- **FALL SEASON (Aug-Nov):** Boys & Girls Cross Country, Football, Girls Volleyball, Boys Water Polo, Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, Girls Flag Football
- **WINTER SEASON (Nov-Feb):** Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Water Polo, Wrestling, Rugby, Ice Hockey
- **SPRING SEASON (Feb-May):** Baseball, Boys Golf, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Softball, Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving, Boys Tennis, Boys & Girls Track & Field, Boys Volleyball, Girls Beach Volleyball

**THERE IS A SINGLE ONE-TIME SPORT FEE TO PARTICIPATE IN A JSERRA ATHLETIC SPORT PROGRAM THAT IS A SEPARATE PAYMENT FROM SCHOOL TUITION.*

COACHING STAFF

JSerra Athletics prides itself on hiring coaches who demonstrate incredible moral character and uphold strong Christian values. Everyone who works with our student-athletes will educate, mentor, and instill positive spiritual, physical, and mental growth. JSerra coaches are of the highest quality in their respective sports, with most having either competed or coached at the collegiate level. Some of our coaches even have professional and Olympic experience.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

All students must have an online profile on athleticclearance.com and a current physical on file with the Athletic Training office to participate in any organized athletic activity.

CLICK HERE for Athletic Eligibility and Student Fees, and Forms

For general information about athletics visit: **jserraathletics.org**



Student Life

We are Lion Nation! During your four years at JSerra, there are so many different opportunities to have a once-in-a-lifetime high school experience. With the direction of the Associated Student Body (ASB), you will find there is something for every Lion!

Upcoming Events



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Friday, August 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Family, friends and students are invited to pre-game activities, including tailgating, games, food, and more, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Parking Lot.



FIRST HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

JSerra is the only Catholic high school in Orange County to host home football games on our own campus. Cheer on the JSerra Lions at the first home football game of the 2026-2027 school year!

Student Life (continued)

DEN PHOTO DAY

Friday, August 14
11:25 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Pavilion

WELCOME BACK PEP RALLY

Friday, August 21
11:55 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.
Pavilion

WELCOME BACK DANCE

Friday, August 21
10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.*
*begins immediately after the Football Game
Pavilion

CLUB RUSH

Friday, August 28 at Lunch Time
Busch Hall: Center Room
EXPLORE JSERRA CLUBS

HOMECOMING DANCE

Friday, September 11
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Pavilion

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