



Junipero Serra Elementary School

Padre Press

November/December 2021

November/December Calendar

November 1:
Axxess Fundraiser Money Due

November 3:
Reflections Entries Due

November 5:
Fun Run
Fundraiser Money Due

**November 5 –
December 3:**
School of Choice Window

November 8 – 12:
Fun Run Week

November 9:
PTA Meeting
@ 7:00 pm

November 11:
Veteran's Day Observed
NO SCHOOL

November 17 – 23:
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

November 19:
SPIRIT DAY!
Sports Day

November 23:
Dining/Take Out
TBA

November 24 – 26:
Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL

December 7:
PTA Meeting
@ 7:00 pm

December 13 – 17:
Serra Secret Shoppe

December 17:
SPIRIT DAY!
Pajama Day

December 20 – 31:
Winter Break
NO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Friends of Junipero Serra School,

Parent Conferences: Please plan to attend your child's conference with their teacher. This is a very important time to learn about your child's progress towards grade level standards. Teachers are eager to share the successes of your children and strategies to assist you at home. Teachers will send home conference invitations by Monday, November 8. Conferences will be held in person at school.

Parent Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 17, Thursday, November 18, Friday, November 19, Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23. Students will be dismissed early on all five days at our regular Friday dismissal times: TK/kindergarten – 3rd grade at 11:30 and 4th and 5th grades at 11:40. We look forward to meeting with you.

Accelerated Reader (AR): We want all of our students to read with fluency and comprehension. Our second through fifth grade students all participate in the AR program. Each student has individual goals to meet each trimester. Teachers celebrate students for meeting those goals. Our teachers have also set yearlong goals for number of words read:

- 2nd grade – 500,000 words
- 3rd grade – 750,000 words
- 4th grade – 1 million words
- 5th grade – 1.25 million words

We will celebrate students who meet this goal at the end of the year. Please keep encouraging your child to read every day and take their AR quizzes when they finish a book!

Safety is Our Priority! If you use the drop-off/pick-up area on Dudley Street, please remember it is drop-off/pick-up only. Please pull forward as cars leave the area. You may not remain directly in front of the gate to wait for your child. If your child needs more time, please park across the street or farther down the street and walk to the gate to meet your child. Thank you for your cooperation!

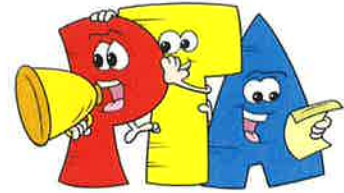
School of Choice: The School of Choice process allows VUSD families to have the opportunity to choose a school for their child. All elementary, middle and high schools participate in this process. If you currently live in Ventura but do not live in the Serra attendance boundary, you can choose Serra School during this process. The School of Choice window is Friday, November 5 through Friday, December 3. This is an earlier time frame than in past years. Visit the VUSD website to find more information and the application for School of Choice. Feel free to call the school office for information on School of Choice.

Cheers for Children: VUSD will again be supporting our families who are in need of food during the holidays. Identified families will receive gift cards to use for their needs. Parents and staff may donate money through Venmo, cash, or check now through the first week of December. Watch for a Cheers for Children flyer with all of the details. Thank you for helping our Ventura families during the holiday season!

Please be sure to read about the upcoming PTA events and Spirit Days within this newsletter. There are many fun events happening at Serra School! Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Senesac
Principal

President's Corner:



Hello Junipero Serra Families,

I cannot believe how quickly this school year is flying by! We had so much fun celebrating Autumn with our Harvest Drive Thru & Pumpkin Sale. A total of \$800 was raised for the school and will support Cross Country, Field Trips and much more. A big thank you goes out to all those that participated. We are looking forward to creating more fun events for our Padre Families!

In November, the students will participate in the FUN RUN. It has been two years since we have hosted this event and we are excited to see all the kids out there running to support their education. The run will be November 8 – 12, with each grade running at their own scheduled dates and times. On Friday, November 12th all classes will receive participation rewards and a popsicle party with their classmates. All raffle winners will also be announced.

Winter holidays are right around the corner, and the PTA will be hosting a HOLIDAY SHOPPE for the students. During this event the kids will be able to purchase items for family members and have them wrapped up as to not spoil the surprise before the holiday. The event will be December 13 – 17, and items will range from 25¢ to \$5. More information will be made available as the dates get closer.

To stay up to date on all the latest PTA news and events, be sure to visit the PTA website at juniperoserrapta.org.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Holidays!

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As of press time, we have 124 PTA members for the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you to the

- family members,
- teachers, and
- staff

who have joined our organization and committed to making our school a great place for our students to attend.

It's not too late to join!
Visit the PTA website to become a part our team!

LAST CALL FOR REFLECTIONS ENTRIES!

If you have chosen to compete in this year's theme **"I Will Change the World By..."** all submissions are due to the main office **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd at 3:00 pm.**

All entries must have a completed entry form attached to qualify.

Questions?
Email them to jserrareflections@gmail.com.





SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Information

FINAL CALL FOR:

- 5th Grade Cover Contest Entries (Nov. 5th)
- 1st Day of School Photos (Nov. 5th)
- Cross Country Photos (Nov. 30)

FIRST CALL FOR:

- Harvest Day Photos (Nov. 30th)
- "Be Yourself" Spirit Day Photos (Nov. 30th)
- Sports Day Photos (Dec. 17th)
- Pajama Day Photos (Jan. 28th)

WHEN CAN YOU

PURCHASE A YEARBOOK?

- Yearbooks will go on sale beginning in January
- Yearbooks will be \$25/book

Email photos and questions to: juniperoserrayearbook@gmail.com



SERRA SECRET SHOPPE

COMING DECEMBER 13TH-17TH

The PTA would like to help make the upcoming holiday season even more special for your children by giving them the opportunity to shop (in secret!) for the perfect gift for the important people in their lives. More detailed information will be sent home the week prior to the event.

Welcome Back Triple Crown!



Triple Crown is a math program where 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students participate in timed tests once a week to improve their speed and accuracy of math facts. Each student begins with Addition, followed by Subtraction and Multiplication. Each grade has their own time limit to try and beat:



3rd Grade:
5 minutes

4th Grade:
4 minutes

5th Grade:
3 minutes

Once students have completed all three, they are awarded a certificate, spirit stick, and recognition on a special bulletin board in the quad.



Congratulations to the following students who have received TRIPLE CROWN!

Nona Moreno
5th Grade

Peyton Bryant
5th Grade

News from the Health Office



Our COVID procedures and guidelines for if/when your child is ever sick:

Please let our Health Office know IMMEDIATELY if your child or anyone who lives in your household has been in close contact (less than 6 feet, 15 minutes or longer) with an individual who has tested positive for Covid-19. Our Health Technician will need to review with you our Covid-19 protocols.

Keep your child home from school (and be sure to call the school to report their absence) if your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (any temperature at or above 99.5° Fahrenheit)
- Congestion/runny nose
- Headache
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue/muscle or body aches
- Loss of taste or smell
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting or diarrhea)



VUSD and Public Health protocols, in order to return to school after a student is symptomatic, are as follows:










Students must be fever, vomit, and diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of medication, symptoms have improved and **ONE** of the following:

- Confirm alternate diagnosis with a doctor's note **OR**
- A negative PCR Covid-19 test. Student should isolate until negative test result is received, **OR**
- A positive Covid-19 test **AND** at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset. NOTE: a negative test during isolation will not shorten 10 day isolation period **OR**
- None of the above and parent chooses to keep child home at least 10 days.

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SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS!!!

>> Mark your calendars for these fun dress-up days <<

 <p>Sports Day Friday, 11/19</p>	 <p>Pajama Day Friday, 12/19</p>	 <p>Twin Day Friday, 1/28</p>
 <p>Color Day Friday, 2/25</p>	 <p>Crazy Day Friday, 3/25</p>	 <p>80's Day Friday, 4/29</p>
 <p>Hawaiian Day Friday, 5/27</p>	 <p>College & Career Day Friday, 6/10 (tentative)</p>	 <p>Red, White & Blue Day Tuesday, 6/14</p>