

Registration CARD

You are on your way to 8th grade...

Getting prepared...

○ Next steps

- › Finishing the rest of the year strong
 - Good grades
 - Positive attitude
 - Focusing on your goals
- › Paperwork...
 - Completing the registration card

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SERRANO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
8th GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE SELECTION CARD
2016-2017

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Parent Initial

Student Signature

Parent / Guardian Signature

Check here if you are **NOT planning to attend Serrano next year** (for instance if you plan to move or plan to attend a private school). Indicate the name of the school / school district the student may be attending:
School/District: _____

Please email Ms. Trehy with any questions susan.trehy@svusd.org
View course descriptions here: <http://tinyurl.com/serrano-courses>

Elective cards DUE by Friday May 2, 2016

Student Information

Last Name

Please note some of the elective choices require a certain GPA so we listed it for you.

GPA

Please note your information is already inputted.
Please take a moment to check you have your card.

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E D E S C R I P T I O N S

8th GRADE ELECTIVES - Please see below for both yearlong and trimester-long elective offerings. Descriptions apply to many of the elective courses so please check the full course description online on the Serrano webpage.

Yearlong Courses:

BMS - PREREQUISITE: Application (Multi-Media and Drama recommended) Be part of the cast and crew of Good Morning Serrano. Create videos for Good Morning Serrano (GMS) broadcast show. Students will learn techniques for producing videos for broadcasts. Students will plan, script, shoot interviews and edit news and feature formatted videos.

PAL - PREREQUISITE: Application PAL is a leadership class that focuses on helping students, our school, and the community. PALs are role models on campus, they don't just represent academically, they also represent the school in spirit, citizenship, and work ethic. PALs will participate in helping with assisting new students, tutoring, recycling, special education classes, various school activities, and teambuilding opportunities.

Yearbook - PREREQUISITE: Application and a B or better in English class. Students will work together in all phases of yearbook planning. The course will include page layout, photography, design elements, writing copy, headlines and captions, and interviewing skills. The students will learn digital photography, Adobe Photoshop, and Studio Works (a special design program from Balfour/Taylor Publishing). Students will create the Online Seawalk News Magazine as well.

STEAM 8 - PREREQUISITE: Teacher approval (STEAM 7, Formally Wood, and one computer/tech class recommended) STEAM 8 (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) - Formally STEAM Academy - is a hands on class that will feature VEX robotics, the latest Autodesk software, and lots of CAD and building in the shop. Students will enjoy this experience given the nature of collaboration, group projects, individual projects and fun challenges students will be presented with throughout the year.

AVID 8 - (By invitation only), Advanced Via Individual Determination (AVD) is a college readiness elective that is designed to increase school wide learning and performance. Highly motivated students apply and interview for a space in this elective class. This elective is a yearlong class that includes a field trip to a local college. Applications and interviews required.

Spanish I - Placement criteria include GPA of 3.5 or higher, and proficiency in English reading comprehension and writing. Explore the fascinating world of the Spanish speaking people. Students will expand their own world by learning and using a new language and appreciating a new culture. Upon successful completion of Spanish I (B average), students may enroll in Spanish II in high school. Level I credit applies toward high school and college with teacher recommendation.

Advanced Art - PREREQUISITE: Art 7 OR Teacher approval based on portfolio. This is a year-long course designed for students with a definite interest in drawing, painting and three-dimensional clay projects. Students will build on the skills they learned in Art 7 to deepen their awareness of art concepts such as the Elements and Principles of Design and techniques.

Beginning Band - Learn to play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. No prior instrumental experience is required.

Intermediate Band - PREREQUISITE: Teacher Approval - Designed for students with at least one year experience. Instruction will strengthen skills with emphasis on note and rhythm reading, tone production and concert experience.

Advanced Band - PREREQUISITE: Teacher Approval - This is the most advanced wind and percussion performance group. Students will pursue excellence in instrumental technique and gain performance experience. Music includes standard band literature and popular music. The Advanced Band performs many times during the year, participating in concerts and festivals. All rehearsals and performances are a required part of this class.

String Orchestra - All string players are welcome to participate. Students strengthen their skills in string technique and tone production, as well as gain performance experience.

Chorus - Enjoy singing? No experience necessary! Explore the basics of singing and note reading while learning traditional and popular music. The Chorus will perform for school concerts and have the option of competing in festivals during the spring. Some after school rehearsals may be required.

Trimester-long Courses:

Art 8 - This is an 8th grade course that explores various materials and processes. We will focus on drawing, painting and sculpture while incorporating some technology to produce original works of art.

Intro to Spanish - Learn the basics of the Spanish language and explore the cultures of Spanish speaking countries. Students will expand their own world by learning to communicate in Spanish through a variety of fun activities. This class will give students exposure to learning a foreign language and a head start for Spanish 1 in high school.

Digital Media - Learn techniques for every type of media: text, graphics, sound, animation, video and the Internet. These will be used to produce projects that will be a strong foundation of technology skills for high school. Students will use iMovie, iPhoto, iTunes, Pages/Word, Garage Band, Keynote/PowerPoint, Photoshop and Blender to design their presentations.

Introduction to Drama - Enhance your ability to understand acting on a different level. Learn to communicate with an audience and build characters through improvisation, pantomime, theater games and scene study.

Classroom / Office Aide - Students have the opportunity to assist the front office staff or a classroom teacher where they will learn useful skills in organization and responsibility. A GPA of 2.5 (3.0 for Office Aide), no N's or U's citizenship, no disciplinary infractions, and office staff / teacher recommendation is required.

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Please check your
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hand corner. You
must meet this
requirement to
choose as a choice.

Example 1

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Last Name: Seahawk

First Name: Cesar
First Name: Gerrano

GPA: 3.7

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This class does have
PREREQUISITE!
Did you take ART 7? If
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If you meet
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Serrano Seahawk

Student Signature

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Do not fill in if you are
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Last Name **Seahawks**

First Name **Serrano**

GPA **3.7**

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Serrano Q
Student Signature

 School/District _____

Please email Ms. Treharne at ms.treharne@sd3.org
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Check box only if you are not going to be attending Serrano next year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Initials
<i>Parent Seahawk</i>	
Parent / Guardian Signature	
Do you plan to attend Serrano next year (for instance, if your family is moving to another school / school district the following year)?	
sd3.org sd3.org/parents	

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Parent's initials only if you are taking a “0” period class, meet the requirements and parents agree to provide transportation.

Thank you for being great
listeners!



**Reminder... FORM IS DUE
Monday, May 2, 2016**