



## JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL

March 20, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

We are so appreciative of the support and patience you have shown as we all adjust to the uncertainty that we are facing in so many aspects of our lives. Work schedules have been changed; our daily habits have been adjusted and our academic structure has been altered. In the midst of this, we have been inspired at how the Serra community has risen to the challenge through the expertise of the teachers, the resilience of our students, and the commitment of our parents.

One of the strengths we show as a Serra community is our ability to assess, improve and adapt. We have received helpful feedback from the community on the first two weeks in distance learning. While the majority of our students are doing well, teachers are asking for opportunities to engage with their students regularly, and students are seeking the additional support that they know class meetings will provide. As a result, we will be providing increased structure to each week through class periods and support activities. We are confident that this will provide our students with the accountability, structure, connection and support they need to make the best of this time away from campus.

Therefore, we are introducing a modified schedule for all our students to follow, effective Tuesday March 24. (Monday, March 23 has been a school holiday on our academic calendar since the start of the school year and the entire community should enjoy rest that day.)

### **About our New Schedule**

Every class will meet once a week through Zoom online at a specified time. Students are required to log in at the start of class time, and teachers will be taking attendance. The weekly schedule will be shared with students in PCR and a .pdf will be available on the school website.

Every week will follow a similar schedule with minor adjustments to match Tri-School classes. Serra Tri-School students will receive a separate email with additional instructions. Parents and students will receive email updates at the end of the week.

If your son is sick and will miss class, parents are required to email the attendance office:  
[attendance@serrahs.com](mailto:attendance@serrahs.com).

### **Student Support Options**

In addition, **optional** student activities have been added to the schedule. Mr. Willet's Morning Stretches and Exercise breaks are an opportunity for students to get their bodies moving by doing different exercises. Campus Ministry and Student Activities will also host events during an activity period to support students socially and spiritually. Additional information about these activities will soon be available on the weekly schedule.

**Zoom Information for Students**

Students will be required to join class meetings through Zoom. Teachers will be posting links to their Zoom meetings on their teacher website/Google Classroom. Depending on the student device, students may need to download an application prior to the first meeting. For directions on how to join a Zoom meeting - click [HERE](#). If your son is having technical issues, please have your son submit a ticket to our IT Department by sending an email to [support@serrahs.com](mailto:support@serrahs.com). They will respond as soon as possible.

We thank you for your partnership as we, the Serra community, continue to move forward together in the education of your sons. While we are all adapting to many changes, we want to assure you that our focus on your son's education and social and emotional well-being remain our top priority. We appreciate your support of this new schedule and are here to answer any questions you might have. We hope you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy during this time.

Sincerely,

Charlie McGrath  
Principal

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President