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Sacred Heart Parish School

September 5, 2007

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Sacred Heart Parish School, with the support of parents, dedicates itself to teach the Gospel message, to build a faith community, and to serve through prayer and social action. SHPS provides an environment where students can develop into well-rounded, educated Christian citizens.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS BYTES

From the Principal

Hello Dear Families of SHPS,

I'm so happy to report that we continue to have a smooth beginning. Many hands make light work, and that is so true here. We have parents working in partnership with a 'whatever it takes' attitude, getting our hot lunch program up and running, our crosswalks safer, our library ready for use, the Parent Action Committee (PAC) created, getting donations for our troops in Iraq, beautifying our school, organizing our big fundraisers, making certificates for the summer reading program and getting involved with PASS and SAC and more. I'm so proud of you! I love your enthusiasm, action and generosity of spirit! What a fantastic model for our kiddos. See you at *Back to School Night!* Many blessings,

Back to School Night: September 11th is **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**. This evening provides a special opportunity for parents to meet teachers, hear about classroom and homework expectations, and get an 'overview' of what the school year will be like for your child(ren). Back to School Night begins with an assembly in the gym at 6:30 p.m. with prayer, updates/highlights, and teacher introductions. **There will be a vote at assembly to decide the Spring Fundraiser. Your ballot will be your ticket out ☺** After assembly, parents of PK-5 students will visit the classrooms for individual presentations by the homeroom teacher. At this same time, Pre-School 4 parents will come together in the Meeting Room, and parents of junior high students (Gr. 6-8) will have their presentation in the gym. There will be two sessions for each group except Pre-Kindergarten and Gr. 6-8, the first one from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. and the second one from 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. This will allow parents with more than one child to get to various rooms. If you have three or more children, you will have to divide your time in a way that best works for you. Parents with children in Pre-Kindergarten and Jr. High should go to the session at 7:00 p.m. and then visit sibling's classrooms during the 7:30 – 8:00 session. Back to School Night will end (with a bell) at 8:00 p.m. We look forward to sharing our excitement about a new school year with all of you.

New Lunch Menus: Today your child should be bringing home the new lunch menus from Impromptu, Subway and Round Table for September and a portion of October. In the future, please look for menus to be coming home with your child monthly.

A Helping Hand for the Ward Family: Last week, a fire destroyed the home of former classmates Tony and Alec Ward. By the grace of God, everyone was able to get out safely. They have found a place to live while their home is being rebuilt, but are in need of many basic items. SHPS parent Judy Solis is organizing sign-ups for dinners for the family along with donations. If you would like to help the Ward family, please contact Judy Solis at 801-8011.

Lost & Found: The third week of school has already brought a rather large lost and found pile. Please check to see if any of your child's items are missing and take a look at the lost & found for recovery. Thank you.

Readers are Leaders! Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Contest! Everyone who turned in a reading log will be given an award at tomorrow's assembly as well as an ice cream on Friday during their snack recess! Special recognition goes to the following students who read the most for their grade level: 1st grade - **Allison Okamoto** 1,078 pages, 2nd grade - **Jeanette Meraz** 1,857 pages, 3rd grade - **Laura Galvan** 8,478 pages, 4th grade - **Sean Moakler** 2,312 pages, 5th grade - **Tyler Edgerle** 3,714 pages, 6th grade - **Julia Galvan** 2,231 pages, 7th grade - **Cynthia Walsh** 6,027 pages and 8th grade - **Tommy Walsh** 11,903 pages! Keep up the great reading!

Care Packages for the Soldiers in Iraq: Elena Gonzalez, a 2nd grade student in Mrs. Mottau's class, has an older brother, Daniel, serving in the U.S. Army, stationed in Baghdad. Mrs. Gonzalez, Elena's Mom, is asking children to participate in supporting the troops by writing letters or drawing pictures to send to the soldiers. She also noted that donation of items such as chap stick, individual servings of chips, cookies, beef jerky, fruit roll ups or any other snack items would be very welcome. Please note: Chocolate or anything that will melt is not recommended. Letters, drawings and donations can be dropped off at Mrs. Mottau's class by **September 10th**.

Volunteers Needed for the SHPS Booth at the San Benito County Fair: We are in need of volunteers to man the booth on Friday Sept. 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00p.m, Saturday, Sept. 29th from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Sunday Sept. 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are looking at 2 to 3 hour shifts. It is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Families are welcome and students should dress in uniform. Small children must be accompanied by 2 adults? If you can spare the time to promote SHPS, please contact Claire Del Curto at 831-637-2368 or 831-902-5099.

A Big Thank You to our Crossing Guard of the Week: Many thanks to **Lori Woodle** for volunteering to be our crossing guard of the week! Thanks for keeping our kiddos safe.

Still Looking for Crosswalk Volunteers: One of our new preschool moms has stepped forward to help organize the crosswalk volunteers. Please call **Julia Moehring** at **(408) 718-4115** if you would like to help keep the kids safe in the mornings or afternoons. Consider signing up for a post just one day a week for a month, or perhaps every day for one or two weeks. If each of us committed a small chunk of time, the posts would be covered. (And remember, crosswalk duty counts as service hours!) A big thanks goes to Julia for stepping up to coordinate, and thanks to all the parents who've already signed up and are doing a part!

A Big Thank You to the Summer Reading Coordinators: Liz Markfield and Gina Tomasini spearheaded this, arranged for counting and wrote out certificates. Thank you for sending the message of the importance of reading!

Aluminum Can and Plastic Bottle Results: Thanks to all who participated in the Aluminum Can & Plastic Bottle Drive. We raised an impressive **\$515.74!!!** Great job everyone! Special thanks to Chuck and Jonene Zanger for the use of their trailer. Thanks also goes to Zack Zanger, Tommy Walsh, and the Burchard, Scherr, and Edgerle families for their time and effort in collecting, sorting and transporting all the cans and bottles. **Start saving now for our next recycling event in the spring.**

Anyone Interested in Altar Serving: In order to be an altar server you must have made your First Holy Communion. For further information and training please call Karen Carrillo at 637-4658.

Room Parents Meeting: There will be a **mandatory** room parents meeting on **September 6th at 7:00 p.m.** in the meeting room. If you have any questions you may contact either Liz Markfield at 634-0490 or Judy Solis at 637-8887.

Steeple to Steeple 5 Mile Family Fun Run: Sacred Heart and St. Benedict's Parish Community is bringing back the Steeple to Steeple 5 mile Family Fun Run. It will be held on Saturday, October 6th. Registration forms will be distributed soon. Sponsorship deadline is this week but will be extended to Wednesday, September 5th. Sponsors can donate money or items to be used at the event. Just a minimum donation of \$100 will earn your business name on the back of the Fun Run t-shirt. This is a great way to promote your community and advertise your business. Please contact Michelle Ash at 801.8608 or Beatrice Killeen at 635.5749.

Sweatshirt Orders: A sweatshirt order will be placed on September 10th. Please have all orders in to Mrs. Canez by Friday, September 7th.

Fun Night News: We are busy planning our Fun Night event which will be held on Saturday, October 27th, 2007. We are currently seeking business sponsors for our Rock Wall and Balloon Twist vendor. All business sponsors will receive recognition at Fun Night and for \$100 or more; your business will receive COMPLIMENTARY advertising space in our family directory. **The deadline to have your business listed in our family directory is September 7th.** If you are interested in business sponsorship for Fun Night, please contact Stephanie Hicks at 636-7507 or Sandie Schwehr at 524-1400 by September 7th. Thank you for your support!

Wear Jeans for a Good Cause: Friday, October 5th is National Breast Cancer Fundraising Day. On this day students and staff would have the option to pay \$5.00 to be able to wear "nice" jeans. Proceeds will be donated to the National Breast Cancer charity.

"7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS" Would you like to sponsor a grade 8 class to attend the "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" workshop? The total cost for both classes will be \$2900 and includes materials, a full day of learning, and lunch. Also, if any adults are interested in attending who would like to become facilitators (perhaps for next year?), the cost is \$600 for the facilitator kit. This would allow you to present the workshop anywhere and anytime in the future. The day is confirmed for October 9.

Want Milk? For \$5.00 per trimester, your child can get milk as often as they like. Please make your payment to your child's teacher or the office. Checks only please.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 11	Tuesday	Back to School Night
Sept. 24 - Oct. 4		ITBS Standardized Testing Days (Grades 2-8)

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