

PULSE

Sacred Heart Parish School



September 19, 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

Dear Parents,

I continue to love your enthusiasm and creativity! So many exciting things are happening here as we settle into our new routine this year. I want to thank you for a record turnout for Back-to-School Night. I cannot express how important this is in providing a clear message to your children how important education is to you. As always, I continue to welcome your feedback, comments, suggestions and ideas. You and the teachers are our most valuable resources, and the collaboration has the power to work miracles! Warmest,
J. Smith

URGENT FUN NIGHT NEWS

Our current chairperson for the Haunted House had to step down due to a family commitment. We are in immediate need of a Haunted House chair and or project leaders!

We need a team of volunteers to fulfill the following Haunted House projects:

Thursday, October 25th – Taking supplies and lumber up from the basement after school.

Friday, October 26th – Constructing the Haunted House immediately after school. We need as many volunteers as possible for this.

Saturday, October 27th – Fun Night day. Early morning to early afternoon to decorate and finish.

We need 5 or more volunteers for each project. If you are interested in volunteering, being the Haunted House chairperson, or being a project leader, please contact Stephanie Hicks at 636-7507 by Monday, September 24th. The chairperson is responsible for overseeing volunteers and the overall completion of the project. **The Haunted House is the biggest money making activity at Fun Night.** Please help make this possible! Thank you.

Science Teacher Update

SHPS welcomes Ms. Rosalinda Avila to the Jr. High team as our long-term substitute for Science. Thank you for showing her a warm welcome by supporting her as she makes this transition with the children. Ms. Avila comes to us with a Master's degree in Social Work and a great love for Science and for children. She is looking forward to meeting you all.

Thank you to Michel Horn for stepping up to coordinate Bingo. You are greatly appreciated!

After School Sports

Volunteers, we thank you for the time you spend after school helping coach our teams. Please ensure that all students have been picked up or are brought to Extended Care *prior to your leaving*. Parents, thank you for honoring our volunteer's time by picking up your child promptly. Your courtesy is appreciated.

Book Exchange Plus

Do you have used children's books, in great condition, just sitting around at home? Perhaps you'd like to donate them for our first SHPS Library Fundraiser to be held Thursday and Friday, October 4 & 5 from 2:35-4 p.m. in the gym foyer. Donations of books should be made there Monday-Wednesday by placing the books in the boxes provided. Students will have an opportunity to buy as many books as they like for .25 cents each. Bring a bag-you'll need it!

Mark Your Calendars for October 6th. The Steeple to Steeple Family Run/Walk is BACK!

Join parishioners and community as we run/walk through the streets of Hollister. We'll start at Sacred Heart Church and make our way to the finish line at St. Benedict's. There will be a water station along the course as well as prizes and refreshments at the finish line. Bring your entire family and friends. **Pre-register by September 28th to get your FREE event t-shirt.** Registration forms are attached. You can also pick one up at the parish office or at St. Benedict's, located on an easel at the back of the church. **You can also register online at www.theschedule.com.** For more information log on to www.bonnetfamily.com/funrun or email steepletosteeple@hotmail.com. Questions? Beatrice Killeen @ 635-5749.

Chartwell Extended Learning Classes

Chartwell School is offering Extended Learning courses for study skills, reading comprehension, writing, etc. for ages 11 – 18. If you are interested you can visit their website at www.chartwell.org or call them at 831-394-3468.

Doughnuts & Coffee Are Back at St. Benedict's

We are looking for volunteers to serve doughnuts and coffee for both the 8:45 and 10:30 masses. Also, we need a coordinator willing to schedule families for the 10:30 mass. We hope to start in October. If you or your family is interested, please contact Jackie Leung at 831-630-3066 or 831-801-8501.

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.

Arts Attack Evening

The Arts Attack meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20th from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. All parents/volunteers interested in leading/helping in class are asked to attend.

Volunteers Needed for the SHPS Booth at the San Benito County Fair

There are two or three slots still needed to be filled on Saturday at the fair. If you're interested in helping out, please call Claire Del Curto at 831-637-2368 or 831-902-5099.

Leftover Yearbooks

PASS recently discovered a limited supply of leftover 2006-2007 yearbooks from last year. While supplies last, these books will be available to purchase at the front office for \$17.00 a book. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parent Association.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 19	4:00 p.m. Arts Attack Program (Meeting Room)
21	9:00 a.m. School Mass (Gr. 5)
	3:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
24	4:00 p.m. Gr. 7 Girls Volleyball @ Spring Grove
	5:00 p.m. Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball @ Spring Grove
	4:00 p.m. Gr. 7 Boys Flag Football @ Oakwood
	5:00 p.m. Gr. 8 Boys Flag Football @ Oakwood
26	4:00 p.m. Gr. 7 Girls Volleyball @ Aromas
	5:00 p.m. Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball @ Aromas
	4:00 p.m. Gr. 8 Boys Flag Football @ Southside
	5:00 p.m. Gr. 7 Boys Flag Football vs. Spring Grove @ Southside
Sept. 24 – Oct. 4	ITBS Standardized Testing Days (Grades 2-8)
October 4	Picture Day
October 11 & 12	Parent Conference Days (Gr. 1-8)

HOW EMPATHIC IS YOUR CHILD?

The statements that follow describe behaviors usually displayed by children with strong empathy toward others. To evaluate your child's strengths in this first virtue, write the number you think best represents your child's current level on the line following each statement and then add all the scores to get her total score. If your child scores 40 to 50, she's in great shape with this aspect of moral intelligence. If she scores 30 to 40, she could benefit from virtue enhancement. A score of 20 to 30 shows signs of potential problems. A score of 10 to 20 reveals potential danger; consider getting help to increase this essential virtue.

5 = Always 4 = Frequently 3 = Sometimes 2 = Rarely 1 = Never

A Child with Healthy Empathy

My Child

Is socially sensitive; has a lot of feeling for others.	_____
Show sensitivity toward the needs and feelings of others.	_____
Correctly reads others' nonverbal cues: gestures, body language, facial expressions, tone of voice.	_____
Readily picks up others' facial expressions and reacts appropriately.	_____
Recognizes when someone is distressed and responds appropriately.	_____
Shows she understands another person's feelings.	_____
Tears up or looks upset when someone else is distressed.	_____
Acts concerned when someone is treated unfairly or unkindly.	_____
Shows a willingness to understand someone else's point of view.	_____
Can verbally identify someone else's feelings.	_____
Total Score	_____

Taken from the book *Building Moral Intelligence* by Michele Borba, Ed. D.

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