



PULSE

Sacred Heart Parish School

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 Message

Dear Parents,

The Lord has truly blessed us with such a wonderful Sacred Heart family. My spirit was warmed by watching you all work together to make Fun Night such a grand success. The camaraderie, the cooperation, the laughter and smiles, were infectious. What a great place to be that night! I am so grateful to all the parents, teachers and friends who participated in this event. I know some of you didn't leave until after 4 a.m. getting the place cleaned up for the Bishop's luncheon. Thank you!

Parents, I want to invite you to our Mass of All Saints on Thursday at 10:15. Each class has been working on a different saint in preparation for Mass. They'll be sharing those saints with us. Please come help us celebrate these special people who lived and often died for their faith. For a child-friendly "Saint a Day" site, go to: <http://www.holyspiritinteract.ive.net/kids/saints/>.

One final note, the Advent season is approaching. Advent is a time to find out more about God's divine plan for us. By listening to the prophets and the sto-

ries of Jesus' birth we are able to make connections between those times and our own lives today to see ways God is acting anew and ways that God keeps revealing the coming of Jesus. Advent season is about reflecting on the word of God and allowing it to resonate in our hearts and lives. If anyone is interested in sharing in a Bible study based on the Advent season, on Sunday nights, please get in touch with me this week. I wish you many blessings this week.

- J. Smith

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- Please be sure to check LOST & FOUND for any items your child may have lost. The collection is HUGE!
- ATTN: Volleyball & Flag Football Players: Please turn your uniforms in to Mrs. Canez
- PASS Meeting Date Correction: The next PASS meeting was incorrectly listed in the PULSE last week. The meeting has been moved back to its original afternoon time slot and will now be on the first Monday of each month. Please join us on Mon. Nov. 5, 4:14-6:00 p.m. in the school library. There is no school that day but we will still meet. We will be doing Fun Night follow-up, and planning an exciting raffle for November & a Barnes & Noble fundraiser for December.



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

Important Dates to Remember

October	31	Weds. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
November	1	Thurs. All Saints Liturgy 8:15 a.m. Early Childhood 10:30 a.m. Gr. 2-8
	5	Mon. Teacher Inservice—NO SCHOOL 4:15 p.m.—PASS Meeting (library)
	6	Tues. 9:30-12:30 & 1:30-3:30—Uniform Exchange
	5-16	Harvest Food Drive
	7	Weds. Minimum Day—12:30 p.m. dismissal 6:45 p.m. Spring Art Fundraiser mtg. (library)

November 8—Picture Retakes

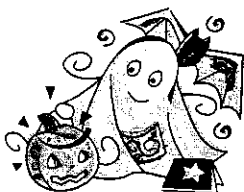
November 12—Veterans Day NO SCHOOL

November 13-16 Sixth Grade Science Camp

November 14 End of 1st Trimester

November 20 Full School Liturgy @ St. Benedict's

November 21-23 Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL





Medical Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, outbreaks of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA – drug resistant staph infection) are no longer confined primarily to hospitals and health care facilities. Recent news reports reveal outbreaks are now occurring elsewhere in communities, including school settings.

MRSA spreads easily through skin-to-skin contact or contact with MRSA contaminated surfaces or items. To prevent communicable disease transmission, we recommend following these guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

practice good hygiene (e.g., keep your hands clean by washing with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and showering immediately after participating in exercise);

cover skin trauma/wounds (such as abrasions and cuts) with a clean dry bandage until healed. Keep wounds that are draining or have pus covered with clean, dry bandages. Follow your medical provider's instructions on proper care of the wound. Pus from infected wounds can contain staph including MRSA, so keeping the infection covered will help prevent the spread to others;

avoid sharing personal items (e.g., towels, razors, clothing, uniforms) that come into contact with your bare skin; use a barrier (e.g., clothing or a towel) between your skin and shared equipment;

maintain a clean environment by establishing cleaning procedures for frequently touched surfaces and surfaces that come into direct contact with people's skin.

For more information, attached is "A Parent's Guide to MRSA in California," produced by the California Department of Public Health.

School Attendance by a Student with MRSA

If you think your child has MRSA, call your medical provider immediately.

If your child is diagnosed with MRSA, notify the Principal immediately.

If the medical provider has advised that your child may not attend school, inform the Principal and keep your child home according to your medical provider's instructions.

In all other cases, decisions regarding school attendance by students with MRSA will be made by the Principal on an individual basis. In deciding if a student may remain at school, the Principal will take into consideration the student's ability to properly care for the wound, whether the wound can remain effectively covered during a particular activity or sport, etc. Generally, if the student's wound can be effectively covered and there is no draining of pus or other liquid outside of the covered area, and the wound is isolated so that there is no spread of infection (e.g., the infection cannot be spread while the student is participating in a particular activity/sport), the student may attend school.

The medical information about MRSA contained in this letter does not replace consultation with your medical provider. Let's work together at school and at home to reinforce good hygiene and other healthy practices with our students.

Very truly yours,

Jennifer Smith

Principal