

The Pulse

Sacred Heart Parish School

Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I was reflecting on images of Christmas recently, and aside from the Advent wreath, there is one other that touches my heart: The Nativity. One that is well done can really move me. The one I grew up with took years to make. Each year it was my mother's Christmas project, and each year we waited for it to be done. There were several dolls, of course. And each year we'd see a new one started. It was beautiful when it was finished. It even had a three foot manger. Two of the animals always present in a manger scene are the donkey and the ox, two of the most stubborn and dense animals on earth. But, in spite of these qualities, they know that their master is the source of their life and ongoing welfare. It is the same for us. We can be stubborn in our rejection of God and our failure to trust in God just as the people of Judah were. But in that rejection we will starve just as the donkey that rejects his master will. It's why God sent us His son, our salvation, to feed us. But, our salvation is a blessing that comes with a responsibility to do good, rescue the oppressed, feed the poor, and defend the helpless. In this season of preparation, we need to become aware of our actions that resemble the donkey or the ox. Where in our lives are we rejecting His ways and failing to trust His will will be done? He is our loving master, and He will always provide. Just believe.

- J. Smith

NOW ACCEPTING BIDS for the following capital improvement projects. Please submit to Diane Gibbs by December 19, 2007. Paving/re-paving of the Extended Care/back asphalt playground area, building of a fenced enclosure for the garbage bins at entrance of parking lot, re-painting of inside of gym and meeting room, addition of equipment room for the gym.



Parish Mission: Processing Our Guilt.
Fr. Tom Allender, S.J. will be presenting the following schedule at St. Benedict Church after 9 a.m. mass and at 6:30 p.m. each day. Monday, December 10: "The Difference Between Loving God and Letting God Love Us". Tuesday, December 11: "Transforming our Fears Into Faith". Wednesday, December 12: "The Journey to Becoming a Whole Person".

December 5-9: Streets of Bethlehem will be held in Salinas at the First Baptist Church, 1130 San Vicente Avenue. Free shuttle and parking is available at the Quadrangle/Valley Center parking lots (800, 900, 1000 blocks of S. Main Street) since there is no on-site parking. This is a living history interactive experience. Over 200 cast members, numerous musical groups and live animals help bring this Christmas story to life from 6-8 p.m. See shopkeepers, pet the animals, walk with Mary and Joseph and the cast. www.streetsofbethlehem.com

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Secret Santa Food Drive

Be a "Secret Santa" & bring food for those who will need it to have a great Christmas dinner this year. Food items need to be non-perishable, such as:

Flour, Sugar, Rice, Pasta, Stuffing croutons, Peanut Butter, Spices, Canned vegetables, Tuna, Cooking Oil, Cereal (cold or hot), Oatmeal, Juice, etc. Money that would go towards the purchase of milk, eggs, and a turkey.

Students may take donated items to their classroom. All items will be brought to the December 13th assembly.



Adopt a Family

Sacred Heart will again participate in the "Adopt a Family Program" through the Community Services & Workforce Development Corp., a non-profit organization that provides shelter to homeless families. This year, we have adopted two families. Teachers will be letting you know which member of the family your child's class will have. December 17th will be the last day for these items to be dropped off. The food drive will also be happening from now until Dec. 13th.

HONOR ROLL - FIRST TRIMESTER

GRADE 5:

First Honors

Nicholas Burchard
 Amy Carvalho
 Sarah Clausen
 Riley Drexler
 Tyler Edgerle
 Chanel Enz
 Jett Johnson
 David Julian
 Erica Leung
 Kyle Markfield
 Kelly McCullough
 Chase Miguel
 Alyssa Newman
 Liam Miller
 Sarah Nino
 Bianca Oliveira
 Cooper Scherr
 Jarod Solis
 Haley Van Dam
 Jessica Walsh

Second Honors

Evan Balochie
 Bryce Beasley
 Rachel Brigantino
 Sophie De Leon
 John Esteban
 Danika Feril
 Cecelia Hall
 Jennifer Martin
 Louis Navarro
 Vicente Sandoval
 Ann Sleight
 Johnathan Smith
 Jessica Ward
 Travis Winn

GRADE 6:

First Honors

Jacob Drexler
 Daniel Gonzales
 Anthony Gonzalez
 Mikayla Irvin
 Steven Johst
 Christopher Manderson
 Zachary Piccoli
 Mason Miguel
 Andrew Panger
 Colleen Parga
 Sheila Mae Park
 Kelsey Slavich
 Daniel Souza
 Benjamin White

Second Honors

Marianna Barragan-Burns
 Issac Flores
 Lachelle Mercier
 Joshua Miller
 John Morris
 Travis Nealon
 Zachary Piccoli
 Alexandria Reckas
 Makenzie Schwehr
 Taylor Snook

GRADE 7:

First Honors

Michael Breen
 Jimmy Esteban
 Katherine Nino
 Megan Pape
 Kimberly Sparrer
 Cynthia Walsh
 Jared White
 Carlene Zanger

Second Honors

Erica Bolongaita
 Gianna Brigantino
 Cara Marie Esteban
 Tiffany Galaz
 John Killeen
 Molly McCullough
 Megan Sabbatini

GRADE 8:

First Honors

Paige Archer
 Sarah Morris
 Claire Neubauer
 Alison Piccoli
 Thomas Walsh

Second Honors

Marissa Connors
 John Feril
 Kelsey Frusetta
 Kayla Guerra
 Travis Mills
 Mia Vodanovich
 Miranda Weatherly
 Zachariah Zanger

Send Your Teacher to Tahoe Raffle Update

The PASS board wants to remind you that you can **Send Your Teacher to Tahoe** over winter break, by buying raffle tickets over the next few weeks. The tickets will be sold outside the library on Tuesdays & Thursdays before and after school. You can buy one ticket for \$5 or three tickets for \$10. You can buy as many tickets as you want, and nominate as many teachers as you want! Or you can nominate the same teacher 3 or 4 times if you want - it's up to you. However, only one lucky teacher's name will be pulled on Dec. 20th. and the person who submitted the winning ticket receives a gift certificate for lunch with their special teacher and their parents. Thanks for your support!