

# The PULSE

## Sacred Heart Parish School

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### Spaghetti Feed Fund-raiser for Ms. Fox

There will be a community dinner on **Thursday, January 24th, 2008** from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Gym. All proceeds will go toward Ms. Fox's (Gr. 4 teacher) medical bills. Tickets are to be purchased in advance and are available for sale after-school and after Sunday Mass. Cost for tickets is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.



### OOPS!!!

At the end of the Grandparents Day letter, I inadvertently wrote "see you Feb. 9" instead of "Feb. 1". Hopefully, it was clear enough in the rest of the letter that confusion was

minimal.

## Principal's Notes:

Dearest Parents,

This Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic School's Week, a time to celebrate the gifts of Catholic education. I had the opportunity to witness the greatest gift, faith, earlier this week when I sat in on Mrs. Olivas's grade 7 Religion class. What a delight! She has been teaching the students about the parables, the stories shared by Jesus to teach his disciples His lessons for us. The parable of the mustard seed was beautifully presented, and I wanted to share that with you. The mustard seed, a tiny speck, represents our faith. The roots of our faith are found in scripture, prayer, sacrifice, good deeds and the sacraments. We, like the mustard bush, are fed through these roots, and our faith, like the mustard bush, can only grow to its fullest with the proper attention to the roots. But why would we want our faith to be full? Because without it, we are in despair and without hope. We would be lost and cynical and full of pride, bitterness and fear that we will never be happy enough, never have enough and never be loved enough. Catholic schools in partnership with parents, provide the care for the roots every day, and I am grateful to you for choosing to make the sacrifices you've made to send your children to Catholic school.

In Christ,

J. Smith, Principal

**Quick Pick Tickets** are on sale at the school office, and after masses on Sunday. Odds are really good! The cost is \$100 and the prize is a trip to Florence, Italy, or a voucher for tuition.

### UNIFORM POLICE:

Parents, please ensure that your child is following uniform regulations. Thank you.



### Early Dismissal on Grandparents Day:

All students will be dismissed at 12:05 p.m. on

**February 1, 2008 - Grandparents Day.** Please make a note on your calendar.

### Grandparents Love to Snack Too!

Just a reminder that each class is asked to bring in certain items for the continental breakfast on Grandparents Day, Feb. 1. Please check with your child's teacher or the front office if you've misplaced the "please bring" list that was printed in last week's Pulse. Thanks so much for your helping to make Grandparents Day a success!

To the Sacred Heart School Community:

As parents of students in a Catholic school, you hardly need me to remind you of the benefits of a Gospel values based education. Your sons and daughters benefit daily from this setting, one that instills hope in our children. It is sobering to remind ourselves of what a rare commodity that is in these times. I believe hope to be the watermark that distinguishes a Catholic community; and St. Francis Central Coast Catholic High School means to partner with Sacred Heart in the education of the young toward that optimism that is rooted in our salvation.

If you're the parent of an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, I hope you'll consider continuing his or her Catholic education in high school. St. Francis is a unique educational enterprise, and one that builds on the 150 year heritage of Salesian works within the Watsonville area. We offer exclusively a college prep curriculum; and our graduates successfully compete for ever-shrinking numbers of spaces at prestigious colleges and universities throughout the nation. With a full slate of Advanced Placement and honors classes; with a burgeoning and very successful athletic program; with a dynamic campus ministry program that directs our students to a fuller awareness of their own spirituality and to works of service within the community; with a growing slate of performing arts opportunities; and with the relatively small size that enables us to respond to the particular educational needs of each student, St. Francis provides the best in a contemporary, Catholic high school setting for young men and women.

There is no better investment you can make in your children than that of a Catholic education. And while it takes a significant sacrifice by a family dedicated to providing this opportunity for their children, your sons and daughters will be provided with a hope-based start in life; instilled with a vision of life that affirms life; and nurtured to a growing awareness of their status as children of a loving, creative God.

St. Francis is keenly aware of the burden placed on families to afford a Catholic high school education. Significant financial aid grants are available each year to enable middle class families, as well as lower income families, to enjoy the benefits of St. Francis. If you'd like more information about applying to St. Francis, or about our extensive financial aid grants, please contact our Admissions Counselor, Ms. Denise Sheldon, here at St. Francis (831.724.5933 X206; or [sheldon@stfrancishigh.net](mailto:sheldon@stfrancishigh.net)). Or check us out on the web: [www.stfrancishigh.net](http://www.stfrancishigh.net). For eighth graders, we offer a shadow program that allows them to visit classes as the guest of a St. Francis student—just call and set a shadow appointment.

I am most grateful to Ms. Jennifer Smith for this venue in which to familiarize you a bit with St. Francis. I welcome the opportunity to speak more fully to any of you with a growing interest in St. Francis.

Yours,

Keith B. Mathews

President and Principal

St. Francis Central Coast Catholic High School