

The Pulse

Sacred Heart Parish School

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Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Parish School, a Catholic Elementary School, commits itself to teach the gospel message of Christ, to build community based on Jesus' command to love one another, and to serve through prayer, worship, and social action. We provide an environment where students receive training in our Catholic tradition, acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and character traits to enrich personal living, and develop as responsible, mature Christian citizens.

SCRIP TOTALS:

The Scrip totals are posted on the Scrip bulletin board (front entry – to the left). Many Nob Hill card numbers have not been assigned to a family. So, if your total seems low, you may have one of these cards. Please contact Mrs. Gibbs, the bookkeeper, to check. Remember, May 15th is the deadline for Scrip.

STILL NEED SERVICE HOURS???

You can earn service hours by working at BINGO on Friday nights. The deadline for completion of service hours is May 15th – less than one month away! Call Angelica Galvan @ 801-4467

The Catholic school provides the opportunity for a person to be formed totally: physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

The Holy Father states: "The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students, so that they may be true to their condition as Christ's disciples and as such work effectively for the evangelization of the culture and for the common good of society.... A Catholic school is a place where students live a shared experience of faith in God and where they learn the riches of a Catholic culture... Catholic schools must help students to deepen a relationship with God and to discover that all things human have their deepest meaning in the person and teaching of Jesus Christ."

This, then, is the heart of Catholic education: that students be formed in Catholic faith and culture and thereby come to recognize the deepest meaning of all things in the person and teaching of Jesus Christ.

Whether studying religion, science, history or mathematics, the students will be led to a deeper understanding of God, as these subjects are fully integrated within a Christian perspective. Conversely, as our students come to a deeper understanding of God, they will also come to a deeper understanding of their subjects. We are really here for one purpose: "so that our students may have life and have it more abundantly." The Catholic school facilitates a process "where faith and knowledge meet".

Order Your Yearbook Now!

Yearbooks are available for sale for \$35.00 each. You may pick up an order form in the office and please return it ASAP to guarantee your yearbook delivery.

Basement Cleanout:

Reminder PASS is holding the Basement Cleanout scheduled Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20 from 9am to 6pm in the courtyard. For those who volunteered, if you have any of the following items please bring them on the day(s) you are coming: gloves, brooms, dustpans, extension cords, duct tape, ladders, shop-vacs, battery lanterns, hammer, screwdriver, or cordless drill. If you have any questions, please call Kristi Piccoli at 630-0460.



DID YOU KNOW?

You may have already received an enrollment packet for the 2008 - 2009 school including a new fee sheet. A nominal increase in tuition and registration costs have occurred to keep pace with rising costs for health insurance, books, etc.

The "current expense of education" information provided by the San Benito County Office of Education (www.ed-data.org). It is a measure of the cost of direct educational services to students not including food services, facilities acquisition, construction and other expenses.

Annual expense per student:

Hollister School District \$ 7,845

San Benito County Elementary Districts \$7,936

For comparison purposes: HSD vs SHPS for K - 8 students

	Expense	Avg. Class size	Annual Expense/Classroom
HSD	\$ 7,845.00	35	\$ 274,575.00
SHPS	\$ 4,900.00	21	\$ 102,900.00

While it is true, public school can offer more services in certain areas. We are fortunate to offer our students dedicated Music, PE and Technology instruction as well as provide enrichment opportunities through art, school choir and athletics in addition to our faith-based curriculum.

Parent involvement is invaluable in helping to close the spending gap. By the countless volunteer hours from coaching sports to campus beautification, we (parents, teachers and alumni) are providing an environment where students receive training in our Catholic tradition, acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and character traits to enrich personal living, and develop as responsible, mature Christian citizens.



LUNCH NEWS:

Fast and Easy!



In order to save about 700-800 sheets of paper per month, we're putting the new **May menu order forms** on the school website beginning April 10th. Not only will this reduce waste, but now a family can print two copies - one to turn in and one as a reminder at home. Just print a form, make your choices, attach payment and deposit in the box in the office.

There will be a few hard copies in the office for families that don't have access to a computer or internet. **Please order no later than APRIL 22nd** (see order form). **Plan ahead** and our children's last month will end smoothly. As you see, we're continually trying to improve the process, streamline our at-home tasks, and preserve our resources as well. Thank you for helping make our lunch program a success. Any questions, please contact Jackie Leung @ 831-801-8501 or Dorothy Balochie @ 408-316-7417.

NEWS FLASH

This year we will be changing up the Talent Show a bit by adding an evening performance on **April 24th at 6:30 p.m.** and adding a couple of other surprises. We are also renaming it to a **Variety Show**. The entry fee will be one can food item for donation to Fishes & Loaves. One fundraising hour for desserts provided. Please drop off goodies by 4:00 p.m. Tryouts will be held after school on April 15th and 17th, time slots will be scheduled in advance.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of the 8th grade students and parents who helped out at the car wash last weekend. Thanks also to our S.H.P.S. community and alumni. Our class raised \$803 to put toward their legacy gift. Way to go!

