

Sacred Heart

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

It's hard to believe that it has been two years since we last published this newsletter. During that time there have been many exciting changes in the Sacred Heart School Foundation.

The most significant change is that we decided to put about two-thirds of the Foundation's funds into the San Benito Community Foundation. This means that donors can make contributions that will directly benefit the community. We reserved approximately \$5,000 for short-range projects, not currently budgeted, that the school might need.

As we continue to grow, we will need your help in many different ways. If you would like to be on the board or know someone who would, please let us know by calling the school. Here are some other ways you can help support the school:

- Use SCRIP—it costs you nothing;
- Make a donation in memory of a loved one;
- Donate to the scholarship fund directly.

All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt. Any help will be greatly appreciated! We all share a common purpose—to keep Sacred Heart Parish School going for another 100 years.

Please feel free to call me with any questions, concerns or ideas regarding the Foundation or this newsletter. Thank you for your continued support of Sacred Heart Parish School.

Margaret O'Donnell

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P.S. If you know any alumni who do not receive the newsletter and would like to be on our mailing list, please email the information and address to

Dynamic Duo Retires

Mrs. Sonie Petersen said goodbye at the end of the 2003 school year and Mrs. Bernadette Pipal bid farewell this past June. Both of these women served Sacred Heart Parish School as teachers and vice-principals with amazing energy, inspirational dedication and an always present sense of humor and fun. We think of them often, however, not just in fond memories but when we see them on campus as two of the best 'subs' a school could ask for! Our prayers go with you, Sonie and Bernadette, as you enjoy the fruits of your labor and some lazy retirement days.



News from the Sisters of St. Mary



Do you recognize this photo? It is an 'early' version of Sister Benita Francis who at age 92 still enjoys sharing memories about her many years in Hollister. "I loved every minute of it—the beauty of the place and the wonderful people. When we went there, the pastor explained from the pulpit that he had no money to pay the sisters, so the parishioners would have to take care of us. And they did, with prepared meals and fresh produce, innumerable services and generous friendship. They loved showing off their beautiful area and we loved seeing it! What was so special about that? They felt we belonged to them, and we

Dream of Science Lab a Reality!



Seventh graders Chris Lawn and Nik Soza explore the wonder of cells through their new microscope.

Although somewhat dated now, *Field of Dreams* was a great movie—not only because it was about baseball, but because it inspired people to have hopes and dreams. Also it left one with the feeling that these dreams would surely come true. A junior high science lab has been a dream of Sacred Heart for many years; the school community acknowledged it in their most recent W.A.S.C. self-study (March 2000), followed by the visiting committee's formal written recommendations.

During the school year 2002-2003, the Stewardship Advisory Council discussed and refined a strategic plan for the future

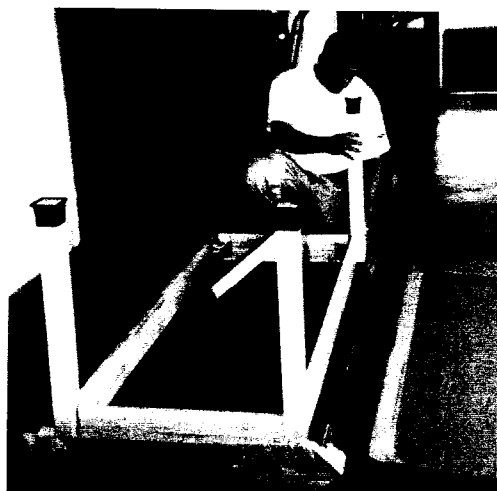


Table assembly isn't as easy as it looks!

of Sacred Heart Parish School. The idea of a science lab resurfaced—first as a dream, then as an agenda item, next as a funding question, and finally as a decision! The result was a four-stage plan:

- 1) Prepare the infrastructure of the former science classroom to support a lab (more electrical outlets, storage cabinets, eye wash station, etc.);
- 2) Purchase and assemble furniture (lab tables and chairs) that would provide for and facilitate hands-on experiments;
- 3) Order lab equipment such as microscopes, prepared slides, dissecting kits and demonstration equipment;
- 4) Review and adopt new science textbooks for grades four through eight.

Funding for the project, estimated to be about \$25,000, was promised from a variety of sources (listed on right). In summer 2003, the old classroom was demolished and the new lab created. Black-topped tables and chairs were ordered as was start-up equipment. The lab opened on the first day of school in August 2003!

Over the course of the 2003-2004 school year, the teachers studied and discussed the science curriculum in an attempt to articulate with one another across the grades and make sure that all necessary information was covered. After identifying gaps and overlaps,

they reviewed science textbooks to find the right fit. After much deliberation, the textbooks were selected and ordered. Students enjoyed perusing their brand new books on the first day of school in August 2004!

We are sincerely grateful to the individuals and groups that took the dream of a science lab and made it a reality.



The demolition crew 'strikes the set' of the former science classroom.

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Sacred Heart School Foundation

Balance Sheet (unaudited) June 30, 2005

Assets	
Cash (San Benito Bank)	\$10,990.91
Endowment Account (Community Foundation)	\$40,412.14
Total Assets	\$51,403.05
Liabilities	
Payables	\$ 0.00
Net Fund Value	\$51,403.05

Income Statement (unaudited) January 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Income	
Donations Received	\$10,943.00
Interest Income	\$ 674.85
	\$11,617.85
Expenses	
Classroom Trips	\$500.00
Office Expenses	\$240.10
Endowment Fees	\$301.75
	(\$1,041.85)
Net Income	\$10,576.00

San Benito County Spelling Bee Finalists: Grades 4-6

Pictured to the right are the nine SHPS students who advanced to the Spelling Bee finals this spring. Only twenty students in the county advanced, so the Sacred Heart record remains strong! Pictured in the back row from left are: John Feril, Kellen O'Laughlin, Kevin Thome and Zach Zanger. In the front row from left are: Mia Vodanovich, Cindy Walsh, Tommy Walsh, Hina Moheyuddin and Dalan Hoskins. Mia Vodanovich went on to place second and represented San Benito County at the State Spelling Bee in Sacramento.



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We're Proud of Our Alums!



Jack O'Donnell (representing the 1930s)



Mike Ottmar (representing the 1960s)

In spring 2005, the newly-formed Baler Foundation paid tribute to eight San Benito High School graduates whose contributions to both Baler sports and community service have truly made a difference. Of the men and women so honored, two were graduates of Sacred Heart: Jack O'Donnell and Mike Ottmar. Go Spartans! And congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

The SHPS Speech Tournament Lives on!

Pictured below are the winners of this year's grade 3-4 division: Carly Snook (first place), Katie Nino (second place) and Kyle Martin, standing (third place).



SCRIP

SCRIP is a great way to raise money to support Sacred Heart Parish School. You simply make purchases that you would normally make and several times a year, participating organizations send a check to the school for a percentage of the total.

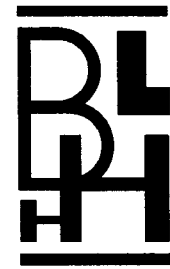
Here's how it works:

- You can register your checking accounts, credit cards and ATM/debit cards with E-SCRIP. Each time you purchase something at an E-SCRIP sponsored store (i.e., Safeway, Macy's, etc.) the school receives SCRIP credit for your purchase (gas is not included).
- You can request a Raleys-Nob Hill card from Sacred Heart Parish School and the school receives SCRIP credit for your purchases.

- You may purchase items on line at escrip.com and select Sacred Heart as the organization to receive credit for your purchases.
- You may purchase SCRIP certificates directly from the school on Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. SCRIP certificates are similar to gift certificates in that you receive the full amount of your certificate purchase.

While the percentages are small, about 1 to 3 percent, with many people using SCRIP the total adds up to a significant amount. Last year, the school netted about \$20,000 from SCRIP, monies we would not have otherwise had to improve our activities and programs.

So please help us out if you can. Call Diane Gibbs at 637-4157 for more information.



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