

Sacred Heart

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Service is Our Motto!

Reaching out to the local community has always been a tradition at Sacred Heart Parish School. Most alumni will recall such projects as the Penny Challenge, the Holiday Food Drive, donations to Fishes and Loaves, Adopt-a-Family at Christmas and sponsorships of agencies like Emmaus House, the Foundation for Children with Cancer, and the Chamberlain Children's Center. In spring 2008, Sacred Heart received a special recognition in which we can all take pride. What was it? As incredible as it might seem, Sacred Heart collected more than 2,450 lbs. of food for the Second Harvest Holiday Food Drive, more than Spring Grove and more than San



Pictured above are some members of the 2008-2009 Student Council with a sample collection of the many shoes they have gathered for the "Share Your Soles" program.



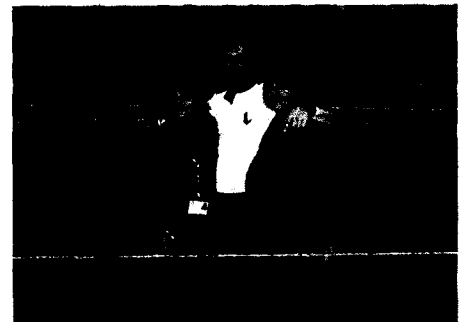
Pictured above are Student Council members Megan Pape and Katie Nino as they proudly display the Second Harvest Food Drive trophy presented to Sacred Heart in April 2008.

Benito High School! WOW! Good job, Spartans!

A current community service project at the school, actually begun by the eighth graders last year, is the "Share Your Soles" drive in which students collect "gently-used" shoes and donate them to children in Third World countries. Many of the recipients have never owned a pair of shoes and are thus subject to various foot parasites and infections. So far, SHPS students have sent off more than 300 pairs of shoes, and the drive has only recently begun.

An Alumni Moment in Time—in Italy!

The Robert Bianchi family from Hollister recently rented a vacation villa in Lucca, Italy, where they hosted a variety of friends throughout the course of their stay. In order to enhance the tourist experience, Christina Mifsud ('85), a state-certified tour guide in Florence, was contracted



to provide art history tours. Two of the fortunate "tourists" joining her were none other than Steven Bianchi ('99) and Diane Barr ('69). Diane attended SHPS for eight years and recalls the campus being "transformed" during that time with the addition of a new classroom wing, meeting room and gym. She is now a teacher and lives in Hollister. Christina got her BA from Santa Clara and MA from Syracuse University. She now lives in Italy with her husband Luciano and her four-year-old son Lorenzo. Steven attended SBHS and Lewis and Clark College where he majored in economics. He now resides in Portland, OR.



Proud members of the Snook family congratulate then-sixth grader Taylor Snook as she proudly displays her first-place trophy in the Grade 4-6 division of the 2008 San Benito County Spelling Bee. Taylor then went on to represent SBC at the CA state spelling tournament in San Rafael.

A Likely Alternative

Usually the term "sharks" conjures up an image of ice hockey, but not for Sacred Heart eighth graders seeking a Catholic high school education. For them, "sharks" refers to the 21 sports teams at St. Francis Central Coast Catholic High School in



Pictured above are six of the "Spartans-turned-Sharks" now enrolled at St. Francis Central Coast Catholic High School: Bonnie Byrne, Reanna Nealon, Marissa Connors, Claire Neubauer, Michael Fortney and Ricky Lenoir.

Watsonville! Unlike Palma, Bellarmine, Notre Dame and Santa Catalina—Catholic high schools that have long offered local students an excellent "single-gender" education—St. Francis is rapidly emerging as a strong and viable "coed" option. Established in 2000, the school proudly continues to build upon the 150-year presence of the Salesian Order in the Pajaro Valley. Students receive an excellent college prep education from caring, competent teachers, all on a beautiful new campus located on the shores of a lake! Approximately 250 students attend St. Francis and the average class size is 19. The school serves families from the Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Gilroy, San Juan and Hollister areas. Currently there are eleven former Spartans enrolled with many more students and families interested in learning more about the school. So, the next time you hear the word "sharks," know that SHPS students now have another wonderful Catholic educational opportunity available to them.

A Family Affair

Prospective parents seeking information about Sacred Heart Parish School often ask the question: "What makes this school different from other schools?" The answer is always: "We are a family." And if you wonder if and how that is true, let's look at some current statistics:

- 37 men and women comprise the faculty and staff for 2008-2009;
- of that group, 12 are the proud parents of one or more SHPS alums;
- another three people are the parents of current students;
- three teachers have both alums and current students in their families;
- and, another four are alums of the school itself!

Those numbers are both amazing and impressive. More than sixty percent of the total staff (22 out of 37) have both professional and personal ties to

Right: Spartan alumni Terry Klauer Canez, Felicia Galli Andrade, Michelle Stevens and Carly Picha smile for the camera.

the school. This is a gift not to be taken lightly and part of what makes Sacred Heart unique, deeply-rooted and singularly blessed.



Proud parents of Spartan alums are: Terri Picha, Marilyn Westphal, Catherine Hazen, Jeannie Gonzales, Linda Sanchez, Bridget Christenson, Terry Canez, Cathy Olivas, Julia DeMateo, Suzanne Connors, Cathy Mottau and Joanne Soza. Not pictured: Glenda Zanger, Ofelia Sanchez and Anna Basarich.



Staff members with students currently enrolled in Sacred Heart are Julie Canez, Jeannie Gonzales, Cathy Mottau, Gail Delucchi and Catherine Hazen. Not pictured: Gayla Jurevich.

News from the Class of 1958

Most of us can count on one hand the number of people we have known for fifty years! In Hollister, this is not terribly unusual—especially at Sacred Heart. In 1958, Elvis was hot, poodle skirts were "in," "dragging main" was cool and the Foster's Freeze at 4th and Line was a hub of social activity. Thanks to the organizational skills and dedication of Jane Dabo Cruz, fifteen members of the class of 1958 reminisced about these and other "earth-shaking" realities, and also shared pictures and stories at our 50th reunion on June 23 at San Juan Oaks. Of course, we shared "horror stories" too. Yes, we dissed one another as only fellow students can do. And, you know, we laughed A LOT! In the end, we said "Grace Before Meals" (from memory!), enjoyed a delicious meal and counted our lucky stars that our school and our classmates are still such an integral part of our "mature" lives.



Pictured above as they enjoy talk about the "good old days" are: Terry Lucchetti Cruz and Jane Dabo Cruz (now sisters-in-law as well as classmates); Frank Bettencourt and Martha Bedell Crum; Carol Mezerkor Sequeira, Sharol Rosati Bernardo and Cathy Gonzales Scattini; David Wright and Ellen Severinsen.

No "News" is Good News

Jennifer Smith, SHPS principal in 2007-2008, has relocated to Sacramento, which means the school has another "new" principal? Well, sort of! Gayla Jurevich is not "new" to the school or parent community, as she has had children at Sacred Heart for the past seven years and been active in the parent community, even serving a term as parent board treasurer. Neither is Gayla new to the staff or students, as she has been the technology coordinator/computer instructor for the past four years and taught every student in grades 2-8. Lastly, Gayla is not new to the area or alumnae community. As the wife of Steve Jurevich (class of '76) and a Hollister resident, Gayla has strong ties with many local people and organizations. All right then. Gayla IS the new principal. She has moved her office across the hall. She does get to carry around a master key and has more meetings to attend. But she takes all this in stride and appears quite at home in her new role. God bless you Gayla, and thank you for leading SHPS to new horizons.



Steve and Gayla Jurevich are pictured here along with their three children: Christopher, Joanthan and Jacqueline.

Spartans are Great!

Reunions...how special they can be. Seventeen graduates of the 1978 class of Sacred Heart School attended their 30-year reunion on Saturday August 16 at the Tres Pinos Inn. Proprietor Michael Howard was among those reminiscing about the 70s when new friendships and lasting relationships began. It was an evening where life stories were shared and journeys were celebrated. John Kiesewetter, who taught sixth grade in 1975/76, and his wife Joanne joined in the festivities. In school, he entertained us with the songs of our childhood and made sure we never forgot the importance of discipline. The men re-enacted the legendary way John kept the boys in line—by kneeling on the ground with noses against the wall. We all shared a good laugh at that and were happy that he was there to celebrate treasured times with us.

Here's what some of the 1978 grads are up to today: Mark Flores, diesel mechanic; Chris Kelly, crane operator; Lisa Casillas, municipal code enforcement inspector; Gia Borelli, retail salesperson; Maureen McCullough, financial investigator; Mary Blaser, commercial real estate manager; Angela Scornaienchi, marriage and family therapist; Virginia Munoz, former high school teacher and current manager of a religious



bookstore and gift shop; Manette Machado, youth coordinator and graphic artist; Gae Lemos Miguel, hairstylist and children's ministry coordinator; Judy Casillas Garner, assistant in the District Attorney's Office; Mike Howard, proprietor of the Tres Pinos Inn; Cheri Petersen, business consultant economic development; Dan Lompa, general manager of Scheid Vineyards; Michael Enz financial advisor; Mike Zanger, operator of family business Casa de Fruta; Becky Ford, professional barrel racing competitor and trainer at a riding facility.

"Go Confidently in the direction of your Dreams," was the theme of our graduation. I can honestly say, the men and women of the class of 1978 are confidently living their dreams.

Spotlight on the Sisters of St. Mary

Spartans attending Sacred Heart between 1964 and 1972 will no doubt recall Sister Luis Ann who taught Grades 6 and 7. You may have known that she was born and raised near Galveston, TX, grew up with five brothers and sisters, attended public school for 12 years and subsequently joined the Sisters of St. Mary after a two-year period of working with them in Texas schools. For many years after that, she served in various Catholic schools as both a teacher and a principal.

What you probably did not know about Sr. Luis Ann is that she is an accomplished cowgirl! She grew up on a ranch where she learned to rope, tie, break horses and compete in barrel racing. She was also a candidate for queen of the Houston Rodeo at one time and got to ride in the parade with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans! When Sr. Luis Ann was in Hollister, she often rode horseback with her friend Donna Lake—quite a feat since she wore a religious habit which made getting on and off the horse quite a challenge!

Now retired from active ministry, and known by her baptismal name, Sister Camella Menotti continues her work with horses and volunteers with the Wings of Hope—an "equi-ministry" that helps children with disabilities enjoy the challenges of horseback riding. Just recently, Sister Camella was nominated for induction into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Museum in Fort Worth, TX. Good luck, Sister Camella. All of your former Spartans in Hollister are rooting for you.



Sister Camella gives a smile to her former students as she recalls her days at Sacred Heart.

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