



SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL



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BOARD TAKES A BOW

In the early days of Catholic education, decisions regarding parochial schools were made by the principal, most often a nun, in conjunction with the pastor. As the years progressed and the business of running a school got more complicated, various committees of parents and parishioners were established to assist in areas such as budget preparation, fund-raising and capital improvements.

Beginning in the fall of 2008, schools in the Monterey Diocese received training on how to establish a more formal 'board of limited jurisdiction' in which board members assume direct responsibility for most areas of school life. Initial members of the new Sacred Heart Parish School Board include four parents of students and four 'non-parents':

- Gary Edgerle, whose son Tyler is in seventh grade, is an Operations Manager for Cisco Systems in San Jose and brings his skills in business management, product repair and web development to the group.
- Kathy O'Donnell is an alumna of Sacred Heart and also former principal of the school. She served thirty-six years as a teacher and/or administrator in Catholic education, both elementary and high school.
- Ed Moakler, father of students in grades K, 4 and 6, is self-employed in the area of Information Technology. An expert in network design



Pictured from left to right are board members Stan Rose, Gary Edgerle, Kathy O'Donnell, Julie Morris, Ed Moakler, Gayla Jurevich and Bob Bianchi. Not pictured: Mark Paxton, Will White, Barb Montag.

engineering and the development of strategic process, he is also an active parishioner and Eucharistic minister.

- Bob Bianchi, a local CPA, brings knowledge and experience in the areas of financial planning and budgeting. The proud father of two alumni (Paul '97 and Steven '99) Bob notes that "SHS provided the best education for our sons, one that they will continue to enjoy all of their lives."
- Julie Morris works as a marketing and communication specialist for Earthbound Farm. Daughter Sarah graduated from SHPS in June '08 and son Jack is currently an eighth grader.
- Stan Rose, Superintendent of San Benito High School District, is president of the SH board. As a former teacher and principal in the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Diocese of San Jose, he knows well the many challenges faced by both public and non-public school systems.
- Will White, father of Ben (Gr. 8) and Bea (Gr. 6) is the director of Quality

Control for MedImmune and brings knowledge in the areas of policy and planning to the Board.

- Mark Paxton, has been involved in the school since his eldest daughter Erin enrolled in 1994. Having served as journalist / editor of both The Free Lance and The Pinnacle, Mark brings skills in the areas of marketing and community relations.

Also sitting on the Board as ex-officio (non-voting) members are:

- Barb Montag, president of the parent organization (PASS) and
- Gayla Jurevich, SHPS principal.

In future years, as it expands, one-third of the board will consist of parents and the other two-thirds will be alumni, parishioners' or other community representatives. Readers of this newsletter are encouraged to volunteer for 'committee membership' now with a view to garnering information about how the board works and whether or not you might be interested in future service as a board member.

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The new Spartan painting is easily visible to visitors and team members.
Painted by: Tricia Haroey. Thank you.

LEGACY GIFT CLASS OF 2009

The O'Reilly Youth Center, better known to alumni and students as 'the gym', was constructed in the late 1960's, and over the past forty years has hosted Christmas programs, sports events, graduations, junior high dances, morning assemblies, Grandparent Days, and various other festive and fun-filled events. Because age takes its toll on all of us, it seemed right last spring for the Center to have a 'face-lift' and the class of 2009

stepped up to the plate. Throughout the school year, eighth-grade students and their parents held car washes, sold Christmas poinsettias, hosted breakfast and photos with Santa, and set up a 'snack shack' at Sacred Heart athletic events. Funds raised were used to accomplish the following upgrades:

- re-painting the gym, hall, bathrooms, foyer and meeting room;
- attaching 'chair rails' along the walls in the gym and meeting room;
- re-carpeting the gym foyer;
- painting the stage area black to enhance drama and speech performances;
- installing safety rails in the stage storage area; and (best of all to the students)
- creating and painting a large Spartan decal on the gym wall!

Stop by the gym on your next trip through town, and see if you notice the difference!



Pictured above are Felicia Markfield, Beatrice White, Ben White and Kyle Markfield - all first place trophy winners at the SHPS Science Fair 2009.

SCIENCE FAIR SPECTACULAR

Organized by junior high science teacher Tracy Young, and coordinated with the assistance of an excited parent committee, the 2009 Sacred Heart Science Fair was the biggest in history with over 130 students from grades K - 8 participating. The Science Fair was set up in the gym during the school day, and judging / interviews

took place that afternoon and evening. Nine students from Sacred Heart, who received first through third place in their respective categories, went on to the County Science Fair. Of these, two were then selected to represent San Benito County at the CA State Science Fair in Los Angeles. Way to go Spartans!

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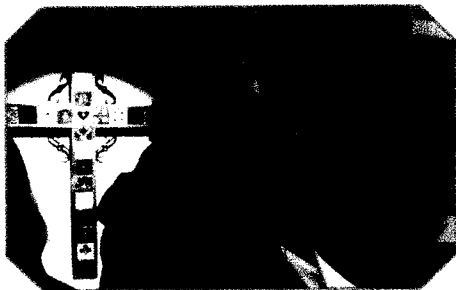
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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton shares a special moment with SH alum Junelle Cavero.

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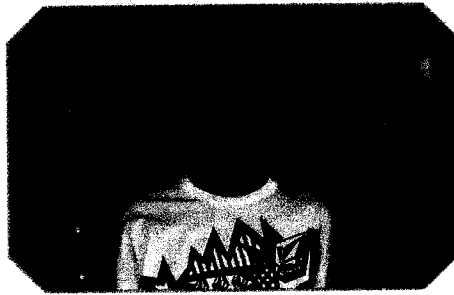
President Barack Obama is famous for this “catch-phrase” but it is true in the case of SH graduate Junelle Cavero (Class of '91)! Junelle graduated from Notre Dame Salinas in 1995, received her B.A. from New York University in 1999 and a Master's in Public Administration from American University in 2004. After serving an internship with the United Nations in New York, she expanded her experience to include campaign fund-raising, constituency development and communications. Most recently, Junelle worked for both U. S. presidential candidates, serving as state director (in Indiana) for Obama for America during the general election, and as the National Asian-American & Pacific Islander Coordinator for Hillary Clinton in seven states. Today, Junelle works in Washington, D.C., as communications representative at the U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs.



Gayla Jurevich and Steve Strnad make their profession of faith at the Easter vigil.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Holy Saturday 2009 was no ordinary day. Not only was it a liturgical ‘prelude’ to Easter, but also the official ‘denouement’ of the RCIA process for a group of catechumens who were formally welcomed into the Catholic Church after months of prayer, study and discussion. Included in the group were Sacred Heart School principal Gayla Jurevich and veteran junior high instructor Steve Strnad. Please join your prayers with ours, as we celebrate their faith-filled and joyous journey ‘home.’



Pictured from left to right are Adam Breen (class of 1983), Michael Breen (class of 2009) and Tom Breen (class of 1949).

GENERATION UNTO GENERATION

Most everyone who has attended Sacred Heart knows that it is a ‘family school’. Not only is this apparent in the school's ongoing attempts to build ‘community’, but it is also evident in the numbers of students whose grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and cousins also attended Sacred Heart. (Take a stroll along the main hall sometime and view the familiar faces of each graduating class pictured there.) This fact was brought home last June when Michael Breen graduated, his father Adam reminisced and his grandfather Tom gave the commencement address.



Justine Hunter proudly displays her valedictory medal and SBHS diploma. She is currently attending Pepperdine University.

‘BALER MOMENT

Number one – but who's counting? We are! Nearly 600 seniors graduated from San Benito High School last June. Of those, thirty were Sacred Heart alumni and eighteen of them graduated cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude, a living testimony to the excellent academic foundation they received at Sacred Heart. And, last but certainly not least, Spartan alum Justine Hunter graduated number one in her class and gave the valedictory address. Hard work pays off—but that obviously is no surprise to Justine and the SHPS class of 2005.



Pictured from left to right, in the early 1990s, are Sister Camilla, Sister Francesca and Sister Cecile.

SPOTLIGHT on the Sisters of ST. MARY

Message from Sister Francesca who taught at Sacred Heart from 1960-61 and again from 1964 – 1967:

“My first trip to California, as the train chugged along through deserts and over mountains, seemed so very long. But at the end of the journey I found such welcoming and hospitable people. My sadness in leaving Texas soon turned to joy as I became part of the Hollister community.

The time I spent in Hollister holds many happy memories of years that enriched my life. You are truly very special to me as well as to all of us who have lived there among you. We thank you for your loving kindness and genuine acceptance.

During my 62 years of service to the Lord as a Sister of St. Mary, I spent many joy-filled years as an elementary teacher. I live in gratitude for the many blessings I have received.”

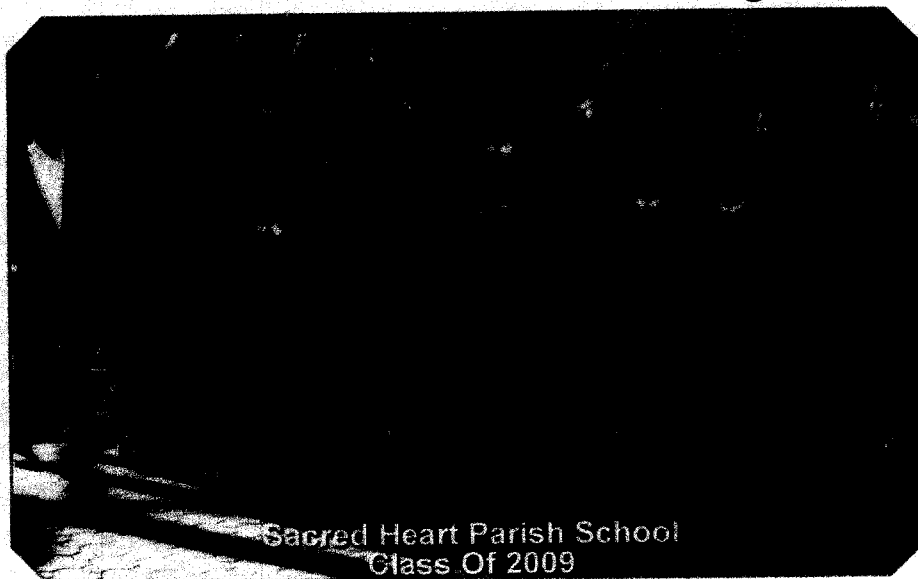


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Save these dates...

NOVEMBER 14, 2009

An inaugural dinner celebrating the gift of Catholic education. Alumni will be honored for their achievements and service to the community, and teachers will be honored for their continuing service to Catholic education. All proceeds go directly into the school's financial aid / scholarship fund.

FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Sacred Heart's annual fund-raiser to support and enhance current and future programs and services. Includes food, music and silent and live auctions.

This year's theme is Mardi Gras Ball!

Bolado Park: 5:00 Happy Hour, 6:00-7:30 Dinner served. Ticket cost \$50.

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