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Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Parish School, a Catholic Elementary School within San Benito County serves students preschool through eighth grade.

We are committed to teaching the gospel message of Christ, building community based on Jesus' command to love one another, and serving through prayer, worship, and social action. We provide an environment within which students receive training in our Catholic tradition.

We strive to develop competent and compassionate graduates through spiritual, academic and extracurricular programs. Students are empowered with leadership skills, values, and character traits to enrich personal living and develop as responsible, mature, faith-filled citizens.

We have some exciting news, SHPS will receive two interactive whiteboards from Promethean on a try-it and buy-it program. We will have sixty days to evaluate this new technology in our Science and 4th grade classrooms. If they prove to be as impressive as the latest research results report we are hoping to raise enough funds during **Mardi Gras** in support of our **Technology in the Classroom** initiative to purchase at a 50% discount at the end of the trial period. **Speech Tournament** classroom competitions will take place this week. On Wed (1/20), the **Cybercitizen seminar** will be held in the Library @ 6:30pm, I encourage everyone to attend that has a child with access to electronic media. Also, please complete the **5 minute parent survey** so we can report the results of the student vs. parent responses. Next week, semi-finals and finals will take place on Jan. 27th and 28th. Tickets to our upcoming fundraiser, the Mardi Gras Ball are being mailed this week, the committee has extended complimentary tickets to our families. The Mardi Gras fundraiser is **the last chance to earn fundraising hours** for this school year, please contact Jacki Leung to volunteer in any of the various areas: decorating, set-up, ticket collecting/sales, food servers, dessert set-up, clean-up, bar service, table busers, clean-up, reverse drawing, etc.

As we continue to enjoy the haven of a more temperate climate. Welcoming the stillness of winter makes us aware of God's presence all around us. Each new dawn brings us a little closer to spring. As the days become longer, our spirits naturally turn to hope. As the darkness starts to fade, we pray for peace. Forgiving a past hurt is an act of peace. So is extending a kindness long overdue. The Lord, our God, will inspire us to do great things, if we just get still and open our hearts. May this winter prepare and strengthen you for all the renewal that's possible in your life. Let peace begin with you. As we look to the next few weeks, the demands on our time continue to multiply. We must be remind ourselves of Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God".

Blessings, *Mrs. Jurevich*

Catholic Relief Services

A 7.0 magnitude earthquake has ravaged the island nation of Haiti. The CRS offices were shaken, with some damage to the compound walls, but there were no injuries in the building. Two CRS staff members remain unaccounted for. Communication with Haiti remains very difficult. There are also recently confirmed reports that the Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, Monsignor Joseph Serge Miot, was a victim of the quake. The Cathedral of Notre Dame in Port-au-Prince has sustained severe damage. We are pleased to announce a new giving channel for CRS supporters—using cell phone text messaging to donate. Please help us spread the word to anyone who falls into this very rapidly growing text savvy demographic. **To donate to CRS, please text RELIEF to 30644 and follow the instructions.**

CRS has made an initial commitment of \$5 million for immediate use in the relief effort. Our agency is geared up for a major emergency response to this severe disaster. CRS is mobilizing food and gearing up our emergency capacity, and deploying prepositioned emergency shelter and hygiene kits in Haiti, as well as bringing supplies in from the neighboring Dominican Republic.

Did you know..... Math Club is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays from 3:15 to 4:00 pm in room 215. If students need more help please let me know and I can make arrangements to stay later. Students can come in to work on homework, correct math tests, play math games, finish tests, or get help on any material covered. Have a younger son or daughter struggling in math? Any Sacred Heart student is welcome to drop by for help at Math Club. Students can stay for the entire time, or come in and ask a couple questions and leave when they are done. If you have a 6th or 7th grader and you think your child needs additional math problems look in the back of your child's book and do the Supplemental Practice problems. In addition students can go online to www.saxonpublishers.com and complete sample problems and quizzes. With all junior high students, additional worksheets and problems can be made available upon your request to help your child succeed.

6th graders have been working on perimeter and area of geometric solids, adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying decimals, fractions, and mixed numbers. We have covered prime and composite number, greatest common factor, least common multiples. They have learned equivalent fractions, reducing fractions, cross canceling, prime factorization, metric system, SI units, and rectangular coordinates.

7th grade, by far have the most concepts to learn of all junior high. Their rigorous curriculum is stacked full of all the general math concepts as well as getting into the pre algebra concepts towards the last half of the year. The goal is to have students master their basic math concepts and take that knowledge and apply those skills in algebra in 8th grade. By the end of the year students will have mastered balancing and solving one step equations, graph inequalities, advanced order of operations, addition and subtraction of signed numbers. As well as mastering Pythagorean Theorem, simplifying equations, powers of negative numbers, surface area of a right solid, slope, formulas and substitution method, dividing in scientific numbers, adding like terms, and factoring algebraic expressions.

This year 77% of 8th graders SHPS are taking Algebra 1 and the other 23% are taking Algebra ½ . Both groups are working hard and putting in the extra effort to master the concepts. So far students have learned about adding, subtracting, and multiplying polynomials. We have talked about area, perimeter, volume, and surface area of geometric solids like cylinders, pyramids, and rectangular prisms. They have mastered solving equations in two steps, multivariable equations, adding rational expressions with unequal denominators, factoring trinomials, advanced probability, the elimination method and much, much more.

All students are tested once a week and all are required to complete corrections on any problem missed on a test. They can use their book, a partner, their notes, and me to correct their errors on their test. They are also required to write a sentence explaining what they did wrong on the test to get the incorrect answer. Students do not receive extra credit for completing corrections. Most of the time, corrections are completed in class with me, but sometimes I will give them an extra day and let them take them home to work on. Students must however complete the corrections before they can take the next test. I do not give extra credit for individual students, however, I do give out random extra credit opportunities or worksheets to all classes throughout each trimester and it is their choice to do it or not. My philosophy on math is simple. I want all students to enjoy and understand math and how it relates to the real world. Perfect practice makes perfect. Please take advantage of the extra help your child can receive and feel free to email or come by my room with any of your questions, concerns, or comments. Thank You and God Bless!

Sweatshirt orders are due on Wednesday, January 20. Order forms are in the office and in the foyer of the gym. Cost of a sweatshirt is \$30.



Memories from the Class of 2009

My favorite Sacred Heart memory is when I first met Dalan in Kindergarten. It was two weeks into school and Dalan started late. He came in the classroom with his mom and Mrs. Canez. I was doing a floor puzzle on the ground alone. I felt bad for Dalan so I asked him to do the puzzle with me. So he did, and we have been friends ever since.—**Amber Papenhausen**

Ways to get involved this year and beyond.... If you are searching for ways to get involved there are several opportunities on the horizon from Mardi Gras Ball to lunchroom volunteers..

Our **annual fundraiser** is in just a few weeks and we will need volunteers for set-up, clean-up and a myriad of other tasks. The first call to action is from Mrs.

Leung, she can be contacted 801-8501. This annual fundraiser contributes to the operating expense of the school and helps to keep tuition affordable.

We will begin hosting our **Open House** for prospective parents on January 31st at 3:00pm, Feb. 4th



10:30am and Feb 10th @ 6:00pm. If you are able to attend and would like to speak with prospective parents about our school, please contact the office or email Mrs. Jurevich.

Several **PASS positions** are going to be available next year—if you are interested express your interest early. It is a great opportunity “to shadow” before the end of the year. Positions up for re-election are Treasurer, The next PASS meeting is Monday @ 4:15pm.

We are seeking a **lunch coordinator for Round Table** for the 2010-2011 school year. Monies raised from this lunch program is used to make improvements specific to the lunch area or program and around the school. Projects for last year are: new windows in the kitchen and blinds in the meeting room.

Grandparents Day is on February 5th, we really need volunteers for set-up, serving, clean-up on the 5th. We will also need help to prepare goody bags for Grandparents the week before. Any time you can give is appreciated. Please contact the office.

Parent Info Night *Cybercitizen Seminar, January 20th, 6:30pm:*

Learn about **all four types** of internet safety: Physical safety, Psychological safety, Digital reputation and legal safety as well as identity and property safety. Learn about the latest trends in digital socializing and how to educate, empower and protect our youth. This event is recommended for parents with students who use and have access to any type of digital communication device.

Redirecting Children’s Behavior *Every Tuesday for six weeks starting on Jan. 5*

Effective strategies for today’s parent/child relationships can make parenting easier and a lot more fun. This course provides parents with tools to resolve conflict, create teamwork at home, and nurture a harmonious family life. The cost is \$25 for materials (text and workbook) and is located at First 5 San Benito, located at 1011 Line St., Rm. #9 and is from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Pre-registration is required. To register call Marisa Segovia at 831-524-2293. Enrollment is limited. **Childcare will be provided.**

Parent Info Night *Drug and Alcohol Awareness, January 25th, 6:30pm*

Preview a film to be shown to our Junior High students **highlighting drug awareness. Listen to critical information about teen curiosity, brain development and the effects of substance abuse.**

“The Parent Info. Night on Drug and Alcohol Awareness night was excellent. It opened my eyes and is really making me think about how I communicate with my child. What an incredible resource this speaker is. We can all benefit from her information.”

“This class gave me the wisdom and confidence I needed to have clear, confident communication with my children

about why we will be a “no tolerance” home when it comes to under age drinking and drugs. Even if EVERYONE else is doing it! I wish I’d taken it years ago!”

“The Drug and Alcohol Awareness night was very helpful. We came home from it with some good info to talk about with our kids. Naturally they “knew it all” and were more interested in showing off their knowledge,

but as we discussed what we had heard and challenged some of their “facts” they, in spite of themselves, became pretty curious about what we were telling them. I know that much of our conversation was tucked away by them and will prove helpful if not essential to their growth and their own conversations among themselves about drugs, alcohol and their use. “

Make family prayer enjoyable

Gathering for family prayer doesn't have to be a chore. Try doing something different each night to keep it fun and fruitful.

For example:

On Monday, sing your favorite hymns from Mass together. Let each person pick one.

On Tuesday, ask everyone to offer a prayer request that benefits someone else. Then pray a decade of the Rosary for all of the intentions.

On Wednesday, read together from Scripture. Pick a book, such as a gospel, and read a chapter each week. Then talk about what it means.

On Thursday, take a few minutes to write individual prayers. Then pass them around or read them out loud.

On Friday, light a candle and let each person share something good about the week. After each blessing, respond with praise such as, "For this, we thank our loving God."

On Saturday, review the Mass readings for the next day (find them at www.uscb.org) and talk about their meaning.

On Sunday, attend Mass as a family. It's the very best family prayer.

Scripture Lesson

**Luke 4:21-30,
Hear it, live it**

From the time God promised a Messiah, people imagined a marvelous king who would defeat Israel's enemies. They certainly didn't expect someone ordinary or someone they already knew.

Still, when Jesus' friends and neighbors heard what was said about his amazing deeds, they were ready to believe in him. They became excited when he read Isaiah's prophesy about the Messiah and announced that it was actually about him.

Then everything changed because Jesus had some hard messages for them. He warned that their expected blessings wouldn't automatically come to them. God's people have lost their chosen place in the past because they didn't listen to his prophets and change their ways. His friends became furious when Jesus mentioned God's grace to Gentiles because the Israelites thought Gentiles were inferior to themselves. They became angry and threw Jesus out.

What can a parent do? Help children understand that although the truth isn't always easy to hear, there is no substitute for it. If we ignore the truth Jesus brought, the doors of Heaven may close to us forever.

Prayer Corner

For **us all of us to do well in the Speech tournament**. For the **Arch Bishop** and the **people of Haiti**. For **Bob Westphal** who passed away Christmas Eve. For the **Dominic Riolo** and his family. For **Miss Westphal's aunt Clara Alexander** who is in the hospital.

For the needs of our parish and school community and all our friends and benefactors.

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for January 2010 is "**That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.**"



Bingo Prizes needed

We are in need of prizes for Bingo during Catholic Schools Week (\$5). Please drop them off in Rm. 117 with Miss Stevens. Thank you.



Call to Service

Serving from the heart is at the core of the Sacred Heart Parish School Volunteer Program. While Sacred Heart is a community of believers, it is also a high commitment school. It is our hope when we serve the school, whether it's cleaning up from lunch or chairing a major fundraiser, we give it our all and serve "heartily as unto the Lord".

The bottom **cushions of the chairs** in the meeting room are in need of recovering. Anyone interested? Please contact the school office.

Paint circles in playground area

We need help with eradicating cats that play in our ECE playground—any (humane) ideas?

Anchor pots at front entrance of school. We would like to place two large planter pots at the entrance of the school.

Sweep up tan bark from around play area and rototill tan bark in both play areas.

Pressure wash play structure large play structure

Rake and level tan bark under play structure on large play area.



We really appreciate our **classroom volunteers**. We believe that both parents and teachers are the most significant role models for students, and the relationship between the two needs to model one of respect and caring.

Thank You, **Mr. Scalmanini** for the sandbags to prevent the flooding of Keenan Hall.

Thank You to our returning lunch volunteers, **Mr. Kevin Scalmanini** and **Mr. Frank Scalmanini**.

Thank You, **Mr. Penzo and Extreme Air** for replacing the gutter at Keenan Hall to help with water intrusion.

A parent's presence in the classroom is not only very helpful to our teachers but conveys to children the importance the parent places on their education. **Many THANKS to the multitude of our parent volunteers.**

27th Annual Mission 10

San Juan Bautista is having their Annual Mission 10 Run on, Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010. The 10-mile & 5-kilometer races begin at Mission Plaza, Second St., SJB. Race day registration begins at 8:00am and the 10 mile race starts at 10:00am and the 5 kilometer race begins at 10:15am.

The 1-Mile Kids Fun Run begins at 9:00am.

To register, go Online at **TheSchedule.com** or call Bill Tiffany (831)637-0071

