

The PULSE

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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.

Fr. Tom Allender from San Francisco is a well-known speaker/author and he deals with people's spiritual and psychological needs and he reaches hearts. On Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday (Feb. 8, 9 and 10) Fr. Tom will be giving a Parish Mission. He will have 2 sessions a day, morning Session @ 10:00AM, and evening Session @ 7:00PM. Fr. Tom's topic for this year's mission is "Anger to

Forgiveness". Fr. Tom's talk will teach us how to turn the destructive energy of anger into a positive force of love, making love the center of our families.



I am pleased to report that all of our activities and events this week were a smashing success. Grandparent's Day was fantastic. The children performed wonderfully thanks to the extra efforts of their classroom teachers and Mrs. Canez, especially the time and talent of Mrs. Olivas, and Mrs. C., as well as the hard work of PASS board members in the preparation, goody bags, set-up and clean-up for the day. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!

The Mardi Gras Ball was very well attended (current, alumni and former parents) our school community and the larger community of San Benito County were very generous and the feeling is we did as well perhaps a little better than last year. Once the dust settles we'll know more specifics for the overall event and the Technology funds raised.

Now we look to prepare for the Lenten season, decide on **Lenten sacrifices** appropriate to the age of each child, reminding them that our souls need this spiritual exercise to gain strength for living as Christians, just as our bodies need exercise to remain healthy. Our sacrifices are like a gift offered to God, and all real gifts "cost" the giver something. (No fair "giving up" hitting your sister for Lent!) Our Lenten **spiritual preparation** should not be confined only to "giving up" things; we should "take on" things, also - extra prayers, for example, especially family prayers. If your family has not already established some form of family prayer, Lent is a good time to begin. We are prepared to do something special during this season. Praying together as a family, in our busy times, is difficult, so do set aside some time this Lent to do it.

Blessings, Mrs. Jurevich

Preschool conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th. There will be no school for PS3 and PS4 students.



Rite of Election

On Sunday, February 21st at 4:00pm, Bishop Garcia of the Diocese of Monterey will celebrate the **Rite of Election** here at St. Benedict Church. *(There will be NO 5:00pm mass on February 21, 2010.)* We have two Catechumens for Baptism, a Candidate for Reception into the Roman Catholic Church and a Candidate to complete his Sacraments of Initiation. We are asked by the Diocese to host the reception following the Rite of Election. Those attending will be Catechumens, Sponsors and Family **from the Parishes in the Northern Section of the Diocese of Monterey**. Last year about 250 people stayed for the Reception.

We are in need of parishioners to volunteer to bring:

- Finger Foods**
- Salads**
- Desserts**



If you are interested in donating a food item or helping in any way, please **call Sr. Dolores 637-9212 by February 15th**. It would be greatly appreciated if any of the Parish Organizations would assist in this effort. Your kindness will be greatly blessed by God. Thank you!

We are looking for helpers for the Church Cherubs, to assist once a month with taking the younger children (Ages 3 to 6 years of age) out during the 10:30am mass to help them better understand the Scriptures. Please contact the Cherub coordinator, Lisa Martinez at (408) 504-5471.



Memories from the Class of 2009



I will never be able to forget my years at Sacred Heart. I will always remember in fifth grade leaving and having all my friends and others hugging me and wishing me good luck, showing how much they cared. I will also remember my friends who always make me laugh. Lastly, I can never forget science camp when I could not stop talking to Miss. Westphal. It was so funny! I will not ever be able to forget Sacred Heart. I will always remember my friends always making me laugh, even Miss. Westphal. Through the laughter, tears, by mainly laughter. –Isabel Pereda

Important Dates to Remember


February	8	Monday	Spell-a-thon Week Girls Soccer vs. Oakwood @ Vets @ 4:00PM Boys 6th Gr. BB vs. Southside @ SH @4:00 Boys 7th Gr. BB vs. Southside @ SH @5:00 Boys 8th Gr. BB vs. Southside @ SH @6:00
	9	Tuesday	Boys 6th Gr. BB vs. Crossroads @ SH @ 4:00 Boys 7th Gr. BB vs. Tres Pinos @ SH @ 5:00 Boys 8th Gr. BB vs. Tres Pinos @ SH @ 6:00
	10	Wednesday	Girls Soccer vs. Crossroads @ Vets @ 4:00 NO PRESCHOOL/PARENT TEACHER CONF. Open House @ 6:00PM in the Gym
	11	Thursday	Mass @ 9:00am Jr High dance 3:30pm Girls Soccer vs. Spring Grove @ Vets @ 4:00
	15-19		WINTER BREAK—NO SCHOOL
	24	Wednesday	8th Gr. Parent Grad. Meeting in the library @ 7:00PM
	25	Thursday	6th grade field trip/7th grade field trip

School Liturgical schedule is available on the website: www.sacredheartschool.org

Sacred Heart loves Reading

We need to decide on ice cream or cinnamon rolls for our celebration. The cost and logistics will dictate. Our celebration will be March 2nd. Any ideas or suggestions, please call Mrs. Jurevich.

If you find your children with their heads buried in a book reading every free moment of time it's because.... students have set their goal at 225,000 pages read during the month of February. Help them find books that are high-interest, age-appropriate and books that match with their reading ability. Remember the 5 finger rule.





eScrip 2009-2010 Goal \$32K
 eScrip total as of Nov. 2009 \$7.8k
\$7783 raised

- New Hollister Downtown Association cards
- New to SCRIP : **WalMart, K-Mart, Mars Hill and Peet's Coffee.**
- If you cannot come in when SCRIP is being sold, leave your order and check/cash in the front office and it will be filled by the following day.
- Last, but not least, shop at eScrip merchants using your registered cards!

Please help jump start our eScrip program today! If you have not yet registered with eScrip, please visit www.escrip.com. SHPS's ID

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.

Rototill tan bark in both play areas.

Install runners under stage for folding chair caddy.

Install enclosing doors for Athletic equipment in Gym hallway..

A large cross on the exterior (both) entrances of the main school building.



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.

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.**

Thank You to our garden angel for the new shrubs up front - they look great!

None of our events and activities are possible without the gift of time and talent from our legion of volunteers. Especially this week/end with our celebration of Grandparents and our schools biggest fundraiser Mardi Gras. Ball.



Blanket Donation The Animal Shelter is in need of blankets as well as pet treats. If you have any old blankets that you would like to donate, please drop them in the donation box located by Miss Stevens classroom and I will deliver them to the Hollister Animal Shelter.

Thank you, Shelby O'Neil-Miss. Stevens 3rd Gr. Class



Thoughtful Moments

Discernment

When God offered King Solomon any gift he desired, Solomon said "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from" (1 Kings 3:9). Pray for the gift of discernment for your children to help them make good behavior and lifestyle choices.

Fun food facts for Lent

When we think of Lent, we don't usually think of food, but the season has spawned some food traditions that we still enjoy today.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Mardi Gras) - Held on Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the tradition started in the early church when people gave up all meats, cheeses and dairy products during Lent. The night before Lent began, all of these rich foods were used to create a huge pancake feast to clean out pantries. **Pretzels** - The origin traces back to the Roman Empire when Christians ate it as the bread of Lent. Since they abstained from many foods, this simple bread was made of water, flour and salt. The pretzel was shaped to represent arms folded across the chest in prayer. **Seder Meal** - The Seder is the ritual Jewish Passover meal and many Christian churches now hold them to represent the Last Supper. The meal, consisting of lamb, unleavened bread, bitter herbs, green herbs, haroseth (chopped apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine) and wine can also be made at home.

Prayer Corner

For the **Perino Family**. For **Grandma Montag**. For all the **Haitians**. For **Miss Westphal's Aunt Clara** who is in the hospital. For **Penny Gorman**. For the needs of our parish and school community and all our friends and benefactors.

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for February 2010 is "**That by means of sincere search for the truth scholars and intellectuals may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.**" Christians have always believed that all truth is God's truth. We should not fear those who search for the truth but welcome them, because we know that, if they are sincere, their search for the truth will lead them to Christ.



8th Grade Corner

Feb. 24th-8th grade parent graduation meeting @ 7:00pm
in the library

Mar. 25th— San Benito High School Counselors will meet with students
about scheduling @ 8:00am.

Reminder:

8th grade students may wear graduation t-shirts on
most Wednesday minimum days