

The PULSE

Sacred Heart Parish School

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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.



Book Fair is Coming!

The Book Fair will be here May 3-7. If you would like to volunteer, please call Adrianna Ferry @ 905-2615. These hours count toward fundraising hours.

SAVE the DATE

May 5th
Open House and BBQ

With the third trimester progress reports going home last week we are in the home stretch of the 2009-2010 academic year. Where did the time go? While we are nearly ready to call it a year, there is still much teaching and learning to be done. So while the warm days and bright sunshine pre-occupy our children's minds with thoughts of sleeping in, no homework and lazy days. We adults know, we are not quite there yet! And that will be our task, more likely *chore* for the next six weeks - getting them up in the morning and out the door and at school we'll stand on our heads to keep them engaged! So good luck to us all during the next six weeks!

Last week, we explicitly embraced our responsibility for the stewardship of our environment. The classrooms created some terrific projects to demonstrate what, who or how we can be stewards of our environment, students were also compelled to participate in several ways to be more mindful of simple things each one of us can do to make a difference. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Earth Day walk, it was an invigorating way to start the day!

This week we will celebrate our SHPS Talent! I am looking forward to seeing our talented Spartans perform for our school and their families on Thursday at 1:30 and 7:00pm. Please bring a canned food item for donation to Fishes and Loaves. Don't miss a terrific show!

Blessings,

Mrs. Jurevich



Service hours are due May 14. Do you have all your hours done? There are still activities going that could use volunteers. Don't delay!



Re-enrollment deadline is May 7th. Please complete enrollment contracts to ensure your child's 2010-2011 placement.

Lunch orders due **Friday, April 30th**. Can you believe the last orders of the school year!!



Did You Know? It's hard to believe the end of the school year is almost here! We are continuing our learning in **First Grade** and have been very busy with lots of new concepts and experiments. In **Religion**, we have been talking about the greatness of God who created and saved us. Since the Easter season has just passed, we had been learning about the wonderful life of Jesus and how he lived and died for us. We know Jesus chose those 12 men to be his first apostles. They were his special friends and they helped spread the good news of God's love. We know we can all be Jesus's helpers too! We are learning about the Holy Spirit and we know that Jesus is still with us today. We have loved attending mass with our 7th Grade Faith Partners. And a special part of our Monday afternoons is spending time with **Father Rudy**. His visits are our class favorite! In **Language Arts**, we are continuing to learn long vowel spellings. We have been reading and writing lots of compound words. And we are getting really great at recognizing proper nouns - those "special naming words". We are also working on complete sentences with nouns and verbs. We have been making story maps about characters in our Reading Books and then writing about them in our Journals. We love writing in our Journals, and we just got a set of really wonderful dictionaries that we use to help us spell things correctly when we are writing. **Math** keeps us busy. We just learned to add three single digit numbers together. WOW! We are working on lots of new concepts: dozens, fractions, congruent shapes, adding up dimes nickels and pennies, tally marks, telling time to the hour and half hour and comparison symbols showing greater than less than or equal to. We are so busy! One of our favorite things we did recently was "buy" items with our 1, 5, 10, and 20 dollar bills. They kids loved that! We are beginning to study land and water in **Social Studies**. We are discussing our treasured resources and how we can all do our part to save them. This went perfectly with Earth Day activities. We talked a lot about how we can all do things a little differently ourselves and make a **BIG** difference in the world. Some of us participated in the **Earth Day** walk and all of us did our part all week to use less electricity at school and we all did our best to keep our school litter free. Our tadpoles are doing well. A few of our baby tadpoles didn't survive and we were quite concerned. Since we made a few changes to their living environments, they are doing well. No legs yet, but they are certainly growing day by day. We are journaling about the different stages and what we are observing. We will soon be getting our butterfly pupa's and studying their lifecycle. Come pop by our room and see all the new and exciting things happening in **First Grade!**



Cybercitizen Spotlight: Filter Out the Iffy Stuff on YouTube

♥ Kids are supposed to be 13 to use YouTube ♥ Anything -- from fabulous to icky -- can be uploaded or viewed ♥ YouTube relies on community monitoring to flag iffy videos ♥ Safety Mode helps filter inappropriate content. Wouldn't it be great if you could simply filter out all the content that's not age-appropriate? With YouTube's SafetyMode feature, you can -- well, almost.

A video at www.commonensemedia.org will shows you how to turn on SafetyMode, and tell you what you still need to watch out for. Families with kids under 13 should use SafetyMode, and to the extent possible, continue to supervise younger kids -- even with the filter on. We recommend SafetyMode for older kids, too -- it will give you some peace of mind that at least the iffy stuff will be limited. SafetyMode is browser-specific, so you'll need to enable it on all the browsers you use. YouTube can be a great creative outlet for families, but kids will be kids and sometimes they'll post something you wish they hadn't. The best way to manage this is to have a conversation about what's appropriate to watch, see and post. Eventually, kids will grow out of SafetyMode, so help them develop responsible online behavior they can use their whole lives.

Memories from the Class of 2009



One of my favorite memories was at Science Camp. It was the last night before we left. The cabin I was in could not stop laughing. Madi was laughing so hard that when she tried to get up to her bed, she couldn't. Once Madi got close to the top she fell. It took Madi many, many tries to finally get to the top. Science camp helped me become friends with some of my best friends. Some of my favorite memories was how I have very supportive friends. My friends support me every day and I continue to do the same. -**Megan Pape**

8th Grade Corner

Please pick up your RED placemats from the office **as soon as possible**. The **deadline** to turn in your finished product to the office is **May 11, 2010**. Please contact Dawn Soza at 524-2311 or Jennifer Irvin at 207-0736 with questions.

Important Dates to Remember

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| April | 28 | Wed | Dress Rehearsal @ 3:15PM |
| | 29 | Thur | Talent Show @ 1:30PM & 7:00PM Student Book Fair preview Volleyball vs. San Juan @ San Juan @ 4:00PM |
| | 30 | Fri | Teacher Book Fair preview Lunch orders due |
| May | 2 | Sun | Open House @ St. Benedict |
| | 3 | Mon | May Crowning |
| | 4 | Tue | Pre-K & Kinder Field Trip |
| | 5 | Wed | Open House/ Book Fair |
| | 6 | Thur | Teacher Appreciation Day |
| | 7 | Fri | Bishop's Golf Tournament Enrollment deadline |
| | 9 | Sun | Children's Liturgy |
| | 10 | Mon | Election Week |
| | 14 | Fri | 8th grade volunteers @ Baler gifted Games |
| | 17 | Mon | 8th grade presentation from SBHS |
| 20 | Thu | Field trip: 3rd and 4th grade | |



FREE 8 x 10 Signature Portrait & FREE Church Directory. When was the last time you had a professional family portrait made? Portraits capture the moment and make memories for a lifetime. Olan Mills will be available at **St. Benedict beginning April 26th through select weeks in May, June and July, generally from 2pm to 9pm.** Appointment times are scheduled every 15 minutes. **To make an appointment, drop by or call the Pastoral Office 637-9212 or email Lupe at lupe.yli172@yahoo.com**

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



eScrip
2009-2010 Goal
\$32K

eScrip total as of Feb. 2010
\$11.4k

Shop eScrip merchants using your registered cards. Visit www.escrip.com. SHPS's ID number is 138335084. For ???'s, call Mrs. Gibbs.

Take a Peek

SCRIP totals are posted on SCRIP board.



Have you reached your amount? Deadline is May 15th. SCRIP sales are Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:30AM and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 2:00-3:00PM.

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

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 metal runners *under stage* for folding chair caddy.

Install enclosing doors in Gym for Athletic equipment in Gym hallway.

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

Curtains for some door windows.

Remove old window screens.

Remove paint from upper windows in classroom and replace with decorative window film.



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.**



Yearbooks are for sale for \$45. Stop by the office to pick-up an order form.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena (1380).

A mystic from a young age, St. Catherine had regular conversations with Jesus. At sixteen years old, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and served the poor. Although uneducated, she dictated many books on the Catholic faith. She is credited with coaxing Pope Gregory XI back to Rome from an easy life in France.



Is your child called to religious life?

When a child shows an inclination toward the priesthood or religious life, parents can be unsure what to do next. Try these ideas to help your child discern God's will for him or her: **Serve at Mass** – Children can learn about Church service by serving during Mass. They can become altar servers or lectors, for example. Your pastor may have ideas about other appropriate opportunities.

Get active in the Church community – Our Catholic school does a great job of building community while children are in the formative years. **Pray about it** – God speaks to us in prayer. Pray together at home or in the real presence of Christ at church. **Be informed** – Explore books about saints, priests and other religious. That's a great way to see that religious life can be both demanding and rewarding. **Leave it in God's hands.** He ultimately chooses. Our job is to encourage, educate, and cooperate with his will.



Our Parish is in need of altar servers. Please contact Karen Carrillo at 637-4658 to arrange for training scheduled on most Sundays at St. Benedict.

The 16th Annual Bishop's Golf Tournament and Auction Dinner will be held May 7, 2010, at Rancho Canada Golf Club in Carmel.

The event is spearheaded for **Bishop Garcia** by the Department of Catholic Schools. Total profits from the Golf Tournament and Auction Dinner are disbursed **100% to students who qualify for tuition assistance.** Tuition grants are processed by the Department of Catholic Schools.



If you would like to help on the day of the event or have items to donate to the live and silent auctions please contact Mimi with the Dept. of Catholic Schools at (831) 373-1608; fax (831) 373-0173

May 2009 event generated \$31,695 for the Tuition Assistance Program for students in our Catholic Schools. For the 2009-2010 school year, **tuition assistance was granted to 90 students from 58 families** to attend one of our schools. A special thanks to all pastors, parishioners, parents, community members, and sponsors who helped to make this event a success.

Prayer Corner

For all those who are ill especially, **Anthony Gonzalez, Nita DeVincenzi, Ms. Hellery, the Montags, Aunt Jean.** For the aged and infirm especially, **Sr. Margaret Ann and Sr. Fran.** For all those with Cancer especially, **Miss Westphal's stepmom, Mary Ward, Maria Naranjo and Kelly Alvernaz.** For the 2 people recently diagnosed with cancer that Fr. Derrick asked us to pray for at Mass.

For all affected by natural disasters, especially the people in **Chile, Haiti, Turkey, Mexico, China, West Virginia and Indonesia.** For the people who died in the avalanche in Afghanistan. For our troops, especially, **Tyler Farney.** For all people affected by violence especially the children in **China and Salinas.**

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for April 2010 is "**That every tendency to fundamentalism and extremism may be countered by constant respect, by tolerance and by dialogue among all believers.**" 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.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL (PASS)

PASS NOMINATIONS

now being accepted for 2010-2011

The PASS Board is eager to welcome new members to join us for the next school year. This group works together to get things done for the school. Please join us!

PASS organizes a variety of activities & projects throughout the school year, such as:

New Parent Orientation ~ Back to School Coffee ~ School Directory ~ Fun Night
Uniform Exchange ~ Campus Beautification Days ~ Grandparents' Day
Red Cross Babysitter Training ~ Teacher Appreciation Day ~ Yearbook
End of School Picnic ~ Staff & Teacher Luncheon

The following positions are up for election. PASS meets the first Monday of each month at 4:15 in the school library.

FAMILY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
TREASURER
YEAR BOOK SUPPORT

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
4 MEMBER AT LARGE POSITIONS

If you are interested, or if you know someone who is, please fill out the form below and return it to the office by Friday, May 7th. Elections are held in May.

PASS Nominations for the 2010-2011 School Year

Please fill out and return to the school office by **Friday, May 7th.**

Your name: _____

Phone number: _____

Position(s) desired: _____

Your child(ren)'s grade level(s): _____

Thank you for volunteering your talents, energy and spirit!