

The PULSE

Sacred Heart Parish School

Volume 3, Issue 6

October 16, 2009

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



FUN NIGHT NEWS

If so, please call Tina Garza @ 902-7415 or Mari Morin @ 207-0949

The Fun Night Committee still needs volunteers for clean-up and booth staffing. Anyone interested in sponsoring the balloon vendor?

Fun Night is Saturday. The weather forecast is great, countless volunteer hours have been invested, signs around town are announcing the event and it is shaping up to be another fun evening for our students and the community at large. This is no small undertaking and I want to applaud **everyone** that is making this event possible for our school and community. I especially want to applaud the efforts of Tina Garza, Mari Morin, Lisa Scott, Julie Gillio and Suzan Slater who have all undertaken a great responsibility without the benefit of a peer mentor. They stepped in to keep things going and to make it happen with a CAN DO attitude. Thank You!!

It seems we just don't have a chance to catch our breath! Lunch order forms will be sent this week, please place your order by October 30th. Following Fun Night on Saturday... We begin with picture day on Tuesday, 8th grade retreat at St. Francis on Wednesday, on Thursday 3rd grade is going to Santa Cruz Natural History Museum while 5th through 7th will attend the performance of a "Little Shop of Horrors" featuring a few of our SHPS students., and that's just next week! In the first week of November, we will celebrate the Mass of All Souls, please send copies of pictures we do not want to jeopardize family keepsakes. And November 6th, we will hold Pre-K and Kindergarten conferences.

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Jurevich

Celebrating Catholic Education

November 14, 2009

San Juan Oaks Golf Club

Tickets are available in the Office

\$65/Person (Tax Deductible)

Pulse News:

This year we are sending the Pulse electronically. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the Pulse, let your child's teacher know so we can make arrangements to send one home with your child.



Did you know?

Third grade expands on the building blocks laid by the previous teachers. We strive to enhance students' independence, confidence and faith. By planning our own masses, learning about the Rosary, discussing the sacraments, and growing deeper in our understanding of God's gifts of Grace and the Holy Spirit we grow in our faith and love.

We are currently learning about the Native Americans who lived where we live today. The differences and similarities between our cultures have made for some interesting classroom discussions. We will culminate our unit on the Ohlone tribe with a visit to the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History, where our studies can come alive.

By using our reading strategies with a variety of books and stories we are increasing our fluency, comprehension, and love of reading. These skills cross over into our writing. The Step Up to Writing program helps us to turn our ideas into creative narrative and expository pieces where we incorporate our grammar, vocabulary and handwriting knowledge.

In third grade, two of the many units of study are the solar system and gaining an understanding of our community's agricultural traditions. Through hands on science experiments and experiences we are learning about the scientific process.

By using manipulatives and consistent review of mathematics skills students' achieve the standards and beyond. Students cultivate a love of learning through many hands on experiences, such as constructing their own fraction designs using pattern blocks.

I am so thankful for the children you entrust to us and look forward to enjoying a wonderful year with them.



Fun Night Presale Tickets— Only available at Postal Graphics until 2pm on Saturday, October 24. Presale tickets are 25¢ each. At Fun Night, tickets will be 50¢ each, so get your great deal while you can!

Fun Night Pumpkin Contest - Pumpkins judged in the following categories: **Scariest, Funniest, Best Carved, Best Decorated, Most Original**

Bring them to SHPS Gym, Sat. Oct. 24 10am-Noon

The class with the most participation wins a Free Dress Day!

Fun Night Costume Parade— Judging will begin at 5:00 sharp. Please arrive at 4:45 and line up on the side of the gym. Prizes will be awarded. See you there!

Need Fundraising Hours?? Bring your home made baked goods and earn fundraising hours! Please drop off your baked goods Sat. Oct. 24, 2009 after 11AM at the dessert & drinks table inside the gym. *Cake-walk entries will be accepted in Miss. Pellin's classroom.*

Important Dates to Remember

October	19	Monday	Kindergarten Field Trip Spirit Week Begins Crazy Sock Day (with uniform)
	20	Tuesday	Jersey Day (with uniform bottoms) Palma/Notre Dame visit 8th grade @ noon
	21	Wednesday	Crazy Hair (with uniform)
	22	Thursday	Hat and Tie (with uniform)
	23	Friday	Free Dress (follow HB guidelines) Spirit Rally No Bingo—Fun Night Set-Up
	27	Tuesday	Picture Day

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



READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL!!

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL INVITES SACRED HEART STUDENTS (5-8 GRADES) TO A FOOTBALL GAME HOSTED BY ST. FRANCIS SHARKS AGAINST SCOTTS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS. IT'S AN EVENING GAME "UNDER THE LIGHTS" AT CABRILLO COLLEGE WITH JV @ 5:00PM AND VARSITY @ 7:30PM ON OCTOBER 30TH.

FREE ADMISSION PASSES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRED HEART OFFICE FOR ONE STUDENT AND HIS OR HER FAMILY. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AT HALFTIME WELCOMING THE SACRED HEART STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

Eighth Grade News

Holy Cross is holding its annual "**High School Night**" in Holy Cross Hall on Tuesday, October 27, from 7:00-8:30pm.

The following High Schools will be present: Palma, Notre Dame-Salinas, Santa Catalina, Saint Francis Central Coast Catholic, Bellarmine, Presentation, Notre Dame San Jose, St. Francis Mountain View, Mitty, St. Lawrence, York, Robert Louis Stevenson, Georgiana Bruce Kirby among others.



Memories that will always be with me from SHPS are all the laughs I've shared with my friends...the feeling of family at the school, the little things that brought happiness to my life, and so many other memories I can't put into words. —**Molly McCullough**



EQ Corner

EQ Fact: When children hear adults talk about their feelings, they are 100% more likely to talk about their own feelings. When a child is comfortable talking about his/her feelings, the parents are always aware of what is happening in their children's life.

EQ SkillBuilder: Take time this week to talk about your feelings in front of your child.

Thoughtful Moments

Swaperoo

Try swapping places at the dinner or breakfast table for a change of view. Throughout the meal, act like the person whose position you took. It'll be fun to see what life looks like from a different prospective.

Don't be too busy for Mass every weekend

Studies show that the best way for parents to be sure their children will remain faithful Catholics when they grow up is to take them to Mass every weekend. That's how children learn that Jesus is there for them now and always. If you have trouble getting your family to Mass every weekend, consider this:

"Weekends are a busy time for our family."

Schedule Mass on the calendar the way you would an important soccer game or dance performance. There are many different Mass times at different parishes, including Saturday vigils and Sunday nights. Think of Mass the way you do a favorite television show and schedule it in.

"My children go to religious education class. Isn't that enough?"

Giving children a firm grounding in the faith is very important but without taking them to Mass every Sunday, it's like serving them a steak dinner that's missing the steak. Jesus is present, body and blood, every Sunday in your church. Don't miss the chance to bring your children there, too.

Prayer Corner

We pray for all those who have died recently and for their families. For **Mrs. Higgins** who is having surgery Oct. 21st. For everyone who has cancer, especially **Mary Ward & Colleen Parga's aunt**. For all who were affected by mudslides and floods. For the **Scherr's grandmother**. For the needs of our parish and school community and all our friends and benefactors.

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for October 2009 is "That Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist."



Scripture Lesson **Mark 10:46-52, a blind man shows the way**

A blind beggar saw Jesus more clearly than the followers who were his companions. Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was near and cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted and Jesus finally noticed him and had his disciples call him over. Bartimaeus responded by casting aside his cloak and rushing to Jesus. Even the little he had was thrown aside. The only person in Mark's gospel to call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humble and confident that his prayer would be answered. It is this profound trust that Jesus wants to elicit from the crowd. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as his disciple.

What can a parent do? Sometimes difficulties of being Christian can blind us to the joys of following Jesus. Help children approach Jesus with excitement and confidence. When we trust him as Bartimaeus did, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.

Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Avila (1583) Founder of a strict religious order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. St.

Teresa founded more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

Oct. 18—St. Luke (1st century) St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch who wrote two books of the Bible. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

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.

We are requesting **lunch recess parent volunteers**. If you have time during the day to spend 30-60 minutes to assist our yard duty supervisors. Of course, time spent will count towards parent hours. You will need to have completed all volunteer requirements as well as an in-service prior to first playground duty. Please contact the office to provide days/times preferences.

Paint stencil numbers on exterior of classroom doors

Paint infinity symbol/re-paint map in playground area

We need help to find a solution to a drainage problem by Keenan Hall.

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.

Rack and level tan bark under play structure.

Pressure wash play structure.



Special Thank You's

Special Thank you to our 7th & 8th Grade Boys Football coaches. The 7th Gr. coaches are **Dave Murray & Roy Iler** and 8th Gr. coach **Aaron Culala**.

Thank you to the generous donation of time and talent to parent volunteers who have performed some much needed campus clean-up activities.

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 chil-



Practice will begin for girls basketball next week.

Monday: 8th Gr. 3:00-4:30

Wednesday 8th Gr. 3:00-4:30

Tuesday: 7th Gr. 3:00-4:30

Thursday: 7th Gr. 3:00-4:30

New Parent Volunteer Meeting: The MANDATORY volunteer in-service meetings are scheduled for the dates/times:

October 26th: 8:15, 11:15, & 12:15

October 28th: 6:00pm

Meetings are held in the school library. If you attended an in-service meeting for 2008-2009 school year, you do not need to attend again.



PUMPKIN CONTEST

CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- .BEST CARVING**
- .SCARIEST**
- .BEST DECORATED**
- .MOST ORIGINAL**
- .FUNNIEST**

**DROP OFF PUMPKINS WITH ENTRY FORMS AT GYM ON
10/24/09 @ 10:00 A.M. PICK UP AT 9:00 P.M.**

NAME : _____

PHONE# _____ # OF PUMPKINS: _____

CATEGORIES: _____