

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.

Celebrating Catholic Education

*November 14, 2009
San Juan Oaks Golf Club*

*Tickets are available
in the Office
\$65/Person
(Tax Deductible)*

Come join us for evening of celebrating those individuals who have given so much of their time, talent and treasure to Catholic education.

We have had a *very SPIRITED* week! I think most of us are exhausted from finding or buying, and putting some wonderful outfit together. During the next few months, there will be many more fun student and family community building days here at SHPS! We are looking forward to the *Fun Night* (tomorrow), Halloween Costume Parade for all grades on Friday, Oct. 30th. In November we have quite a lot happening, please check *The Pulse* or the school website for details.

The guest speaker for our dinner benefitting Catholic education is our own Brian Hackney! He was born and raised in Hollister, he graduated from Sacred Heart (yes SHPS!) and attended San Benito High School. Hackney is the second most senior broadcast meteorologist in the Bay Area. He has also co-hosted the National Emmy award-winning "Newton's Apple". I am looking forward to this being a terrific evening of memories, acknowledgement and appreciation to those individuals who have taken their Catholic faith to heart and lived out the message of Jesus Christ.

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Jurevich

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.

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.

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.

St. Francis visit @ SHPS November 10th, 12:00pm.

Open House: **PALMA** Sunday, November 15th 12:00—3:00pm; **Notre Dame** Wednesday November 4th from 5:00—7:00pm



My favorite memory at Sacred Heart School was when we went to science camp. It was the best!! I want to go there again any time.— **Giano DelCurto**

Important Dates to Remember

October	27	Tuesday	Picture Day
	28	Wednesday	Minimum Day 8th grade—St. Francis Retreat
	29	Thursday	Field Trips—3rd grade museum; 5—7 Stage play
	30	Friday	Halloween Parade/ Lunch orders DUE
November	2	Monday	Mass of All Souls @ 1:15pm PASS Board meeting @ 4:15pm
	4	Wednesday	Minimum Day
	6	Friday	Pre-K & Kindergarten—NO SCHOOL conferences
	8	Sunday	Children's Liturgy
	9	Monday	Science Camp Meeting @ 6:30pm (Parents & students)
	10	Tuesday	St. Francis High School visit 12:00 (8th grade)
	11	Wednesday	No School/Veterans Day
	12	Thursday	Pre-K & Kindergarten Parent Info Night—Raising a Reader
	14	Saturday	Celebrating Catholic Education Dinner 6pm-11pm
	16	Monday	Holiday Food Drive
	18	Wednesday	Minimum Day
24	Tuesday	All School Mass @ St. Benedicts @ 8:00AM	
25-29		Thanksgiving Break	

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!

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

The Honor Chair

When someone in the family has a reason to be celebrated, set aside a place of honor at the dinner table or in the family room. Designate a special chair and drape it with colorful paper or balloons. Have the person sit in the chair and take turns offering congratulations. End by saying a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of your family.

Parent Talk

It always bugs me that All Saints Day gets overshadowed by Halloween. Last year, I thought of a way to combine them. I challenged my son to bypass the superheroes and instead portray his favorite saint. After scouring through books, Joshua decided on St. Michael. When we read how he led the angels in the great battle against Satan, Joshua was proud to dress as someone still protecting us today. We found a cool warrior costume and put a cross on the chest. We made wings and a spear from cardboard we painted silver. It was perfect. As we went door-to-door, neighbors asked him what character he was dressed as and Joshua beamed as he replied, "St. Michael the Archangel." Not only did Joshua get more candy that night, he made quite an impression on the neighbors. After all, it's not every day you're in the company of an angel.

Prayer Corner

We pray for all those who have died recently and for their families. For **Mrs. Higgins** who had surgery Oct. 21st. For everyone who has cancer, especially **Mary Ward & Colleen Parga's aunt**. 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."



Why do Catholics do that?

Why do Catholics pray the Rosary? In the early Church, monks led services with a Latin recitation of the Psalms called, "The Psalter."

But most people couldn't read or write Latin, so the "Our Father" prayer was substituted so that people could easily pray together. Tradition holds that St. Dominic combined the Our father and the Hail Mary prayers with meditations on the mysteries of our faith into the rosary we know today. So the rosary makes it easy for us to pray together and to focus on Jesus' life and glory.



Feasts & Celebrations

were martyred in Persia.

Oct. 28 – Saint Simon and Saint Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot who once expected the Messiah to be a politic. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus as apostles, they evangelized until they

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day. In the early Church, saints and martyrs were celebrated on their own feast days. However, the persecution of Christians was so horrible that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated November 1st as All Saints Day.

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.



Mrs. C. is in need of wire hangers with the white dowel on them. If you have any, please turn them into the gym.



Special Thank You's

Thank you **Julie, Lisa, Shawna, Karen, Mary, Judy, Danette and Kathleen** for all your hard work on Friday at the 1st Annual Champagne and Strawberries Basket Wrapping Party. The Strawberries were Sweeter and the Champagne was Finer because of all of you!!!!

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

Thank You- **Miss Stevens** for an incredibly spirited week and a fabulous rally.

Thank You! **Mrs. Canez** for escorting a group of girls to Santa Clara University for a great Volleyball game!

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.

**THANK YOU
TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS
DONORS AND SPONSORS!
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

GRANITE CONSTRUCTION - TIM MILLER

NORCAL WASTE

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

MIKE & MARIA DUARTE

TIME & JULIE GILLIO

CASA DE FRUTA

SUZANE SLATER

POSTAL GRAPHICS

RICK MONTAG

DENISE BRIGANTINO

THE HIURA FAMILY

TINA GARZAI

THE MORIN FAMILY

HEIDI JUMPER

ERIK CABALLERO

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

MIKE AND MARIA DUARTE

CASA DE FRUTA

POSTAL GRAPHICS

EXTREME AIR - THE PENZO FAMILY

KIM & STEVE BECERRA

CONFIRMATION CLASS/SHPS PARENTS

GEORGE & LUCILLE RAJKOVICH

THE LOMPA FAMILY

THE BURCHARD FAMILY

DIEDRICH COFFEE

NOB HILL

THE SLAVICH FAMILY

KIM AND BRAD VAN DAM

MARICH CONFECTIONARY

BRIGANTINO FARMS

MCABEE FEED

GABILAN WELDING

DEANNE AND ANTHONY CAGNACCI