

# 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.

**Christmas Play is fast approaching!!!**

**All students are wearing blue school pants and white turtlenecks for the school play this year. Plan ahead and beat the rush and buy your turtleneck and pants if you need to soon.**



This week I was reminded that the gift of ourselves is the most special kind of gift. Whether it is our time, to volunteer or help someone or our talent to make something or teach someone something. When I gazed upon the SHPS students on the steps of the Vets Building on Wednesday they may or may not have known what motivated them to be there but I hope they saw and there parents saw what I saw.... And that was an audience beaming with appreciation.

Just days before I was up before dawn to volunteer at Small Steps where I saw many Sacred Heart parents and a few students in the chilly morning and glimpsed the first gleam of appreciation. In both instances, it was the gift our of time, of ourselves that these individuals appreciated most.

As we begin to prepare for the season of Advent, let us all be mindful of the most perfect gift—ourselves, our time and our talent. Take time to give, it is too short a day to be selfish. Take time to show appreciation, thanks is the frosting on the cake of life.

Peace and Blessings,

*Mrs. Jurevich*

Friendship Bracelet Workshop for  
Operation Military Kids

Please join the Union Club in making friendship bracelets for California's military youth.

When: Sun. Nov. 15 3:30-5:30pm

Where: Veteran's Hall Room 204

We will supply everything and teach you how to make the bracelets!

Any questions: Please call Erica Leung at 630-3066 or Kelly McCullough at 636-7829



### Did You Know?

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Study Skills students have been learning about managing and monitoring study time, developing and using effective study habits, and establishing and maintaining an appropriate study place.

They recently started using the following strategies to remember information: visualization, categorization, repetition, rhyme, acronym, abbreviation, acronymic sentence, and peg words. They have been encouraged to choose a strategy that works best for them and apply it to their other studies.

Beginning next week students will start interpreting information found in graphs, tables, time lines, organizational charts, diagrams, and maps.

### Eighth Grade News

**St Francis** Sunday, November 22, 2009 from 1:00 - 4:00pm

**Monte Vista Christian** Sunday, December 6th

Need additional volunteers for the Legacy Gift Committee—please contact Cynthia or Ann Marie



Fundraising hours needed? Consider volunteering for BINGO.

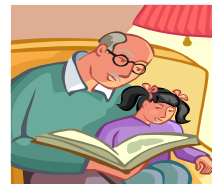
Please call Mrs. Galvan @ 801.4467

### GRANDPARENTS DAY IS COMING!!!

Grandparents Day is a wonderful time of year when we showcase for Grandparents our students efforts throughout the year and celebrate their presence in our lives.

Grandparents Day is February 5, 2010

Anyone interested in heading the committee for Grandparents Day, please call Barbara Montag @ 636-9673 (hm), (916)956-7506 (cell) or email her @ [bmontag22@gmail.com](mailto:bmontag22@gmail.com).



**Lunch orders due  
Friday, November 20th**



Some memories from SHPS are the commercials from the 6th grade. Another would be when we went to science camp and took the night walk. Also, when we were in our bunk beds, getting ready for dinner. The final memory would be when everyone started to beat Mr. Strnad at chess.— **Sylvia Kpeglo**

## Important Dates to Remember

November	16	Monday	Holiday Food Drive
	17	Tuesday	Boys Soccer vs. Aromas @ Vets Park @ 4:00PM
	18	Wednesday	Minimum Day Boys Soccer vs. Crossroads @ Complex @ 4:00PM
	19	Thursday	Boys Soccer vs. San Juan @ Vets Park @ 4:00PM
	20	Friday	Lunch orders DUE
	23	Monday	Boys Soccer vs. Charter @ Complex @ 4:00PM Girls 7th Gr. BB vs. Southside @ SH @ 4:00PM Girls 8th Gr. BB vs. Southside @ SH @ 5:00PM
	24	Tuesday	All School Mass @ St. Benedicts @ 8:00AM
	25-29		Thanksgiving Break

School Liturgical schedule is available on the website: [www.sacredheartschool.org](http://www.sacredheartschool.org)

**REMI NDER:** Parents please do not drop your children off before 7:30 in the morning as there is NO SUPERVISION. It is a safety issue that children do not arrive before teachers and yard duty are available at 7:30am. Thank you for your cooperati on.



### EQ Corner

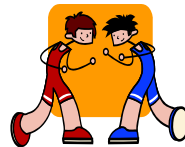
Be very careful to avoid telling your adolescent he is not feeling the emotion he has just named. Encourage him to name additional emotions, and then take the time to explore each emotion individually.

**Lifetouch Pictures**—School pictures are expected to be here in approximately 2 weeks.



Retakes and 8th grade group picture are scheduled for November 30th.

Hollister Warriors Wrestling has openings for Beginner and Advance classes. Call David San Miguel at (408)690-6861



eScrip 2009-2010 Goal \$32K

eScrip total as of Oct. 2009 \$6.8K

- Visit "My eScrip" to make sure your card numbers and expiration dates are current
- Encourage your friends and family to sign up their cards
- Check out the most recent version of eScrip merchant list at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
- 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](http://www.escrip.com). SHPS's ID number is 138335084. For questions, contact Diane Gibbs.

### Thoughtful Moments

#### Good questions

Before you ask your child a question, think about why you are asking. Are you looking for information or does a statement work better? "Why don't you ever remember to feed the dog?" serves no constructive purpose. Instead, think about saying, "You haven't fed the dog and he looks pretty hungry." A statement of the problem gives your child the chance to come up with his own solution.

### Prayer Corner

For everyone who has cancer, especially **Colleen Parga's aunt, Miss Westphal's stepmom, Mary Ward, Bernadette Tobin, and Annette Giacazzi.** For the victims of **Fort Hood** and their families. For **Miss Westphal's new great nephew, Dominic** and **her cousin Phil** who injured his leg. For the **Smith's cousin** who is in **Afghanistan.** For the needs of our parish and school community and all our friends and benefactors.

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for November 2009 is "That all the men and women in the world, especially those who have responsibilities in the field of politics and economics, may never fail in their commitment to safeguard creation".



### PARENT TALK

When busy, we sometimes tune out the world to focus on the urgent business at hand. Unfortunately, that can mean tuning out God and his blessings as well. I was reminded of this by my 7 year-old son, Joshua. I was having a hard day. I had work deadlines to meet, a house to pack before our move and I was pregnant. My son came into my office several times to invite me to go with him because he had something to show me. I was stressed, busy, and short with him. Eventually I caved in to his persistence. He walked me to the driveway and pointed down. "Mommy, I drew your guardian angel," he said. "I thought you might need her today." Joshua's simple gift of love was just what I needed to remind me that God is around to help. We can't be too busy to recognize his company.



### Why Do Catholics Do

#### What is Canon Law?

Canon Law is the official body of laws for the Catholic Church that govern faith, morals, and discipline. These laws assist the Church in carrying out her mission to the world and direct the various relationships between persons, offices, and groups within the Church. Only a pope or an ecumenical council has the authority to create canon law or interpret it for the universal Church. The legal system of the Catholic Church is the oldest such system continually operating in the world.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Nov. 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231).** The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order after her beloved husband's death and spent the last years of her life caring for the poor. She is the patron of Catholic charities.

## 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.

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.

Rack and level tan bark under play structure.

Pressure wash play structure.



## Special Thank You's

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! Mrs. C** for organizing and motivating more 60+ students to participate in the Veteran's Day ceremony.

A round of applause to the **students and staff** who attended the Veteran's Day ceremony—hat's off for recognizing the importance of our veterans.

Thank you recent **field trip driver's and chaperones** without you we could not encounter our wonderful adventures.

A coast-to-coast **Thank You to the Daisy Troop** and their helpers for rejuvenating our US Map on the playground. Wow!

Thank you to **all the parents** who provided pictures for our remembrance posters for the All Souls Mass.

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.

*Come share the glory of the season with  
San Benito Oriana Chorale*

Christmas music and selections from Handel's Messiah  
at the historic *Mission San Juan Bautista*  
and *Trinity Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday Evening Concerts*

December 2nd & 9th, 7:30 pm

**Mission San Juan Bautista**

San Juan Bautista

*Sunday Afternoon Concert*

December 6th, 2:30 pm

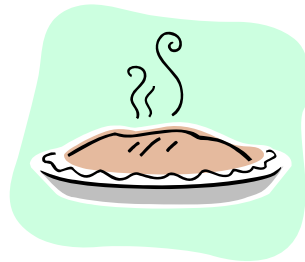
**Trinity Lutheran Church**

2300 Airline Highway

*Tickets:* Adults \$15.00, teens \$10.00, and 12 & under are free.

*Available at:* Mars Hill Coffeehouse, the Music Tree, Postal Graphics,  
& Visions of Christmas (San Juan Bautista) and at the door.

For more information: [www.orianachorale.org](http://www.orianachorale.org) or (831) 637-8188



## **Pie Palooza**

**Fundraiser supports 6th grade Science Camp**

**CASA de FRUTA pies**

**Apricot, Apple and Pumpkin in time for Thanksgiving**

**\$10.00 each**

**Make checks payable to: SHPS—PIE**