

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.

Our next Children's Mass is being prepared by Ms. Young's sixth grade class for this Sunday, November 8th at 10:30am at St. Benedict Church. Any student who attends the Children's Mass in their uniform will have free-dress the following Monday.

We will have a special Veteran's Day assembly on Tuesday, November 10th at 2:30pm in the Gym you are welcome to join us. Mrs. C has arranged for any of our students wishing to participate in the Veteran's Day opening ceremony meet her in front of the Vet's Building at 10:30am. Students will perform a patriotic song for the ceremonies which begins at 10:45am on Wednesday, November 11th.

This coming week is a very busy one, with one or more school activity, meeting or event taking place. But remember to take time to think, it is the source of power. Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth. Take time to be friendly, it gives life a delicious flavor. Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul. Take time to worship, it is the souls great need. Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.

Peace and Blessings,
Mrs. Jurevich

**Parent Info Night
Pre-K and Kindergarten
November 12 @ 6:00pm**

Raising a Reader

Come find out information on our new program and resources available to parents. Please RSVP to the office.



**Parent Info Night
grades 6—8**

November 10 @ 6:00pm

Adolescence is the second largest period of brain growth in the human lifetime. Ever wonder why teens become so curious and experimental? Come learn about the adolescent brain and the effects of substance abuse.... Please RSVP to the office.

Did You Know?

The Sixth Grade has had a full year so far in Religious Studies. They began the year learning about the "genesis" of our religion--learning about the first patriarch, Abraham, and how he began the monotheistic movement of the belief in one God. As the patriarch of the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic religions, the Sixth Graders have learned about Abraham's journey to share his faith with others, and the trials and tribulations he and Sarah went through on their faith journey. From Abraham to Isaac, to Jacob (Israel), and finally to Joseph (the owner of that very special coat), the Sixth Graders Biblical journey is not over.

Did you know? Joseph was number 11 of 12 sons (who came to be known as the 12 Tribes of Israel).

Did you know? Joseph's Egyptian name is Zaphenath-Paneah (and the Sixth Graders know how to pronounce his Egyptian name.

Did you know? Abraham's firstborn son, Ishmael, was born when he was 86 years old?

The students have also been hard at work on their Saint's Reports, too. Each of the students picked a saint, researched their saint via Internet, encyclopedias, and books, and are finalizing their reports in the computer lab. This report is the culmination of six weeks of diligent work and is their first report ever, using the MLA format utilized in high school and college. They are doing a wonderful job.

Did you know? Saint Benedict had a twin? (Her name is St. Scholastica)

Did you know? The man whose life was saved by St. Maximillian Kolbe was at his canonization ceremony?

Did you know? We have 25 saints in the making in the Sixth Grade?

GRANDPARENTS DAY IS COMING!!!



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.



My favorite memory at Sacred Heart Parish School is when I made a dance video. I played it in class and everyone liked it. I got extra credit for it. People still remember it.-**Zach Martin**

Eighth Grade News

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

Open House round-up:

PALMA Sunday, November 15th 12:00—3:00pm;

Santa Catalina Upper School Sunday, November 15th 1:00—4:00pm

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

Monte Vista Christian Sunday, December 6th

Important Dates to Remember

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| November | 9 | Monday | Science Camp Meeting @ 6:30pm (Parents & students) |
| | 10 | Tuesday | St. Francis High School visit 12:00 (8th grade) Health Screening Parent Info Night —Drug and Alcohol Awareness (6-8 grade) |
| | 11 | Wednesday | No School/Veterans Day |
| | 12 | Thursday | Pre-K & Kindergarten Parent Info Night —Raising a Reader Girls 7th Gr. BB vs. Gabilan Hills @ SH @ 4:00PM Girls 8th Gr. BB vs. Gabilan Hills @ SH @ 5:00PM Spring Fundraiser Committee Meeting @ 7:00PM |
| | 14 | Saturday | Celebrating Catholic Education Dinner 6pm-11pm |
| | 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 |
| | 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



EQ Corner

EQ Wisdom: A person can't feel better unless they know what they feel.

EQ Homework: Continue to be aware of you feelings and don't stop at the first one - dig deeper!

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

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



See's candy order forms are going home this week. The **See's** candy fundraiser supports Student Council activities such as school dances, supplies, etc. and our annual monetary donation to Fishes and Loaves. They make great gifts for friends, family and business associates.



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
- 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 number is 138335084. For questions, contact Diane Gibbs.

Thoughtful Moments

Judge not

Help children to remember that criticizing others is a serious business. *“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven”* (Luke 6:37). Better to worry about our own behavior and let others do the same.

Your family and the Year for Priests

The Year for Priests (June 2009 to June 2010) is a good opportunity to help children learn more about the priesthood and how we can make a difference to our priests. Try these ideas: **Adopt a priest.** Pick a priest to pray for and choose a special prayer that you say for him every day. Send a card to let him know your intention. **Invite a priest to dinner.** Although your parish priests are busy, they may appreciate a home-cooked meal. Inviting one to your home is also a good way for children to meet priests as people. **Follow up.** Send a thank-you note to the priests who baptized each member of the family. **Have a movie night.** Watch a movie about Catholic priests. There are some fun movies like “The Bells of St. Mary’s” or “Boy’s Town,” or you can find a contemporary one by using the bishops’ website (www.usccb.org/movies). **Take your family to Mass every weekend.** This is the best thing you can do for your priest.



Prayer Corner

We pray for all those who have died recently, **Adam and Daniel Gonzales’ grandmother** and for their families. For everyone who has cancer, especially **Colleen Parga’s aunt** and **Miss Westphal’s stepmom, Mary Ward**, and **Bernadette Tobin**. For those suffering from the flu and other illnesses, especially **Jacob Moore**. And for the **recent tragedy at Fort Hood**. 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”.



Why do we call our priests, “Father”?

According to **Our Sunday Visitor Catholic Encyclopedia**, those in the early Church who gave special witness to the faith were called “Father.” In fact, St. Paul said, *“For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel”* (1 Corinthians 4:15-16)

The practice of addressing priests this way was brought to the United States in the 19th century by Irish immigrants who called their priests, “Father.” Today this title reminds us that we are all united as family under Christ, his Gospel, his Church, and his representatives on earth.



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

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

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.

Fun Night Bulletin Board

Found decorations from Miss Pellin's (cake walk) room. Please call to arrange a time to collect them.

Looking for the owner, Nathan Villanova who purchased the 8th grade Platter. Does anyone know who he is and how to get a hold of him? Let the office know. Thank you.



Congratulations!

1st Place—Nicole Andrade

2nd Place—Samantha Held

3rd Place—Erica Leung



Congratulations!

CHRISTMAS CARD ARTWORK PARTICIPANTS

Nathan Silva
Olivia Orsetti
Marea Ito
Jack Gillio
Jesus Solorio
Makena Bedolla
Kayla Ferry
Jacques Morin
Reilly Moakler

Ireland McAbee
Giovana Donati
Ashley Sparrer
Hector Haro
Kirsten Caballero
Caitie Gonzalez
Riley Scherr
Christopher Johst
Monique Hayford

JP Scott
Andrew Thacher
Grace Gillio

Tim Manderson

Sarah San Miguel
Mia Martinez
Nicholas Slater
Matthew Thacher
Claire Cagnacci
Ashley Raich
Sophie Bessa
Kristen Bautista
Ebony Held

Margaux Hayford
Jessica Ward
Drew Haughey

Ben White
Corey Latham
Danielle Feril

Marielle Hayford
Brandon Jones
Morgan Scott
Jessica Slater
Mathieu Morin
Alex Vodanovich

Kieley Hoskins
Claire Gastello
Kinsey Canez
Adam McCullough
Akemi Ito
Atzin Esquivel
Morgan Haughey
Elena Gonzalez
Lauren Sabbatini
Brandon Moakler