

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.

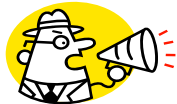
We strive to develop competent and compassionate graduates through spiritual, academic and extracurricular programs. Students are empowered with leadership skills, values, and character traits to enrich personal living and develop as responsible, mature, faith-filled citizens.



Looking for a Book Fair Chairperson

If anyone is interested in **chairing the Book Fair this year**, it would be *greatly* appreciated. Please call Mrs. Jurevich ASAP.

**Early
Bird Reg-
istration
ends March 31st.**



**Lunch orders are
due Friday,
March 26th**

This has been a very busy week.... A Puppet Show on Monday, courtesy of Mrs. Jean Christ. A nun in our diocese befriended her several years ago and her repayment of the kindness is providing Puppet Shows to students in our Catholic Schools. We had a couple of feisty Leprechauns visit our Kindergarten and First grade classrooms, leaving quite a mess but some tasty goodies as well. We attempted for the first time a whole school picture, Preschool through Eighth grade! It took a little longer than expected, I hope it will be worth it when we see it in just a few months, in the yearbook. If you haven't yet ordered a yearbook, please pick up an order form in the office. And finally our week concluded with a visit from four musicians from the Monterey Symphony who performed using their wind instruments made of wood - hence *Woodwinds*. I learned a lot and students in fourth, fifth and sixth grade were fully engaged during the musicians lectures about the instruments, musical demonstrations, and mini-concert performances.

This past week/weekend my house was a buzz with final Science Fair project preparation/completion - I am very excited to see the over 115 projects that our students have worked very hard to create. Even if your family does not have a submission stop in to get ideas for next year, take a look at the Missions 4th grade students have completed and support our 8th grade Legacy fundraiser by enjoying an old-fashioned cookout!

Lenten reflection: In the readings Saint Paul says of Abraham, "He believed, hoping against hope." The German theologian Johann Baptist Metz writes of this hope: "With nothing of one's own to provide security, the wretched person has only hope—the virtue so quickly misunderstood by the secure and the rich. The latter confuse it with shallow optimism and a childish trust in life, whereas hope emerges in the shattering experience of living 'despite all hope' (Rom. 4:18)." During Lent we are called, like Joseph in today's Gospel, to forsake our own plans in order to welcome God's love into our lives and to live out our hope in the cross (Rom. 8:24). As the Lenten season continues ask yourself does my desire for security distract me from embracing God's love and living out my deepest hope?

Peace and Blessings, *Mrs. Jurevich*

Did you know....

The California Mission project has a new twist. This year, Sacred Heart Parish fourth graders participated in a problem based learning project. Students studied the original missions to find characteristics of a successful mission. Led by their discoveries, students searched for the perfect location for the final California mission.

Using information attained from research, students chose a location, a name, and building design for the 22nd mission. The students wrote a paragraph detailing their choices, and then built their mission.

Our fourth graders understand why missions were built near Indian tribes, water sources, and the rationale behind the distance between the missions. When choosing a name for their missions', students used the same criteria as the Father's who built the originals: the location, a significant person in their life, or a favorite saint.

The buildings and paragraphs are outstanding and on display in the hallway, come by and take a look during the school day or during the Science fair.



Cybercitizen Spotlight: How much is too much time online?

Computer addiction is tough to define. When your child spends a large amount of time at the computer, are they addicted or do they simply enjoy being online? Perhaps it's easier to frame it like this: Can your child enjoy himself – and all those things that aren't online – when he's away from the computer? If you're not sure, just start observing his computer habits and moods.

What is it? All kids have trouble turning off the computer. Instant Messaging with friends seems so important, games like [Runescape](#) and [World of Warcraft](#) capture players' attention and time, a lot of it. And virtual worlds like [Club Penguin](#) or [Teen Second Life](#) can be equally engrossing. **But some kids go beyond procrastinating – they just can't turn the computer off.** You can tell the difference in how a child acts when the computer is taken away – withdrawn, moody, and uncommunicative. (Not the usual teen sulk, but a condition that goes away when your child is back online.)

Why it matters : The part of kids' brains that contain mental off-switches **aren't fully developed until** kids reach their **early 20s**. That means they need rules and structure to help them turn off the computer. Developing children need to be able to have real lives independent of their cyber ones to fully develop socially, emotionally, and even physically. While some kids may blossom in the freedom and anonymity of online lives, **they also need the interpersonal skills that online life can't provide.**



Memories from the Class of 2009

8th Grade Corner

Mar. 25th— San Benito High School Counselors will meet with students about scheduling beginning @ 8:00am.

Reminder: 8th grade students may wear graduation t-shirts on *most* Wednesday minimum days

Important Dates to Remember



March	22	Monday	SHPS Science Fair & BBQ
	23	Tuesday	Policy & Planning Committee
	24	Wednesday	8th grade Committee Chair meeting
	25	Thursday	Reconciliation Service MINIMUM DAY
	26	Friday	San Benito HS scheduling
	30	Tuesday	Mass grades 3-5 LUNCH ORDERS DUE
April	31	Wednesday	San Benito County Science Fair Seder Meal (6th grade)
	1	Thursday	Holy Thursday para-liturgy
	2	Friday	MINIMUM DAY - Passion Walk



Spanish Club sign-ups for 3rd trimester.

Chess Club Session II began 3/11.

Pick-up registration forms ASAP!

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.



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



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

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



\$32000

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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.

Science Fair Reminder

Students should be working on their science fair projects. The fair is on **March 22nd**. Students should bring their projects to the gym on March 22 between 7:30 and 7:50AM. Again this year, participants are required to be at the fair by 5:00PM, so they can be interviewed by a judge. Students may leave after they have been interviewed. If you have any questions, please see Miss Young.

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 runners *under stage* for folding chair caddy.

Install enclosing doors for Athletic equipment in Gym hallway..

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

Coordinator for Book Fair taking place in first week of May.



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.

Special Thanks to **Jean Christ** and her helpers who donated their time and talent to provided the **Puppet Show** for early childhood and primary grades.

A round of applause to the **Monterey Symphony** for their gift of music. Performing a mini-concert for our 4th to 6th grade students.

Dolora Hiura, Georgina Vodanovich, Mari Morin for their tireless efforts in making this year's Year-book the best ever!

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.**

None of our events and activities are possible without the gift of time and talent from our legion of volunteers.

Luke 22:14—23:56, the Passion of Christ

Even young children know how to be a good friend. A good friend is someone who stands by us in good times or bad. At the end of his life, it may seem as if Jesus didn't have many good friends. Even though he started with twelve good friends, all but one left him when he most needed a friend. By contrast, Jesus is the best friend anyone could ever have. Although he had no guilt himself, he took blame for things we did and saved us from having to bear the punishments we have earned. Even when the situation got tough, Jesus never backed down or offered up the real guilty people. He suffered and died so that we could live. *What can a parent do?* During the week before Easter, pause some time each day to read part of Jesus' Passion as a family. Remind children that these are the moments for which Jesus came to Earth. Ask them, out of love for Jesus, to practice being a good friend to others around them, just like Jesus is to us.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 19 – St. Joseph (1st century). This solemnity honors Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 23 – St. Toribio de Mogrovejo (1606). A brilliant scholar, he was serving as professor of law at the University of Salamanca when he was chosen to lead the archdiocese of Lima in Peru. He was ordained priest and bishop and worked with intense fervor to strengthen his diocese.

Prayer Corner

For **Ofelia Sanchez's** Mother who is in the hospital. For Miss Westphal's uncle, **Rudy Westphal** who passed away. For the needs of our parish and school community and all our friends and benefactors.

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for March 2010 is **"That the world economy may be managed according to the principles of justice and equity, taking account of the real needs of peoples, especially the poorest."** 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.



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.



THE EASTER TRIDUUM: CELEBRATING THE MEANING

By: Steve Azzopardi, Coordinator of Worship

Each and every year our church celebrates the most highest of celebrations: The Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Why are these three days so important to us as Catholic Christians?

The "Paschal Triduum" is at the heart of our Christian faith! Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday celebrates Jesus' life, passion, death and resurrection. Each day focuses in on a particular aspect of Jesus.

† Holy Thursday †

Mass of the Lord's Supper (The Last Supper)

We celebrate the "body and blood" of Jesus through the breaking of the bread and drinking of the cup. We also recognize the priesthood of Jesus through the washing of the feet of His disciples; the meaning of service to one another. And, we walk in procession, as Jesus did, to the Garden of Gethsemane. We venerate Jesus in the final walk before He is taken away to be crucified.

† Good Friday †

The Lord's Passion

We recall Jesus' own Passion and Dying on the Cross through the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John. We also take part in the veneration of the Cross, walking the final journey with Jesus to His own death; death on a cross.

† Holy Saturday †

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the highest of all Holy Days. On this holy night, we celebrate our own salvation through the blessing of the new fire, the lighting of the Paschal (Easter) Candle, the blessing of the new water and hearing the Word of God tell the story of Salvation History from the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible).

Due to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council and the restoration of the Catechumenate, the Easter Vigil has taken on new meaning: the newly elect (those preparing for baptism) are plunged into the waters of Baptism, anointed with the Chrism of Salvation, received the White Garment of renewal and the Light of Christ. They are then strengthened by power of the Holy Spirit, who is called upon to enter the lives of these newly formed Catholic Christians.

First Honors

<p>Riley Scherr David San Miguel Emmalyn Irvin Brianna Martin Caitlyn Gonzalez Giovana Donati Alexander Armlin Mark Scalmanini Monique Hayford</p>	<p>Beatrice White Timothy Manderson Felicia Markfield August Brigantino Ashley Slavich Matthew Gastello Sean Moakler Adam Gonzales Brandon Burchard Maggie Campo Cameron Burchard</p>
<p>Cooper Scherr Tyler Edgerle Riley Drexler Kyle Markfield Jarod Solis Liam Miller Erica Leung Nicholas Burchard Haley Van Dam Jett Johnson</p>	<p>Daniel Souza Sheila Mae Park Mikayla Irvin Benjamin White Colleen Parga Anthony Gonzalez Mason Miguel Jacob Drexler Daniel Gonzales Jack Morris</p>

Second Honors

<p>Keegan Mottau Ashley Sparrer Christopher Johst Kassandra Moreno Maddie Hura Evan Weatherly Hector Haro Laura Galvan Daniel Peterson Blake Miller</p>	<p>Alex Kunz Jonathon Duarte Joseph Murray Dylan Iler Sean McCullough Adrian Alba</p>
<p>Chace Miguel Amy Carvalho Kelly McCullough Jessica Ward John Esteban Jennifer Martin Travis Winn</p>	<p>Christopher Manderson Steven Johst Joshua Miller Mary Alameda Makenzie Schwehr Danielle Feril Genna Invencion</p>

Achievement Honors will be published in next week's **Pulse**