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Mission Statement

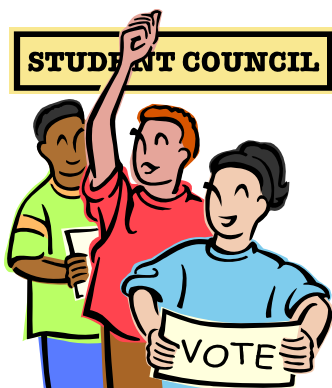
Sacred Heart Parish School, a Catholic Elementary School within San Benito County serves students preschool through eighth grade.

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.

Student Council News

There will not be any Student Council meetings on Tuesday or Wednesday due to Holy Week.



Donations of Easter Lilies for decoration at both St. Benedict & Sacred Heart churches during the Easter Season. If you wish them as memorial gifts in honor of a loved one, their names will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please bring Easter Lilies to the pastoral center during Holy Week during normal business hours (check the bulletin). You may also leave the name of the memorial recipient when you deliver the Easter Lilies. Thank you.

Congratulations to our new Student Government office holders! We had 31 students vying for 16 Student Council positions. The speeches were well prepared and very well delivered. The list is contained later in the Pulse.

Mr. Strnad is having surgery to repair his neck injury from a recent fall. At this time we are not certain if he will be able to return this year. Please keep him and his wife, Renee in your prayers as he continues his recovery.

As we look to Holy Week, we have a several opportunities for students to be enriched in our faith during this most holy time of year. On Wednesday, sixth grade will take part in a traditional **Seder Meal** which is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. It is a way to connect with the heritage of our own religion and to see how the practices of the ancient world are still relevant to Christianity today.

On **Holy Thursday**, students will re-enact the **Stations of the Cross**, this para-liturgy **begins promptly at 1:30pm**. Parents, please do not bring younger children as it is very dark and is intended to be a reflective time, younger siblings can prove to be very distracting.

Good Friday, we will be in school for a minimum day. Again this year, SHPS faculty, staff and students will participate in the **Walk of the Cross (Passion Walk)**. A few notable changes this year are that we are **inviting our 1st graders** to join their Faith Partners on the walk. In response to concerns related to dismissal and pick-up of students from St. Benedict after the walk; this year we will begin at **St. Benedict Church and walk to SHPS**. The walk will **begin at 7:50am** following the **same route (in reverse)**. During the walk each class will have an opportunity to carry the cross (which we used during Stations of the Cross on Thursday). There will be markers along the route which will signal the transfer of the cross to the next group of students (class). Once students arrive at SHPS we will gather in the Gym for reflection, song and prayer. Students will return to their classrooms for a project, making sacrifice beads and learning about St. Therese, our patron Saint and other Lenten activities. **We will dismiss at 12:00pm as usual.** I am hoping this revision will address the dismissal concerns as well as give students an opportunity to more fully participate in carrying the cross, understand the significance of the event and demonstrate the reverence for this day. All parents are welcome to join us, especially those of younger students who may tire easily. Any students in grades PS-PK may also participate provided they are accompanied by a parent.

Do you know how to prepare your child for kindergarten?

It's that time of year when we start thinking about our children moving to the next grade. I have had several parents ask me "What can I do to prepare my student to be successful in kindergarten?" The following are some helpful tips to help your child in having a successful kindergarten year:

- Please read, read, and read some more to your child.
- Play letter sound and recognition games with your child.
- Have your child practice writing their name daily.
- Count and sort household objects.

You will probably be surprised at how many activities you may already be doing together! During day to day activities, try to engage your child in play without skill and drill and watch their excitement build!

With this strong foundation, your child will have the skills they need to start reading. I can't wait to meet your child during the Meet and Greet just before the new school year begins. ♥ Mrs. Rivas

KNOW THIS FACT -

*Whatever your cross,
 whatever your pain,
 there will always be sunshine,
 after the rain....
 Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall;
 But God's always ready, to answer your call....
 He knows every heartache, sees every tear,
 a word from His lips, can calm every fear...
 Your sorrows may linger, throughout the night,
 But suddenly vanish, by dawn's early light...
 The Savior is waiting, somewhere above,
 to give you His grace, and send you His love.*



DID YOU KNOW? The preschoolers are learning all about the Easter Story. We have been doing a different Religion project each week of Lent, to help us count down the seven weeks until Easter. Each week is a different symbol to help us understand Jesus' love for us. The children have all made their Lenten promises, and they are posted on our classroom bulletin board. They are trying very hard to keep all of their promises! Of course they are very excited for Easter to arrive. And now, when it does, they will have a better understanding of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and why we have such a wonderful celebration on Easter Sunday!!



MAY GOD FILL YOUR DAY WITH BLESSINGS!!



Memories from the Class of 2010 - I remember when it was our kindergarten graduation and we had so much fun. We did dances to some cute, fun, musical songs. We partnered up and did the dance together. One of the best parts of the graduation was when I received my certificate of graduating. This was definitely one of my favorite memories at Sacred Heart. I also remember when we all went to science camp. I had some pretty great times with my friends in our cabin room. We all had a great laugh. The food there was really good, too! My favorite place of all though was the grove. It was so fun to be climbing into the tree trunks and just relaxing them. I felt so free and young. My last favorite memory is just eighth grade. This year I became so close with everyone. With all my friends, I've had some pretty great laughs with them. Inside jokes is what I love the most of all. I really do love eighth grade.—**Danielle Feril**

Important Dates to Remember

April	19	Tues	2nd Gr. to Happy Hollow Co-ed VB vs. Oakwood @ SH @ 4:00pm
	20	Wed	6th grade Seder Meal
	21	Thur	Holy Thursday Para-liturgy (held in Gym) Co-ed VB vs. Crossroads @ Crossroads @ 4:00pm
	22	Fri	Passion Walk—Minimum Day/ No Extended Care
	25-29		Easter Break
May	2	Mon.	Co-ed VB vs. Aromas @SH @ 6:00pm
	3	Tues	Co-ed VB vs. Spring Grove @ SH @ 4:00pm



2011 Green Lent/Daily Activities

Walk more and consider riding a bike. Turn the temperature down on your water heater (120F is still hot!). Insulate the tank with an insulation jacket.



PICTURES WANTED!

In preparation for WASC/WCEA visit the staff is looking for pictures as evidence of participation in school extra-curricular activities. If you have any extra pictures that you are willing to share with the staff please turn them into the office for Terri Canez. We are looking for pictures from any sports, choir, Earth walk, Passion walk, Student Council, Baler Gifted games, speech contest, etc. Thanking all in advance for your support in our effort to provide documentation for our accreditation.



Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary Annual Easter Egg Hunt

PLACE: Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Drive
DATE: April 23, 2011, **TIME:** 1:00 PM
AGE GROUPS: 2-10

There will be 3 hunting areas for the children and will be broken up by age groups.



Community Events

Hollister Exchange Club is hosting a **Crab Crack** and dance Sat., April 16, at Bolado Park. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m.

4-H clubs of San Benito County will hold an annual *pancake breakfast*, Sun., April 17, from 7 a.m. to noon, at the *Hollister's Elks' Lodge*

Scripture Lesson – Luke 24:13-35, the real Jesus

Once his followers found out that Jesus was the Messiah, many formed opinions of how he should behave and what he should do with his power that had little to do with the man he was. When he died such an awful death, many of them were left shocked, disappointed, and wondering if he really was the Messiah.

Cleopas and his friend, two of Jesus' followers, talked about their shock and grief as they walked to Emmaus. They had such clear ideas of what they wanted Jesus to be that they failed to really see him. When he joined them on the road that day, they didn't even recognize him.

What can a parent do? Children often want God to reveal himself in spectacular ways that have little to do with who he is. In fact, parents can teach children that the real way to find out who God is requires taking the time to be alone with God, to read Scripture, and seek him in the people around us. That's when we will truly come to know Jesus as he is.



Prayer Corner

For those who are recovering from injuries especially, **Mr. Strnad**.

For all in the military especially, **Tyler Farney, Angel Esquer, Ryan Lemmerman, Tyler Gregory, and Crystal Souchek**.

For the needs of our parish and school community and all our friends and benefactors.

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for April 2011 is *"That through its compelling preaching of the Gospel, the Church may give young people new reasons for life and hope."* 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.



Thoughtful Moments – Emmaus walk

After the Resurrection, Jesus met two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. Take a walk as a family on Easter Sunday (April 24th) and talk about the miracle of God's love for each of us.

Feasts & Celebrations -

April 25—St. Mark (1st century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark accompanied Sts. Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.

What exactly is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday (also termed Yew Sunday or Branch Sunday) is a day of observance for a triumphal entry which is one of contrasts. Yet it is those contrasts that are the application to believers. It is the story of the King who came as a lowly servant on a donkey, not a prancing steed, not in royal robes, but on the clothes of the poor and humble. Jesus Christ comes not to conquer by force as earthly kings, but by love, grace, mercy, and His own sacrifice for His people. His is not a kingdom of armies and splendor, but of lowliness and servanthood. He conquers not nations, but hearts and minds. His message is one of peace with God, not of temporal peace.

If Jesus has made a triumphal entry into our hearts, He reigns there in peace and love. As His followers, we exhibit those same qualities, and the world sees the true King living and reigning in triumph in **us**.



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".

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.

Install metal runners *under stage* for folding chair caddy.

Install enclosing doors in Gym for Athletic equipment in Gym hallway.

A large wooden/metal cross on the exterior front entrance of the main school building.



8th Grade Corner (Upcoming Dates)

8th Grade placemats are due April 15

Next 8th grade meeting on Tuesday, May 3 @ 6:30pm.



Completed **photo placemats** are due in to the school office by April 15th for lamination.

8th grade will be offering a **BBQ dinner for \$5 at the SHPS Open House on Wed. May 11th.**



The class of 2011 has completed their service projects. The service project coordinators, Jacki Leung, Judy Solis, Jeannette Martin and several others sought to instill in the students that their service, is a legacy gift. You give back to the community and help those less fortunate. With each project, we found more kids getting involved.

Jacki reflected, "It was very rewarding to watch these students grow closer with a common bond."

Thank you to our 8th grade students: Maddison Alipaz, Spencer Armlin, Rachel Brigantino, Nicholas Burchard, Amy Carvalho, Riley Drexler, Chanel Enz, John Esteban, Drew Haughey, Marquax Hayford, Jett Johnson, Erica Leung, Jennifer Martin, Kelly McCullough, Lizzie McMillin, Chace Miguel, Sarah Nino, Cooper Scherr, John Smith, Jarod Solis, Haley Van Dam, Jessica Ward, and Travis Winn.

Through their efforts, St. Vincent de Paul has new shelving, has been de-cluttered, interior paint, yard maintenance and planting of spring bulbs and a persimmon tree! The bindings on the music books at St. Benedict's has been repaired.

The 17th Annual Bishop's Golf Tournament and Auction Dinner will be held May 6, 2011, at Rancho Canada Golf Club in Carmel.

The event is sponsored by **Bishop Garcia** for 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.

The combination of funds from the McFarland and Clinch Endowments and Bishop's Golf Tournament and Auction Dinner was \$75,122.93. In 2010, \$65,000 was dispersed in August 2010. The balance held in reserve to help families who fall upon economic hard times during the school year.



80% of the total amount was distributed to the elementary schools and 20% of the golf tournament total amount was distributed to the high schools. In order to receive tuition assistance, the student's **family must have submitted a financial aid application to PSAS**.

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.

In preparation for our accreditation renewal, the faculty and staff have revised our student learning expectations, commonly referred to as SLE's. The attainment in all subjects and at all grade levels is one of the many aspects that will be evaluated during the accreditation renewal process. The accreditation team will visit us Spring 2012, while it seems a long way off, there is a great deal of work that is underway and we will be asking for the assistance of parents along the way.

Sacred Heart Parish School students are on FIRE and show it by:

Faith

- Actively participating in Mass, religious studies and Catholic traditions
- Using different types of prayer to show reverence for God's creation, self, family, and others
- Having a basic knowledge of the teachings, doctrine, and practices of the Catholic Church

Intelligence

- Showing grade level proficiency in core subjects
- Using technology responsibly as a tool for learning
- Using study skills wisely

Responsible citizenship

- Reaching out to serve others
- Demonstrating self control and responsible behavior
- Realizing that individual choices impact the world socially and environmentally

Effective communicators

- Effectively presenting ideas with confidence and poise in a variety of situations
- Expressing written thoughts clearly, using correct grammar and mechanics in diverse forms and for different purposes
- Utilizing technology effectively to communicate with a variety of audiences



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BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT AND AUCTION DINNER
FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011

RANCHO CAÑADA GOLF CLUB - WEST COURSE

Sign up early and join the excitement of a "fun or frustrating" day of golf followed by a delicious dinner, spirited camaraderie, silent/live auctions and awards presentations! Bring your friends, share a terrific experience and lend a helping hand to deserving young people at the same time. **All proceeds go directly to the Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund** to provide much needed aid to students in our Diocesan schools. Help make this event a huge success for children! Thank you.

SPECIALTY CONTESTS:
 CLOSEST TO THE PIN,
 LONGEST & STRAIGHTEST DRIVE,
 LAS VEGAS HOLE & HOLE-IN-ONE

+ Richard J. Garcia
 Most Reverend Richard J. Garcia, D.D.
 Bishop of Monterey

5-PERSON SCRAMBLE
 Handicapped by Rancho Cañada's
 Professional Staff
ONLY THE FIRST 150 ENTRIES
WILL BE ACCEPTED!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rancho Cañada's West Course & Fiesta Room

9:30 am Golfer Registration	4:30 pm Dinner Registration, No-Host Social & Silent Auction
11:00 am Shotgun Start	5:30 pm Dinner (seating assignments at door)
Photos with Bishop Garcia during the day	6:30 pm Live Auction & Awards Presentation

\$190.00 per golfer includes: green fee, shared golf cart, embroidered tee gift, box lunch, specialty hole contests, prizes for seasoned and average golfers, a delicious dinner, awards presentation, silent and live auctions.
\$ 60.00 per non-golfer includes: a delicious dinner, awards presentation and silent and live auctions

FIELD SIZE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 30 TEAMS (150 PLAYERS)

THE BISHOP'S 17TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT and AUCTION DINNER

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 Address/City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 Dinner (circle one): NY Steak or Salmon Email: _____

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_____ @ \$190.00 per golfer = \$ _____
 _____ @ \$ 60.00 per non-golfer = \$ _____
 I would like to be a(n) _____ sponsor.
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 I am unable to attend but please accept my donation. \$ _____
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! ***If you do not submit a USGA index or average score, you will be considered a "0" handicap.**
SEE REVERSE FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE ⇨



17th Annual

**Bishop's Golf Tournament
& Auction Dinner**

May 6, 2011

Rancho Cañada Golf Club, Carmel

**for Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund
Diocese of Monterey**

Will you help us raise thoughtful and caring citizens with the academic and moral decision-making skills *and spirit-filled hope* they will need to build a bright future for all of us? All proceeds of the Tournament and Auction Dinner go to the Tuition Assistance Fund.

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| \$7,500 | <p>Tournament Sponsor
2 Golf Fivesomes - 10 Additional Dinner Tickets
"Tournament Sponsor" Sign on Dinner Table
"Par 3" Banner and Program & Diocesan Website Recognition</p> |
| \$5,000 | <p>Awards Dinner Sponsor
Golf Fivesome - 5 Additional Dinner Tickets
"Awards Dinner Sponsor" Sign on Dinner Table
Sign and Program & Diocesan Website Recognition</p> |
| \$2,000 | <p>Major Sponsor
Golf Fivesome - Tee or Green Sponsor Sign
Program & Diocesan Website Recognition</p> |
| \$650 | <p>Dinner Wine Sponsor
2 Dinner Tickets
Program & Diocesan Website Recognition</p> |
| \$300 | <p>Tee or Green Sponsor
Tee or Green Sponsor Sign
Program & Diocesan Website Recognition</p> |
| \$190 | <p>Golfer
Golf Package, Prizes, Dinner, Auctions</p> |
| \$60 | <p>Dinner and Auctions</p> |

*Don't Golf? Come have fun at
the Dinner & Auctions!*

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