

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.

Reenrollment

Current families have until April 11th to reserve your child's space before new applicants are accepted.

Early bird registration discount is available until April 11th.

The PSAS application for financial aid are now available on the school's website.



Don't forget....it's the start of the third trimester and to order milk. Cost of a milk card is \$10.00 and you can pay that on Ren-Web.



Well, March went out with a heat wave! It was packed with fun and educational outings for students to Farm Day, Monterey Symphony, the stage production of Charlotte's Web, Leadership Retreat and First Communion Retreat. We celebrated the accomplishments of over 100 students (5th through 8th) at the Honor Roll assembly and will be sending 20 students to the San Benito County Science Fair! What a terrific month! In April, our Safety and Ecology team will help our school community focus on our responsibility as stewards of the environment with an Aluminum Can Drive beginning the 4th through the 8th and a Shoe Drive beginning April 11th. On Wednesday (4/6), students in grades 3-8 will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The intent of the sacrament is to provide healing for the soul as well as gain the grace of God, lost by sin. In preparation, help your children with their examination of conscience.

*Blessings to your family,
Mrs. Jurevich*

A Lenten reflection:

Too often we get so caught up in the direction that society is going that we lose ourselves and the God in us along the way. We can become frustrated because we feel as though what is expected of us contradicts that which we feel God asks of us. But God did not create us to be divided within ourselves. We have been created to be whole and complete. Many times, to find a sense of wholeness and decide which path presents the best way, we need only remember that we have been created by God. And it is from that relationship that we can draw strength in the difficult times and find meaning within our lives.

Although we live in this world, we're not of it. We should have a mentality like Paul who proclaims, "If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ" (Gal 1:10). It is only in pleasing God that our place in society will be made complete and whole. We can't understand the celestial things of God by looking among the terrestrial things around us. So, let us look to God today in all that we do, say, and think. Let us know that a life lived for Christ is a life that brings a richness to the lives around us.

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.



Did you Know?

Fourth graders are growing in their cognitive abilities. They are getting better at making predictions and inferences. They can compare and contrast events, and make connections between their lives and what they are reading. These are skills used in every subject in school, not to mention daily life.

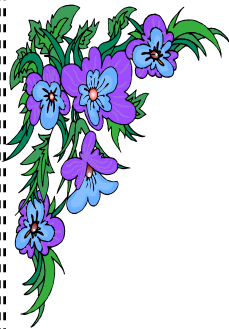
In order to facilitate and encourage this, our fourth graders participate in Literacy Circles. Every student vote on which book s/he would like to read, and based on the number of books available groups are formed around each book. Each group contains an average of 5 members, and every member has a job to do for each section read. The groups meet once or twice a week to go over what they read, what they like about the book so far, and if there are any connections to their life and/or other things they have read.

Literacy circles are an introduction to book clubs. Giving the students a choice about what they read, may just encourage them to become lifelong readers.



2011 Green Lent/Daily Activities

Reduce the number of plastic bags you use. Get a fabric or reusable bag instead to take with you when you shop.



Thank You

Thank you to our parent volunteers and chaperones who walked to Granada Theater with grades K-5 to see the performance of Charlotte's Web. Parents and staff joined 88 students on our Earth Walk. It was a great way to start the day, enjoying the beauty of a crisp morning and splendor of early Spring.



Memories from the Class of 2010 -

"In 6th grade, my favorite memory is science camp. I remember all the hikes we took during the day, and the one night hike. I remember how we made lunches for our hikes, and how we also played games in the woods. In 7th grade, my favorite memory was picnic day. I remember winning the bingo game, and getting an art set for my sister. I remember all the P.E. games we played like soccer, baseball, basketball, etc. My second favorite memory is sitting by Kat for the last three classes laughing about inside jokes-"**Sean Imperio**

Important Dates to Remember

April	4	Mon	PASS Board meeting @ 4:15pm
		Mon-Fri	Aluminum Can Drive
	6	Wed	Reconciliation service @ SHPS
	7	Thur	Mass Faith Partners
			8th grade parent meeting @ 6:30pm in the library
	10	Sun	Children's Liturgy 8:45am
			St Francis Spring Festival/8th grade Root Beer Floats
	13	Wed	Min. Day -Faculty Meeting
	14	Thur	Mass grades 3-5
	20	Wed	6th grade Seder Meal
	21	Thur	Holy Thursday Para-liturgy (held in Gym)
	22	Fri	Passion Walk—Minimum Day/ No Extended Care
	25-29		Easter Break

U p c o m i n g P A S S M e e t i n g A p r i l 4 t h

All parents/guardians and staff are invited to attend the monthly PASS Board Meetings. The meetings are normally held the first Monday of every month, in the school library. This month's PASS meeting will be held on **Monday, April 4th at 4:15pm in the Library.** Please join us to find how you can support us in any of our activities! See you then!

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.



Why the Egg is a Symbol of Easter

The egg is like Jesus' tomb. It is enclosed, it is quiet, and it seems lifeless. Yet within an egg, the promise of new life is waiting to burst forth. Jesus' tomb was like an egg until early on Easter when Jesus rose up to a new and glorious life. Because of this rich symbolism, we add beautiful decorations to our eggs at Easter time. Candy makers have added even more richness by creating wonderful candy treats in the shape of eggs. Some people say that at an egg roll, the egg takes on a different Easter symbolism. They say that the egg stands for the huge rock that sealed Jesus' tomb. When children roll eggs, they are reenacting the rolling back of that huge rock, so that Jesus can come forth once more into the bright sunshine of life.



Our Father understands

Sometimes we make the same mistakes over again until we get it right. This is especially true of children who can take more time to learn new skills. The good news is that we have a loving Father who gives us credit for trying, even if we don't always succeed at first. The key is to keep trying. Remind children...

God knows we won't always get it right. Jesus especially understands that we are human and that we will struggle. Don't forget, his best friends disappointed him when he needed them most. Even Peter vowed to lay his life down for Jesus and then denied even knowing him (John 13: 37-38).

Practice makes holy. Avoiding sin requires a collection of skills and virtues that only come through practice and discipline. Even saints struggle.

Get help. We aren't meant to do it on our own. Jesus wants to help. *"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5).



Thoughtful Moments – Exit quickly

After Mass is over and the recessional hymn is finished, try not to linger in the church if others are staying behind to pray. Many people choose to pray in the presence of the Eucharist and get distracted by noisy, after-Mass conversations. Perhaps you can visit with fellow parishioners in the vestibule of the church or another appropriate place after Mass has concluded.



Feasts & Celebrations -

April 7—St. John Baptist de la Salle (1719). At a time when only the rich were educated, St. John devoted his life and fortune to educating the poor. He formed the Brothers of the Christian School, a successful community of educators. Pope Pius XII named him the patron of school teachers.

Prayer Corner

For those who are recovering from medical injuries especially, **Carolyn Westphal, Colleen Parga, and Mr. Strnad and Sr. Fran.**

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

For those who are suffering from cancer especially, **Joey Corral.**

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.



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)

Spring Festival @ SFCCC on April 10th

8th Grade placemats are due April 15

Next 8th grade meeting on Thursday, April 7 @ 6:30pm.



The **3 photos for graduation slideshow** are now past due to Mindy Scherr. Please contact her right away at 229-7869 if you have not yet turned these in.

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.

Thank You to all who helped make the **8th Grade Car Wash/Rummage Sale/Bake Sale/Plant Sale** a success!

The 8th Grade Class is hosting a **Root Beer Float Booth** at the **St. Francis High School Spring Festival on Sun., April 10th**. Proceeds go directly to the 8th Grade Legacy Fund. We are seeking donations of paper goods, ice cream, root beer and whipped cream. Anyone who can help donate items to keep our expenses down please contact Jacki Leung at 630-3066.

Graduation is quickly coming! All 8th Grade parents please plan to attend the next meeting on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30pm in the library.

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 RICHARD J. GARCIA
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR 17TH ANNUAL
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

FIVESOME REQUEST:

Name: Mr Mrs Ms (circle one) _____ *USGA Index or Average Score: _____
 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.
 (SEE BACK)
 (Please enclose business card or information) = \$ _____
 I am unable to attend but please accept my donation. \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to and mail to:
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Monterey, CA 93942
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 Department of Catholic Schools:
 Phone: (831) 373-1608
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 schools@dioceseofmonterey.org

! ***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.

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

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

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