

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.

SHPS LUNCH SERVICE

As with all endeavors at SHPS it takes a core group of dedicated people to get things rolling. Our lunch program is no exception. With the time and talents of a few very dedicated parents, SHPS staff, (and a grandparent!) we have been successfully serving lunch since September.

In order to keep our program going we need your help. If you can serve one day a month, once a week or whatever your schedule can afford - we'll take it! We are hoping to have a schedule for the rest of the school year before Christmas vacation. We would love to see some new faces added to our lunch program so please contact Maria Donati at 801-8323 or let the office know days & times you are available ASAP!



Please save the dates, Dec 11th for our eWaste recycling, monies raised will be used for Technology Improvements. Dec. 12th is Santa's Workshop, December 15th is our Early Childhood Program will begin at 10:30am. The following evening, Dec. 16th, grades 1 through 8 at 6:00PM, will perform our Christmas Program, Your children and staff are working hard to provide an enjoyable performance.

I would like to share an Advent reflection by Edward Hayes:

"Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the way. Advent is a winter training camp for those who desire peace. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place.

"Daily we can make an Advent examination. Are there any feelings of discrimination toward race, sex, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts.

Peace and Blessing, Mrs. Jurevich

eWaste Recycling Fundraiser Event

Sat., Dec. 11, 2010

9am-3pm

SHPS Parking Lot

Please recycle your old TV, CPU, monitor and other electrical devices to help raise funds for Technology initiatives. Strong helpers needed. If interested, please contact Miss Tiller at 637-4157.

Did you Know?

How important play is for preschoolers? Children learn through play. They learn socialization skills, problem solving and they develop critical thinking skills. When your child participates in these activities, such as:

Play dough—they are strengthening the small muscles in their hands and fingers. This type of play gives children the strength and control that they need to write with pens, pencils, markers and to use tools like scissors, etc.

Craft Activities—Organized craft activities help your child to learn to follow directions, develop the fine motor skills needed to write and yet still give them the creative freedom to develop their own sense of individualism.

Circle Time—Circle time helps your child build listening skills to learn to sit quietly for an appropriate amount of time, and to develop self-control. Story time gives your child the opportunity to learn about the printed word and use of our language to tell a story. Singing helps develop a child's language skills. Singing and dancing gives children just another opportunity to express their own uniqueness, spend a bunch of energy in a positive way and most of all its fun!

Here at Sacred Heart we also have a formalized **Religion** program. It is a fun-filled, faith-filled program. Each lesson contains activity pages, read to me pages and prayer experiences. It gives a great introduction into God's world. We are also blessed with visits from Father Rudy. The children especially love those visits.

We also implement the **Saxon Math Program**. The program uses manipulatives such as counting bears, blocks, linking cubes, etc. It is used throughout our school. It gives your child a great foundation for a life long learning in math.

Just in time for Christmas sales.... The Christmas play costume requirements are as follows:

1st grade: Sheppard's: white shirts, blue pants, robe, cloth for head piece

2nd grade: Stars: white turtleneck

3rd grade: We Three Kings: white turtlenecks, blue pants with crowns

4th grade: Angels: white turtlenecks and blue pants

5th grade: Birthday of a King Carolers: pants or skirt (no jeans), scarf and beanies

6th grade: white or green turtlenecks with blue pants

7th grade: beige turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks with blue pants



Important Dates to Remember

December	6	Mon.	Boys Soccer vs. Charter @ Morgan Hill Complex @ 4:00
	7	Tues	6th Gr. Girls BB vs. Oakwood @ SHPS @ 4:00 pm
			8th Gr. Girls BB vs. Oakwood @ SHPS @ 5:00 pm
	8	Wed	10:15 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
			6th Gr. Girls BB vs. Southside @ SHPS @ 4:00 pm
			8th Gr. Girls BB vs. Southside @ SHPS @ 5:00 pm
			Board of Limited Jurisdiction
	9	Thurs	Boys Soccer vs. San Juan @ Vets Park @ 4:00 pm
	11	Sat.	eWaste Recycling Fundraiser Event 9am-3pm @ SHPS
			8th Gr. Girls BB Tourney TBD
	12	Sun	Santa's Workshop (10-2) SHPS Gym (more

info. to follow)



It's that time again..... Registration for Spanish Classes is here! Please see the schedule and fees below: The times for all classes are 3:00 – 4:00pm with Mrs. Galvan.

Mon: 7th & 8th grade **Tue: 4th & 5th grade**

The fee for Spanish classes is \$75 Classes began November 29th and continue through Feb 12th.

Please fill out the bottom section and turn it into the school office.

Nombre: _____ Grado _____

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Amount: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

paid: _____ date: _____ attendance list" yes ___/ no _____



Christmas sparkle is as simple as L-O-V-E

Every parent loves to watch a child's eyes light up at the sight of gifts under the tree on Christmas morning. As Catholic parents, though, we know that there is so much more to Christmas than gifts, and putting the sparkle in a child's eyes is as simple as L-O-V-E.

L—Lower your activity level. More than the gifts you give, children will cherish the Christmas memories you make. Instead of feeling pressured to accept every invitation you receive, set aside extra time for your family to be together.

O—Offer alternatives. To take the focus off gift lists and toy commercials. Count down the days on a homemade Advent calendar you make together. Light an Advent wreath. Use the figures of your Nativity scene to reenact the big event. Make new decorations for your home.

V—Visit. In addition to weekend Mass, make extra visits to your church so children can enjoy the quiet. Take some Christmas cards that you have received and pray for the people who sent them.

E—Extend love to others. One of the best ways to feel love at the holidays is to give it. Many parishes offer opportunities to give gifts to needy families. Take the number of names you can afford, and involve children in choosing, wrapping, and giving the gifts.

Thoughtful Moments

Mary's "Yes"

When Mary said, "yes," to God, she accepted a significant role in his plan of salvation. To remind your family to always say "yes" to what God asks of us, during Advent place flowers in front of a statue or picture of the Mother of God.

Christmas Candle

In old Ireland, Catholics could not practice their faith in the open. On Christmas Eve, a lit candle in a window was a signal to any priest that he was welcome to celebrate Mass there. When questioned, Irish Catholics told the soldiers that the candles were to light the way for Mary and Joseph, who were looking for a place to stay.

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century)

On this day we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin. In addition to attending Mass, praying a joyful rosary is a wonderful way to celebrate.



Prayer Corner

For those who are recovering from medical injuries especially, **Rita Orlando, Brandon Scheer, Mary White, and Mrs. Bennet's niece** who recently had surgery.

For all those who are suffering from cancer especially, **Mary Jane Vierra, & Teresa Mazzuca.**

For those who passed away especially, **Emma Perreira.**

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for December 2010 is "That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help." 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



Send your favorite Spartan some **Holiday Cheer with a Candy Cane Gram !** On sale starting December 1, in Front Office or in the library during SCRIP hours (Tue/Thur). Also available at Santa's Workshop , Dec.12. Only fifty cents each, to be delivered on Dec.17. Don't forget your favorite teacher, classmate and staff member !

Sponsored by Boy Scouts of America, Pack 444, Dens 3,12. All proceeds benefit PASS.



Looking ahead....

As you find yourself organizing, de-cluttering please keep a couple of things in mind that the students/school will be requesting/collecting in the coming months....

December

Dec 1st - 10th - 8th grade Coat Drive - drop-off coats or sweaters in can provided by 8th grade homeroom

Dec. 11th eWaste - bring computers, TV's for recycling

January

Pennies

Can Food Drive

April

Aluminum Can Drive

Shoe Drive

I remember going to Science camp. I've learned a lot of things about nature. I remember Danielle making noise while Lachelle was trying to sleep. Lachelle told Danielle, "Don't make me come down there and use my karate moves on you." Danielle just said, "Ok Lachelle." Lachelle came down and while she was coming down the bunk, she fell off and everyone started laughing.



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.

Curtains for some door windows.

Install decorative film on upper windows in classroom.



Thank You to our **lunch volunteers** who continue to make lunch available for our children.

A **BIG** thank you to all our chaperones for Science Camp and drivers for the field trips this week.

Evening in Tuscany reverse drawing tickets

Don't forget to purchase your reverse draw ticket for \$75.00. The Grand prize is a \$1500 gift certificate for the Hotel Valencia in Santana Row. Come in the office and purchase a ticket or call Carla Thorning at 245-6709 to buy or sell add'l tickets.



8th Grade Corner

Dec 1st - 10th - 8th grade Coat Drive - drop-off coats or sweaters in can provided by 8th grade homeroom.

8th Grade placemats are ready for pickup in the office along with samples to see. Parents are encouraged to begin pulling photos and working on these special photo collages that are presented to the students at graduation.

Next 8th grade meeting: January

Looking for volunteers to help with repairing the music books at St. Benedicts. I would like to have 6th, 7th, and 8th students and they will be able to count this for service hours. The date were looking at is Jan. 8th. It will be at St. Benedicts starting at 12:30 (early dismissal day) to 3:00. Sign up sheet will be in the office.

Any questions you may contact Jeanette Martin at 831-840-3364 or Jacki Leung at 831-801-8501.

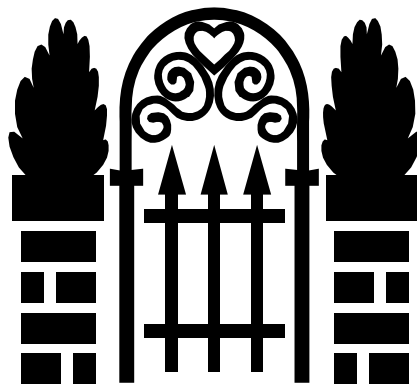


Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful



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to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of

topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated

every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture



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supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you

can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP

**Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to town!
They are bringing Santa's Workshop!!!**

Where: Sacred Heart Parish School Gym

When: Sunday, Dec. 12th 10am-2pm

**Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus!
Make craft gifts and wrap them for someone special
Coffee and Cocoa
Bake Sale**

