

# 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.

### Admission Process begins ...

Any current students with siblings that will be applying to SHPS in the fall, please fill out an application ASAP. As applications come in, they are stamped with a date, and applications are processed in date order.



*We are nearly two-thirds through our school year! It is unbelievable how quickly this year has passed. We have a lot of history behind us and much to look forward to in the coming months. This year we're going to do Spirit Week a little different. Spirit week will begin on Wednesday instead of the usual Monday and will conclude on Tuesday, often referred to as Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras), the last hurrah before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Please look at the schedule inside for further details.*

*Reenrollment packets will be mailed in the next two weeks, we will be offering the early bird discount for the registration fee again this year. As a reminder, accounts must be current and in good standing prior to reenrollment. In addition, we will be offering a referral fee that will be credited to the referring families tuition account. Newly enrolled families must acknowledge their referring family at the time of enrollment. During the month of March, assessments for new students and shadow days will be scheduled.*

*Remember, you are never alone. God is always with you. Thank God for the gift of His presence in your life.*

#### *Footprints in the Sand*

*One night, a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Scenes from his life flashed across the sky and he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. When the last scene of his life had flashed before him, he recalled that at the lowest and saddest times of his life, there were only one set of footprints, dismayed, he asked, "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. I don't understand why, when I needed you the most, you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious child. I love you and I would never leave you. During times of trial and suffering when you saw only one set of footprints... That was when I carried you."*

*Blessings,  
Mrs. Jurevich*



Don't forget to keep track of your service and fundraising hours.

They are due May 15, 2011. You can enter them in Ren-Web or pick up a sheet in the office.

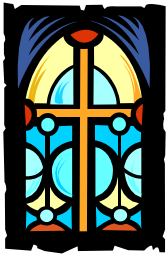
## DID YOU KNOW?

February is the month of love...and in first grade we have been talking a lot about love. Valentines were shared with everyone...and we are trying our very best to love one another as Jesus teaches us to. February is also the month we celebrate President's Day...so we have been learning a lot about our Presidents. Hands down our favorite President is Abraham Lincoln. We love him...and can't read enough about him. We got a big kick out of the fact that he was very messy and unorganized and would keep important papers in his tall hat. We have a huge "life size" Abe in our room and we enjoyed comparing our height to his. He was 6ft 4 inches tall so he's quite a bit taller than all of us! The measuring was great fun. We will be estimating how many linking cubes tall he is...the kids are very excited about that!

After reading all our books on the various Presidents, we talked about what we would do if we became President. We made a writers web and came up with some ideas. We wrote our ideas out in complete sentences and added "Presidential portraits" to our writings. They are fun to read and they look wonderful on our back bulletin board.

We had such a great time writing about Presidents, we are now working on a simple story about a "monster" like the one in our Superkids Reading book. The drafts are done and look fabulous!

Writing and reading are a first grade favorite. Pop by our room sometime and see what we've been up to!



**Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **April 29-May 1, 2011**, call 831-479-1260 or email: [Monterey@RetroCA.com](mailto:Monterey@RetroCA.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpurMarriage.com)



**Thank you everyone for making our first Volunteer Fair fabulous!** Your display tables were amazing and I hope you garnered good volunteer prospects!

Thank you to Sacred Heart Parish School!! Also, a big thank you goes out to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, confirmation and other Jr High students for helping during the event—they did an excellent job! Thank you for your generosity in offering your school to the community.

**Congratulations to our \$100 prize winners!**

St. Francis Retreat Center American Red Cross  
Compassion Pregnancy Services Hollister Downtown Association

### **8th Grade Corner (Upcoming Dates)**

**8th Grade placemats are due April 15**

**Slideshow pictures (3) are due to Mindy Scherr on a CD by March 4.**

**Next 8th grade meeting on Wednesday, March 2 @ 6:00pm.**



## Important Dates to Remember

<b>February</b>	21-25		Winter Break - <b>No School</b>
	28	Mon	Girls Soccer vs. Southside @ Vets Park @ 4:00pm
<b>March</b>	2	Wed	MIN DAY/Dr Seuss's birthday celebration
	2-8		Spirit Week begins
	3	Thur	<b>Faith Partners Mass: 9:00am</b>
			Reading Challenge Celebration
			Boys 6th Gr. Basketball vs. San Juan @ SH @ 4:00pm
			Boys 7th Gr. Basketball vs. San Juan @ SH @ 5:00pm
			Boys 8th Gr. Basketball vs. San Juan @ SH @ 6:00pm
			Girls Soccer vs. Aromas @ Vets Park @ 4:00pm
	4	Fri	End of 2nd trimester
	9	Wed	Ash Wednesday
	10	Thur	7 <sup>th</sup> grade leadership retreat @ St. Francis
			Monterey Symphony
	11	Fri	NO SCHOOL - Diocesan Inservice
	15	Tue	3rd grade - Farm Day
	16	Wed	MIN DAY/Prospective Parent Open House



### Spirit Week

**March 2nd- March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday – Dr. Seuss Day and reading with faith partners**

**Thursday – Bust a move and reading challenge prize**

**Friday – Fashion Disaster**

**Monday – Spartan Olympics**

**Tuesday – Free dress, Fat Tuesday, rally**



**Memories from the Class of 2010** - "One memory I remember is when every recess we would bring Munchies. Every recess we would eat them. Everyday, though, I had to bring them. I remember one time I brought a huge bag and so did Andrew and we never finished it. Another memory was when Isaac, Daniel, and me sat down at recess and just talked about a bunch of stuff. Every recess we would laugh a lot and our cheeks would hurt. Finally, another was when Matt, Daniel, Isaac, Andrew, and I played tag at recess.

Every time somebody would get hurt and Isaac would always fall. It would also be hard because we were constantly running and laughing.—**Patrick Frusetta**

**Scripture LESSON –Matthew 6:24-34, Useless worry.**

When Jesus became one of us, he didn't choose to live with all the comforts our world could offer. He knew what it was like to be hungry and thirsty, to wonder where he would sleep at night. So when he told us to trust God with everything, he could speak with authority and understand how we would feel when we heard his words. Jesus wanted us to truly listen and follow his words.

Jesus told us not to worry about where our next meal was coming from or where we would sleep at night. Rich or poor, having material goods doesn't make us comfortable or bring us peace. In fact, worrying about our physical needs draws attention from the inner stability that is so necessary for peace. Only God can provide what we truly need.

**What can a parent do?** Remind your children that worry is a useless activity. When they feel anxious, teach them to ask God for help and then put it out of their minds. God will take care of the rest.

**Thoughtful Moments—A Catholic library**

Whenever you have a question about the faith or how a life problem can be answered in faith, it's helpful to have a Catholic resource handy. Keep a copy on hand of the Revised Standards Version Bible, the *New American Bible* or the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (which has a great glossary in the back). Call the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Publishing division (800-235-8722) or visit the website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for more suggestions.



**Parent TALK**— As children we never missed Mass. That's why I was shocked when my brother recently declared that he doesn't take his children to Mass. "It's enough that I bring them to religious education class every week," he said. "We're too busy for Mass too."

Why would anyone teach children a religion but prevent them from practicing it? In class children learn about a Catholic's serious obligation to attend Mass and the wonderful graces we get from the Eucharist. At home, they learn that soccer practice or birthday parties come before Mass. How confusing.

I decided to send my brother a copy of *Follow the Way of Love*, a message to families from the U.S. bishops. It's about how God's love is experienced in a family and how it is supported by the whole Church. Hopefully it will help him see being Catholic as a gift and not a burden.

**Prayer Corner**

For those who are ill or injured especially,  
**Nettie Le Duc.**

For those who passed away especially, **Mr. Esqueda's father.**

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for February 2011 is "That all may respect the family and recognize it for its unmatched contribution to the advancement of society." 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.

Install decorative film on upper windows in classroom.



Thank you to our 7th and 8th graders and parent volunteers for helping set up and work the Community Volunteer Fair. All of your hard work was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our Jr. High chaperones for the Jr. High dance.

## LOST AND FOUND

The office has bowls and platters that were left from recent events. If you brought one and left it, please stop by the office, otherwise, they will be sent to St. Vincent DePaul. Thank you.



## WHY INTERNET SAFETY MATTERS:

Keeping your kids safe requires active parental engagement and real conversations about online life. In today's world, where kids turn to the Internet for just about all of their interests, education is a parent's first line of defense in keeping children safe.

- It's harder than ever for parents to keep track of what their kids are doing online. Kids today can go online from so many different sources, including video game consoles, iPhones and smart phones, and even handheld gaming devices. Young people are increasingly living their lives online, and their digital devices are some of their favorite toys and tools. Shouldn't this new playground be a safe and nice place? With your guidance, it can be. Teaching Internet safety in the elementary years will have lasting rewards for you and your kids. **Help your kids understand that they should:** Never share their names, schools, ages, phone numbers, or addresses; Never send pictures to strangers; Keep passwords private (except to parents); Never open email from strangers – it may contain viruses that can harm a computer; and Immediately tell an adult if something mean or creepy happens.



## Sacred Heart's Finest Cookbook

Enjoy the best recipes our families and friends have to offer all in one nicely bound book.

Proceeds support PASS which supports our school events and needs.

Great Gifts for coming occasions or just because!  
Only \$12 each

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How did you hear about the cookbook: Your Child \_\_\_ Pulse \_\_\_ Blast Email \_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please complete)

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