

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.

Food Drive Update

Food Drive realized 1,147 food items ranging from peanut butter, veggies, stuffing to pasta and potatoes!

Great job SHPS! Thank you for helping the less fortunate!

Winners of free dress are:

Grades. 1 & 3—Jan. 21

Grade 8—Jan. 28

Our Christmas Program donations, provided 334 items (approx. 334 lbs) of food was added to their pantry.



The beginning of a new year can be very welcome. For many it represents a fresh start, a chance to heal, or an opportunity to make things right. Others may look forward to 2011 and wonder what adventures and possibilities it will bring. I personally enjoy thinking about what God will teach me in the weeks and months to come and how I will grow closer to Him.

Of course, none of us knows what the future will actually hold. But there is one thing you and I can recognize as certain—we will be making many decisions in the days ahead. We are continually presented with choices in our families, jobs, finances, and even in our relationships with the Father. Grow in your love toward the Father. You learn to confide in the Lord more deeply by spending time with Him— by praying and reading His Word. It is crucial that you develop an intimate relationship with Him so that when hardships arise, you won't be tempted to let go of Him.

Peace and Blessings in the New Year,

Mrs. Jurevich

Save the Dates

February 4th
Grandparent's Day

February 5th
An Evening in Tuscany

April 16th
Alice in Wonderland

Evening in Tuscany

Feb. 5, 2011

reverse draw 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 at Santana Row. Come in the office and purchase tickets or call Carla Thorning at 245-6709 to buy or sell additional tickets.

Did you Know?

8th Grade Social Studies is beginning a unit on the opening of the West and the period known as Manifest Destiny, when the United States nearly tripled in territory. This rapid growth also ignited the issue of slavery, which led directly to the Civil War. Following the Civil War, 8th Graders will study America's rapid industrialization and its gradual development as a world power.

The course will be completed with a long unit on World War I.

One of the great themes in American History is how deeply enriched our country has been by our willingness, even eagerness, to open our doors to people from other shores. In keeping with this, 8th Graders will begin a research paper based on their own family immigration history. They will learn how to interview family members, research family records and documents, use a variety of internet sources, and finally, how to assemble their research into the proper format.

Speech Tournament begins this month with classroom competitions and concludes on January 26th with the Finals competition. Selection guidelines and criteria were sent home in backpacks on Friday. We are seeking classroom, semi-finals and finals judges if you have any recommendations or nominations for judges, please contact Mrs. Jurevich.

Penny Challenge begins January 10th through January 14th The Penny Challenge is a Student Council fundraiser. Money is raised for a local charity; this year's selection is the **Blue Star Moms**. The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a non-partisan, non-political organization. They do not support any political candidate, nor do they endorse any religious organization. The military represents all aspects of America as does our organization. They are mothers who now have, or have had, children honorably serving in the military. It is a non-profit (501[c]3) Veterans service organization supporting their military children while promoting patriotism.

The rules....Preschool, Pre-K, Kinder and 1st grades collect pennies within their classrooms and are exempt from all other rules. The classroom with the most money at the end of the week wins a free dress day. Grades 2 through 8 collect their own pennies. Students may bring silver coins and bills to put in other classrooms; containers to "sabotage" their count. Pennies will be totaled, Silver and green totals will be subtracted from the penny total. Highest final penny total **and** highest final money total will win a free dress day in grades 2nd through 5th and 6th through 8th.

Looking ahead....

January: Penny Challenge this week! , Can Food Drive

April: Aluminum Can Drive, Shoe Drive

Important Dates to Remember

January	10-14	Mon-Fri	Penny Challenge
	10	Mon	PASS Board meeting @ 4:15pm
	12	Wed	4th grade field trip
	13	Thur	9:00am Mass Faith Partners
			MANDATORY February fundraiser mtg @ 7:00pm
	17	Mon	Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday- No School
	19	Wed	Min. Day /Faculty Meeting
	20	Thur	9:00am Mass grades 3-5
	21	Fri	6th grade Rosicrucian field trip
			7/8th grade Tech Museum field trip
			1st & 3rd grade free dress (canned food)
	25	Tues	Speech Semi-Finals
	26	Wed	Speech Finals
	27	Thur	9:00am Mass Faith Partners
30	Sun	Catholic Schools Week begins/Children's Liturgy 10:30a	
		Open House for Prospective Families	
	31	Mon	Book Fair Week
February	4	Fri	Grandparents Day
	5	Sat	An Evening in Tuscany



Upcoming PASS Meeting January 10th

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, January 10th at 4:15pm in the school library.** Please join us to find how you can support us in any of our activities! See you then!



Many thank you's go out to:
Franz Lubick, Kevin Scalamanini, and Augie Bertao for coaching the Boys Soccer Season.
Mike Nino & John Brigantino for coaching the 8th grade girls basketball team. **Tim Sparrer** for coaching the 6th grade girls basketball team.
 Thank you all so much for giving your time and talent to coach our students.

Fishes & Loaves sent a thank you letter to the school thanking them for the \$1000.00 donation. **Way to go Spartans for your generous gift to help families in the county!**

Danielle Nino, Mrs. Scherr with team Team Scherr, Mrs. Montag, with Team Armlin for making significant progress in re-upholstering the meeting room chairs!
Thank You to all room parents and parent volunteers for making Epiphany celebrations memorable.

Tips from the Holy Family

The Bible doesn't tell us much about how Mary and Joseph raised Jesus and prepared him for his unique vocation but we can get an idea by what we know of the adult Jesus. Learn from the Holy Family how to raise a holy family, too.

Nurture virtue. During his public ministry, Jesus demonstrated the virtues of patience, persistence, hard work, honesty, devotion, and compassion. Helping children to develop these virtues will prepare them for their own unique vocations.

Give a gentle push when needed. At the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus was reluctant to perform that first public miracle but his mother knew he was ready and capable. At a gentle push from her, he made something wonderful happen.

Let God steer. When the angel told Mary of the plan God had for her life, she allowed God the use of her entire being to accomplish his goals. Teach children, through prayer and sacrifice, to let God control the direction their lives will take.

Strengthen your own faith and practice. When Jesus was young, the way Joseph lived, how he practiced his faith, and how he answered the boy's questions probably helped to form Jesus' early understanding of God. Be sure your knowledge and practice of your faith is strong so you can properly influence that of your children.

Prayer Corner

For those who are ill or injured especially, **Maryann Flores, Abigail Bedolla** and **Mrs. Picha's father.**

For all who are suffering from cancer especially, **Mary Jane Vierra** and **John Avla**

For those who are recovering from surgery especially, **Linda Sanchez.**

For all in the military especially, **Tyler Farney, Angel Esquer,** and **Ryan Limmerman.**

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for January 2011 is *"That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve 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.

Thoughtful Moments—Baptism of Jesus

The Baptism of Our Lord, January 9th this year, is the official end of the Christmas season. This is another reminder that Jesus loved us so much, he chose to share our human experience.



"Science camp was fun because I like learning with experiments. It was also fun because we got to be in a distraction free environment. Playing Block Dude and Pegs with Steven in Science was fun. It's really fun because the puzzles are entertaining and educational."- **Jack Morris**



8th Grade Corner

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



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.



Yearbook Sales

Yearbook sales begin Friday, January 7—Feb. 18, 2011 for \$35.00. On Feb. 28, 2011 yearbook prices will go up to \$45.00. Please make out checks to PASS.

For an additional \$5.00 you can have your child's school picture on the front of the yearbook for identification of their yearbook.

Don't delay, order today!!!

Epiphany-House Blessing

Items needed: chalk and a small bottle of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Tradition names the magi Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. With chalk, their initials sign this doorway, along with four crosses of the seasons, and the numerals of the new year.

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Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.*

May Christ bless this house. Amen.

Leader (or other Reader):

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians. In Christ you also are built together spiritually into a swelling place for God. The word of the Lord.

Each room is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Bring us to live with you one day in heaven. Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Kitchen:

You prepare for us a rich feast. Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Dining room:

Feed us at the heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Bedrooms:

In you alone we rest securely. Bless this room O Lord. Amen.

Bathroom:

You cleanse us from every impurity. Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

All return to the front door to pray together.

Our Father...

All are sprinkled with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Sacred Hearts 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

Name _____

Quantity _____

Total Cost _____

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