

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.

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or Thurs., December 2nd 8:00 am-Noon**



Thank you to all the families and students who took time to celebrate our Veterans, it means so much to see young people honoring and respecting those who have sacrificed so much to serve our country. Our next Children's Mass is being prepared by Mr. Strnad's seventh grade class for this **Sunday, November 14th at 5:00pm** at St. Benedict Church. Any student who attends the Children's Mass in their uniform will have free-dress the following Monday.

Save the date - December 12th for Santa's Workshop. It will be a fun time for the kids. Craft projects, pictures with Santa, yummy treats and much more!! This coming week is a very busy one, with one or more school activity, meeting or event taking place. But remember to take time to think, it is the source of power. Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth. Take time to be friendly, it gives life a delicious flavor. Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul. Take time to worship, it is the souls great need. Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.

Peace and Blessings, *Mrs. Jurevich*

Reminder: Use of Extended Care

- Students who have been taken from school for Scouts, birthday parties or any other non-school activity may not be returned to the school that day and re-enter the Extended Care program.
- Parents, or others authorized to pick the child up, are responsible for signing the student's 'time sheet' and noting the correct pick-up time on it.

Please refer to the family handbook or call the school office if you have any questions regarding Extended Care.

Did you Know? *First Grade is a busy and exciting place!*

In Religion we have been talking about the Church and how it is a Holy place. Father Rudy gave us a fabulous tour of Sacred Heart church and introduced us to lots of wonderful and Holy things in the church. It was fascinating! We have also enjoyed learning about God's special friends ~ the Saints. We heard lots of stories about their love, faith, and good deeds. We have become inspired to be Saints too!

We love our new SUPERKIDS reading program. We spend many mornings in our room singing, spelling, reading and writing about our new SUPERKIDS friends. We are busy learning lots of pattern words and memory words. We are excited about our Spelling tests...we have 10 words a week!! WOW! We've been working on alphabetical order, nouns, pronouns and verbs. We are reading lots of wonderful stories in our reading books, and then discussing and writing about the problems and the solutions. We are writing in our journals everyday and we love it!

Math in first grade is very exciting. We are busy learning lots of addition and subtraction facts and writing lots of number sentences. We love to graph things and see the end results. Everyday we count on our number strips forward and backward by 1's, by 2's and by 10's. We also count dimes and pennies. Soon we will create our First Grade store and we will "buy" things with our money. We can't wait!!

In Social Studies we have been busy studying the Native American's. It has been fun learning how they did things back in that time. We loved seeing the tools they used and guessing what they were for. It has been wonderful learning about their relationship with the pilgrims just as we are getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving. We have also been learning a lot about maps, map keys, and how to locate things on a map.

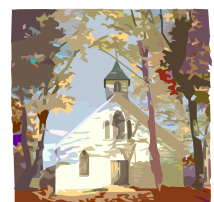
Science is getting very exciting. We are getting ready to work on our "Properties of Matter" unit. We will be busy making solid, liquid, and gas clay models. Then we will move on to our "Magnets and Compasses" unit, which involves lots of hands-on fun. Once spring arrives, we will start our "Tadpoles to Frogs" unit and then our "Insects" unit.

If you get a chance, pop by our room and see all the wonderful things we are doing in First Grade!

Thanksgiving All-School Mass

Mass will begin at 8:00 AM. Parents are asked to have your children at St. Benedict Church by 7:50 AM. If your child is in grades **PS through 3, please walk them in** and take them to their assigned seating area. Grades 4 – 8 can enter independently. Teachers will be taking attendance prior to Mass beginning. As this is a full-school liturgy, including students, staff, and teachers, there will be **no one at school to supervise children until 9:30 AM**, so please do not bring children onto campus before that time. The school office will be closed until 9:30 AM.

Parents/guardians are responsible for bringing your children to St. Benedict. If you cannot stay for the liturgy, room parents will help arrange car-pools for rides back to school. If you are planning on providing carpool back to school, please ensure you have provided the office with your DMV, insurance and license documentation.



Important Dates to Remember

November	15	Mon	Parent/Teacher conferences (PS-K) - NO SCHOOL Canned Food Drive Begins St. Francis CCC visits 8th grade
	17	Wed	Honor Roll Assembly 8:15am (5th through 8th grade) Minimum Day/Staff Meeting Boys Soccer vs. Crossroads @ Morgan Hill Complex @ 4:00 6th Gr. Girls BB vs. Aromas @ SH @ 4:00 8th Gr. Girls BB vs. Aromas @ SH @ 5:00
	18	Thur	Boys Soccer vs. Aromas @ Aromas @ 4:00 Uniform Exchange 11:30-3:30pm
	19	Fri	Canned Food Drive Ends Picture re-takes Kindergarten Feast
	22	Mon	6th Gr. Girls BB vs. Charter @ SH @ 4:00 8th Gr. Girls BB vs. Charter @ SH @ 5:00
	23	Tues	All School Thanksgiving Mass @ St. Benedicts @ 8:00am
	24-26		Thanksgiving Break
December	12	Sun	Santa's Workshop (10-2) SHPS Gym (more info. to follow)

2010 Christmas Card Contest Winners

The Department of Catholic Schools thanks all the students who participated in this years 2010 Christmas Card Contest for Diocesan Schools. Gianna K. Guerrero second grade took the prize for Grades 2-5.

A \$100 Scholarship-in-the-Arts from the Department of Catholic schools will be credited to each winners tuition balance at the school. The remaining artwork was given to Operation Yellow Ribbon Monterey for the Christmas shipment to our troops. Operation Yellow Ribbon is grateful for our students' participation.



I remember getting my 6th grade buddy and making turkeys with him. Making turkeys out of paper, I dressed mine up like a person from the 30's. It was a lot of fun. It was also fun to eat the Thanksgiving meal and singing at the graduation. I remember singing "This Land is Your Land." Marianna was my partner. I remember in the 6th grade we went to science camp. I ate about five worms. The food was really good and Chris and I played baseball. I remember going to the beach. We got to see all of the sea life. - **Danny Souza**



Good enough for Jesus....

As they raised their son, Mary and Joseph knew he was destined for greatness. Still, they probably gave him tedious chores and menial jobs necessary to help the family. The skills he acquired may not have helped during his public ministry, but the virtues of patience, persistence, hard work, and honesty that he learned by doing that work did.

The Saints invite us to their garden

Imagine that the saints in Heaven are like beautiful flowers in a garden. Each flower seems flawless and its beauty effortless but it took a lot of labor to make them so. The same is true for the saints. It took a lot of hard work to get where they are. Learning about them may help us to become saints, too.

Rooted in faith. Not every saint was holy from birth. For some, growing spiritual roots took years. The gift of faith helped them to find the garden where their roots would grow healthy and strong.

Nourished by grace. A flower needs soil and sunshine to grow. To grow in holiness during their lives, the saints relied on God’s grace, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to holiness.

Grown with love. Flowers also need food to become beautiful. Love fed the saints on Earth and feeds them still. Before he died, St. Dominic said, “Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life.” The saints join their prayers to ours and petition God for the help we need whenever we ask. They continue their efforts to bring each of us to the most beautiful garden of all.

On This Day We Celebrate:

Nov. 9-10-

Krystallnacht. The Holocaust began on this night in 1938. Pray for all those who died in concentration camps or who suffer persecution even today.

Nov. 10—Pope St. Leo, the Great (461). Pope St. Leo helped the Church stay united despite attacks from false teachers and warring tribes. He is famous for his explanations of the faith.



Bringing the Sunday Gospels Home

Nov. 14-Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 21:5-19: In today’s Gospel Jesus talks about what the future will be like; he talks of earthquakes and great signs. As a teacher, Jesus spoke like this to help his followers be strong. He didn’t want them (or us) to be afraid, because he would always be taking care of us.

Day	Theme Day	
Mon., 11/15	Pop Top Cans	Ravioli, Vienna sausage, soups, peanut butter, SPAM
Tue., 11/16	Baby formula	Care items for babies. Enfamil and Similac are most nutritious brands
Wed., 11/17	Thanksgiving items	Cranberry sauce, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned yams, pumpkin
Thur., 11/18	Bag Day	Bags (packages) of pasta, flour, sugar, rice, beans and grains
Fri., 11/19		Bring it all in!!!!



Cybercitizen Spotlight

PROTECT OUR PRIVACY -- PROTECT OUR KIDS

In today's online and mobile world, our students can share more about themselves than ever before. Sharing and social networking have benefits, but they also make our personal information very public and available to unintended audiences and third parties such as marketers. And once information goes online, it's incredibly difficult to remove.

Because kids and teens are so comfortable in the online world, they often reveal more than they realize. A Common Sense poll revealed that 79% of teens think their friends share too much online, and 92% of parents worry about this oversharing and how the information can be used.



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

Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Exchange will take place on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 11:30-3:30 in the library. If you would like to see if we have a specific uniform size, please email Marie Petersen (mariethebroker@yahoo.com) .

Helpers are needed for the exchange. Please call the office or email Marie if you are interested in helping.



Prayer Corner

For those who are ill, especially, **Mrs. Connors, Dominic & Alex Garcia's grandma, Mr. Al Gonzales, and Mr. Strnad's continued good health.**

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

For all the local businesses who cooperate with our school and support our effort, especially the staff of **Gizdich Ranch.** May their attention to our 8th grade fundraiser come back to them in countless blessings.

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for November 2010 is "That victims of drugs or of other dependence may, thanks to the support of the Christian community, find in the power of our saving God strength for a radical life-change". 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 (both) entrances of the main school building.

Curtains for some door windows.

Remove old window screens.

Install decorative film on upper windows in classroom.



Thank You **Bill and Eileen Healy**, another terrific Parent Info Night we truly appreciate your time and talent.

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

Thank you to **Mrs. C** for arranging to have our students participate in the Veteran's Day ceremony.

THANK YOU!

8th Grade Corner

On **November 15th**, St Francis Central Coast Catholic will be at SHPS at **noon to present to 8th grade** students. Their campus **Open House** is **Sunday, November 21st** from **1 to 4pm** in Watsonville.

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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.

The Sacred Heart Parish School Class of 2011 Legacy Gift Fundraiser

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Quantity	Total
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Total Due	\$ _____

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Thank you for supporting the Sacred Heart Parish School Class of 2011