

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.

GIZDICH PIE PICK-UP ON TUESDAY

Those who purchased pies through the 8th grade fundraiser can pick them up this **Tuesday, November 23 from 11am-12:30pm or from 2:30-6pm.**

Please park your vehicle and come to the foyer of the gym to pick up your pies (we don't want to cause a back-up in the parking lot at release time.) Any stray pies left at 6pm Tuesday will be donated to the Marley Holte Thanksgiving dinner. The 8th grade class sincerely appreciates everyone who supported this Legacy Gift Fundraiser!



As you prepare to celebrate our uniquely American feast of Thanksgiving Day, please welcome God to the table—and remember those who may be short on abundance this year. So many people are out of work right now and families are struggling. The recession has left empty spaces in homes that once felt secure.

If you can, continue to contribute to the local food drives or bring a meal to someone who may be too proud to ask. I hope you will. Encourage people you know to join you. Thanksgiving is a time to recall our blessings—and share whatever we can with the less fortunate. We can live our faith each day.

Remember your departed loved ones on Thanksgiving Day, our Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and friends serving far from home send them our blessings, too—and thanks. When we kneel to thank God for all that is good, remember those less fortunate in your prayers. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Please see Christmas Program attire later in the Pulse. Also, if anyone has white string lights (not icicle) to donate or loan for the Christmas program, it would be greatly appreciated. We are also in need of production lights for the Christmas program. If you can help in any way, please contact the office.

Many blessings for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Jurevich

MARDI GRAS REVERSE DRAWING TICKETS

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR REVERSE DRAWING 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.



Spring Production

San Benito Stage company is crediting our ticket purchase for "How to Succeed In Business" toward a spring production with their sincerest apologies.



Did you Know? The fourth graders this year have chosen a class charity. The students have chosen to support The Passionist Brothers with their efforts in Haiti . Either by doing chores to earn money or by praying for the Brothers' efforts, the students are committed to answering Jesus' call to service.

Fourth graders study the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments, so it is fitting that they take a more active role in helping those less fortunate than themselves. Additionally, our school virtue for the month of November is Love and Charity. It is evident that the fourth graders at Sacred Heart are learning and putting into practice this virtue.

Just in time for Black Friday shopping and 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



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	23	Tues	All School Thanksgiving Mass @ St. Benedicts @ 8:00am 6th Gr. Girls BB vs. San Juan @ San Juan @ 4:00 8th Gr. Girls BB vs. San Juan @ San Juan @ 5:00
	24-26		Thanksgiving Break
	30- Dec. 3		6th Gr. Science Camp
December	11	Sat.	eWaste Recycling Fundraiser Event 9am-3pm @ SHPS
	12	Sun	Santa's Workshop (10-2) SHPS Gym (more info. to follow)

Reminder: Use of Extended Care

- Students who have been taken from school for any non-school activity may not be returned to the school that day and enter or 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 for billing purposes.

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

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 _____



Scripture Lesson—Matthew 24:37-44, “Is He here yet?”

We know Jesus came more than 2,000 years ago and we will celebrate that arrival next month during the Christmas season. What we don't know, and must be ready for, is when He will come again. In this reading, He urges all His followers to be ready for whenever He comes again. That is what Advent is all about: anticipating our Lord, wondering at the mystery of His coming, and marveling at the light of His glory when he arrives.

What can a parent do? Help your family prepare for Jesus. Start by resolving as a family to avoid sin. Go to confession together. Make a concerted effort to be considerate of each other, do assigned chores, show extra patience. Then, light the Advent wreath and pray together each night during the season. Either come up with your own prayer service, or pray a family Rosary.

Finally, savor the Bible story of Jesus' coming. Marvel over the Annunciation. Exclaim over the Visitation. Celebrate the Birth. When Christmas finally arrives, the whole family will share in its wonder and excitement together.

**Parent Talk**

For years my children have begged for a dog and for years I resisted. I bought fish and even hermit crabs, but they were poor substitutes. Finally, I agreed to consider a dog. Promises were made, responsibilities assigned and, after endless discussions, we got a small white dog we named, “Lucy.”

I didn't grow up with a dog but figured she would be a cheery presence. In fact, Lucy is the furry hug when someone is sad and a source of delight when she learns a new trick. That, I expected.

What I didn't expect was how a dog would help my children learn to live their faith. All three are slowly putting Lucy's needs before their own. They feed her, fill her water bowl, teach her, and care for her when she isn't feeling well. They are learning patience, charity and kindness by caring for one of God's creatures

**Thoughtful Moments—About Advent**

“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.” Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI). *Seek that Which Is Above*

On This Day We Celebrate:

Nov. 21—Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Luke 23:35-43: As we celebrate the last Sunday of the Church year, we hear a story about Jesus' great love. When he was suffering and dying, he reached out in love to the man we now call “the good thief.” Jesus promised him eternal life in heaven.

Nov. 28—First Sunday of Advent Matthew 24:37-44: In today's Gospel, which is the beginning of our new liturgical year, Jesus tells us to be awake and be prepared for him.

Food Drive Update

Food Drive realized 1,147 food items ranging from peanut butter, veggies, stuffing to pasta and potatoes! Good job SHPS! Thank you for helping the less fortunate!

Winners of a free dress day are:

PS-1 Category:
1st Grade

2nd-5th Category:
3rd Grade

6-8th Category:
8th Grade

Date to be determined.



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 and staff member !

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



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 those recovering from surgery, especially, **Mr. Rivas, Mrs. Bennet's niece.**

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

And for the family of **Jordan West.**

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.

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



My favorite class memory was science camp because we really got to know what each other liked and disliked and how each person reacted to being outdoors. We all spent the week together learning in an interactive way. We also got closer. I also enjoyed hanging out with Mikayla on the blue border of the small playground. We used to

talk for the entire recess about things happening at school and at home.-

Steven Johst

eWaste Recycling Fundraiser Event Sat., Dec. 11, 2010 9am—3pm

SHPS Parking Lot

Please recycle your old TVs, computers (CPU), monitors and other electrical devices at Sacred Heart Parish School's parking lot on December 11th from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. Funds raised will be used to help for technology improvements in the classroom.

For more information please call 637-4157.



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.

Remove old window screens.

Install decorative film on upper windows in classroom.



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

Thank you to **Marie Petersen** and **Anni Zanger** for doing our Uniform Exchange

THANK YOU!

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8th Grade Corner

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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.

Next 8th grade meeting, December 2nd @ 7:00pm

Congratulations to Hollister Pride U11 Girls Soccer Team took **1st place** this past weekend at **District Cup**.

Cassie Moreno, Kieley Hoskins, Nicole Andrade, Lauren Sabbattini

Claire Gastello, Coach Sammy Moreno (SHPS alumni)

Despite the cold, rain, hail, and wind the girls were able to persevere to become champions. Way to go girls.....



The Sacred Heart Parish School Class of 2011 Legacy Gift Fundraiser

Preorder now for the Holidays Christmas Poinsettias

Large (6.5 in. pot)
Prestige Red Poinsettia
\$10 ea. or 6/\$55



Pick up @ Sacred Heart Parish School Gym/Parking Lot
Wed., December 1st 2:00-5:30 or Thurs., December 2nd 8:00 am-Noon

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Poinsettia Preorder

(Please include payment with order form)

Please make checks payable to: SHPS Legacy Gift Fund

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Selling Student: _____

Quantity	Total
_____ x \$10 Single Poinsettias	\$ _____
_____ x \$ 55 (Six) Poinsettias	\$ _____
Total Due	\$ _____

Return order forms to Sacred Heart Parish School office no later than 11/29/10. For any questions please call Judy (831) 801-8011 Or Liz (408) 804-3645

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