

# 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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Pausing for gratitude - "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow." - Melody Beattie

This coming week we will celebrate Veteran's Day, truly a time to show gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy. Once again this year, Mrs. C has arranged for our students to participate in the Veteran's Day ceremonies. Please let the office know if your child will participate. Arrive at the alley behind the band at the Veterans Building at 10:35. The band will perform at 10:35 and SHPS students will perform at 11:00. Please pick up your child immediately following their performance and enjoy the celebration beginning at 11:11am. Skye Lompa will be performing the Star Spangled Banner. We hope to see you there.

May gratitude find a place in your daily thoughts during this coming blessed season.

Peace and Blessings, *Mrs. Jurevich*

### PIE SALE CLOSED

Due to overwhelming demand, the 8th Grade Gizdich Pie Sale is now closed. We have reached the maximum number of pies that Gizdich can provide for us during the week of Thanksgiving. Thanks to everyone who supported the 8th Grade Legacy fund with a pie purchase. We'll see you Tuesday, November 23 for pie pick-up!



## Did you Know?

**Pre Kindergarten** and **Kindergarten** are beginning to learn how to manipulate the mouse by visiting websites especially geared for young children new to computers. The websites include [www.sheppardsoftware.com](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com) (PreK- K) and Playground at [www.funbrain.com/brain/SweepsBrain/sweepsbrain.html](http://www.funbrain.com/brain/SweepsBrain/sweepsbrain.html). The activities allow the children to have practice clicking on the left or right sides of the mouse and to click and drag the cursor around the screen.

Students in grades first through fifth have been visiting a new website: [www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

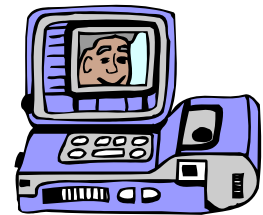
*"ABCya! games and activities incorporate content areas such as math and reading while **introducing basic computer skills**. Many of the **kindergarten** and **first grade** games are equipped with sound to enhance understanding."* The games and activities are arranged in grade level sections to challenge all the students.

Ultrakey is the main focus for the students in **grade three**. Students are learning how to properly keyboard by placing their fingers on "home row." Third graders can practice at home to reinforce what they have been learning in the computer lab by typing their weekly spelling words. Also students can visit: <http://www.powertyping.com/qwerty/lessonsg.html> to work on improving their typing skills.

**Fourth graders** are learning how to enter data and create a graph using an Excel spreadsheet. The students' graphs will be posted in the hallway next week for viewing.

The **fifth graders** are learning to use the Internet to research and learn about different cities located in our country. Their information will be used in different ways: to type a short essay and to create an informative PowerPoint presentation.

If you and your family have favorite, helpful websites, I would love to use them in the computer lab. You can email me at [mtiller@sacredheartschool.org](mailto:mtiller@sacredheartschool.org) .



### 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....

#### November

Can Food Drive (15th - 19th)

#### December

8th grade Coat Drive

eWaste: computer recycling (11th)

#### January

Pennies

Can Food Drive

#### April

Aluminum Can Drive

Shoe Drive

## Important Dates to Remember

|   |                 |    |      |   |
|---|-----------------|----|------|---|
|  | <b>November</b> | 8  | Mon  | Parent Info Night - PS - 3rd grade @ 6:30pm<br>6th Gr. Girls BB vs. Southside @ SH @ 4:00<br>8th Gr. Girls BB vs. Southside @ SH @ 5:00 |
|   |                 | 9  | Tues | Fun Night wrap-up @ 6:30pm  |
|   |                 | 10 | Wed  | Min. Day/Faculty Meeting<br>Boys Soccer vs. Aromas @ Vets Park @ 4:00   |
|   |                 | 11 | Thur | NO School - Veteran's Day   |
|   |                 | 12 | Fri  | Hearing screening   |
|   |                 | 13 | Sat  | <i>Celebrating Catholic Education</i>   |
|   |                 | 14 | Sun  | Children's Liturgy 5:00pm   |
|   |                 | 15 | Mon  | Parent/Teacher conferences (PS-K)   |

### The Best of Sacred Heart

PASS is putting together a cookbook of all your best recipes!

Deadline: Nov. 12th.

How: Email - Bmontag22@gmail.com or drop them by the office on a 3 x 5 card.

You may give your own touches to the recipe (ie-Johnny's Favorite Moo Burger, by Suzie Q grade 3, by Great Grandma Jones etc.)

Share as many as you would like. PASS will compile these into a nice cookbook. Proceeds will benefit our sponsored events and school!



Thank You!! The PASS Board

**Sacred Heart Foundation  
presents**

*Celebrating Catholic Education*

*November 13, 2010*

*San Juan Oaks Golf Club*

*Tickets are available in the Office*

*\$65/Person (Tax Deductible)*

### *Celebrating Catholic Education - Awardees*

**Robert (Bob) Bianchi:** member of the Sacred Heart Parish School Board; proud father of two Sacred Heart Parish School alumni; and active supporter of the Sacred Heart School Foundation.

**Eileen McCullough:** former Sacred Heart Parish School faculty member; parent / grandparent of ten Sacred Heart Parish School students / alumni; and long-time volunteer in both the parish and the school.

**Fulton Picetti:** native son with a long-standing family tradition in San Benito County; active participant in a variety of local organizations; and • generous contributor to the Sacred Heart Parish School Scholarship Fund.

My favorite memory of Sacred Heart is becoming good friends again with Zack Hicks. We were best friends in kindergarten. Now we're best friends again. My next favorite memory was meeting Kelsey Slavich. She's like my long lost sister. She makes me laugh all the time. I can tell her anything and she always makes it funny. I thank her for all the hilarious moments we've had together and I can't wait for moments to come. My last favorite memory of Sacred Heart is going to mass. I can't get communion, and I'm not baptized. I didn't even know how to do the sign of the cross. But, I've learned so much being here, and met so many new people who have changed me. After I graduate I hope to become a catholic.-**Mary Alameda**



**Pray, pray, pray**

Raising Catholic children to love and serve God and know their faith isn't easy. I It may be our job, but it is also god's work. Making time for prayer acknowledges that God is in charge of the process. It is during prayer that he can offer us comfort and guidance in our important work.

***Why do Catholics Do That? - Why do Catholics offer Masses for the dead?***

From the days of the early Church, Catholics have been encouraged to pray and sacrifice for the dead. Praying for souls in Purgatory helps them pass through faster.

"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Et us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them" Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1032).

**"Does God love me less when I sin?"**

Children often worry that they become unlovable when they do something wrong. It may help to remind them that God's love can't be lost. Imagine God's love as a bright light shining in the window. We can close our eyes or pull down a shade to keep the light from shining on us. The light still shines, but we can't experience it because we have shut it out. Sin shades our hearts from God's love, but the love still shines. Removing sin helps us bask fully in the light. That's one of the reasons why Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Receiving absolution and being assured of God's forgiveness opens our shuttered hearts so we can receive God's love again. God's love doesn't depend upon our actions. Remember the parable Jesus told of the prodigal son (Luke 15)? No matter how bad the son's behavior, his father forgave him completely the moment he asked. That's how God feels about us. He is ready to forgive us with complete love

***Feasts & Celebrations***

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

***Bringing the Sunday Gospels Home***

**Nov. 7 - Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38:** Some of the people, the Sadducees, try to trick Jesus in today's Gospel. Because they didn't believe in the Resurrection, it was hard for them to hear anything Jesus was saying. To encourage them to think beyond their concerns about this life, Jesus told them that in the life in the world to come there would be no marriages; all our relationships will be centered in God.

**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.

**On This Day We Celebrate:**

**Nov. 5—Zachariah and Elizabeth.** The parents of John the Baptist, tradition calls this couple the aunt and uncle of Jesus. Send a greeting card to the aunts and uncles in your family today.

**Nov. 9-10-Krstallnacht.** The Holocaust began on this night in 1938. Pray for all those who died in concentration camps or who suffer persecution even today.





### 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.



### Have you ever noticed...

**CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WHO THRIVE AND SUCCEED IN LIFE HAVE CERTAIN SKILLS IN COMMON?** Your children and adolescents will learn the 8 essential skills to a happy and healthy emotional life:

- Recognize FEELINGS
- Strong DECISION-MAKING
- Good COMMUNICATION
- Practice ANGER MANAGEMENT
- High SELF-ACCEPTANCE
- Take RESPONSIBILITY
- Ability to PROBLEM-SOLVE
- Lasting FRIENDSHIPS

### WHAT IS EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE (EQ)?

Are you asking yourself, "What is EQ?" Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is a person's ability to recognize one's own emotions and the emotions of others, and to respond to those emotions in a healthy way.

Learn how to raise/recognize your own EQ and that of your child's at the:

*Parent Information Night*  
*SHPS Library*  
*EQ with Eileen Healy*  
*Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*Preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*  
*6:30PM - 8:00PM*

*Ask questions and get advice.*

### Prayer Corner

For those who are ill, especially, **Mary Jane vierra, Teresa Mazzuca, Chanel's cousin.**

For all those who have recently died, Jarod's Grandpa **Onecimo Solis.**

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



A special thank you goes out to our fantastic and fabulous football coaches:

Roy Iler-7th Gr.

Dave Murray- 7th Gr.

Al Gonzalez-8th Gr.

Thanks for a great season.

Thank you to everyone who participated in donating items to the Blue Star Moms. We collected more than a dozen boxes of items to send to our troops. Many thanks from Student Council.

### San Benito Street Art Academy

Please call Evelyn Pogrowski @ 760-6404 to sign up for Art classes. A variety of classes being offered. Located at 890 San Benito St., Hollister—Next to Hazel's.

### *8th Grade Corner*

Those 8th grade students interested in scheduling a **sneak peek appt on Wed Nov 10th from 9:30 to 1pm should contact Mandy at Notre Dame** as soon as possible to schedule, ph 751-1850. and "please note that this is scheduled on a minimum day and carpooling is being arranged."

**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.

### Palma Special Recognition

CSF "Life Members" are those students who have qualified and applied for membership based on grades earned during 4 of their sophomore, junior, and senior semesters. All of the students who had Spring 2010 semester grades and who qualified are:

#### Grade 10

*Dominic Zanger*

#### Grade 11

*Nathaniel Zanger*

#### Grade 12

*Tucker Carrillo-Zazueta*

The Sacred Heart Parish School Class of 2011 Legacy Gift Fundraiser

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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 | \$ _____        |
| <b>Total Due</b>                | <b>\$ _____</b> |

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