

The PULSE

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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.

This year we are trying something new, once again changing things up. As always, I am open to comment after we have tried it out. This year our Sunday Children's liturgies **may not** be on Sunday at 10:30am! In an effort to accommodate family Mass attendance and increase awareness in our parish we will be celebrating Mass at times other than 10:30am. The school liturgy schedules are on the school website under **our Students** then proceed to **Faith Formation** section. The Children's Liturgy schedule will rotate through the English Masses. Please check out the schedule and make note for your child's grade.

Students in grades 2—8 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) from 8:00 to 9:30am on September 20-24. Due to the importance of this testing, parents are asked **not to make doctor or dental appointments for your children during these dates/times**. You are also asked to make sure that students are not tardy on those days. In order to comply with testing procedures, there will be **NO INTERRUPTIONS** to classes during testing hours. This means that students in Grades 2-8 who arrive late to school will have to wait in the office until 9:30am. It also means that there will be no PE, computer or music classes from 8:00-9:30, and the office will not use the intercom or PA System.

Food and sleep are the best preparation for testing, please help your child to do his/her best by making sure they have sufficient rest, eat breakfast and arrives **on time**. *Peace and Blessings,*

Mrs. Jurevich

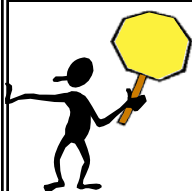


Lunch servers needed!

11:00am - 12:45

Please complete lunch ordering online via RenWeb and the Lunchmaster website.

This will be your **only paper copy** of **The Pulse unless you have requested a paper copy** from the office or your child's teacher. *The Pulse* is available on the school website and is emailed to all families.



PLEASE! PLEASE!

Do not drop off your children in the crosswalk in front of the school. It is unsafe. Please safely park or use the drive-thru lane.

Lunch Reminder

As stated in the Family Handbook, and in consideration for other students, please **DO NOT** send fast-food, sodas, energy and sugar-filled drinks, or candy for lunches. Thank you for your compliance.



Cybercitizen Spotlight: Nip Digital Drama in the Bud

"Turn off the TV!" "No more Club Penguin!" "No Facebook 'til you're 14!" Sound familiar? Welcome to the world of digital drama -- where cell phones, TV shows, video games, and the Web create a standoff between kids and parents. But it doesn't have to be this way.

How can you avoid a confrontation that can evolve from Elmo to online games to texting at the dinner table faster than you can say OMG? Beginning when your kids are young, you can help reduce the charge that these issues have by offering alternatives for stuff you're comfortable with. Here are the most common media stand-offs at every age -- and how to nip them in the bud.

Solutions for Every Age: Preschool

"Mommy, can I watch another show? Please, please, please?"

Preschoolers love TV -- and love to watch their favorite characters again and again and again. But there's a reason why the American Association of Pediatrics **recommends only small daily doses**. Too much TV has been linked to a host of negative consequences, like lower school readiness, attention-deficit disorder, and obesity.

Try this: If you let your preschooler sit in front of the tube alone, she'll naturally want to watch whatever's coming on next. So watch with your kids, **choose quality shows, and turn the TV off when the show is over**. Then ask your child to draw a picture of what he or she watched. (Also, think about watching shows via DVR or on-demand to skip the commercials.)

ITBS TESTING

ITBS testing begins next Monday, September 20, 2010 for Grades 2-7. Test time is allocated beginning at 8:00am to 9:30am. It is *very* important for **students to arrive on time at 7:50am. We ask parents to support our effort in preparing students for the test by making an extra effort to ensure children get sufficient rest and eat a good breakfast everyday but particularly during our testing days.**

Three of the fundamental purposes for testing are (1) to identify students' areas of relative strength and weakness in subject areas, (2) to monitor year-to-year growth in the basic skills, and (3) to describe each student's developmental level within a test area. By administering the test at the beginning of the year, we are able to develop learning plans as needed. In addition to evaluating individual students, we also use the results to help evaluate curriculum. If one class/grade shows a particular weakness, we will use that to help adjust course content in that area *during this year and next year*.

As a *nationwide test*, the ITBS forms a comparison of students to their peers from *all states*, a result that is more accurate than many other tests.

SHPS Fair Booth

We need parents to staff our school booth at the San Benito County Fair. It's a great opportunity to share your school spirit, earn service hours and have some fun. Please contact the office or Miss Tiller directly to sign-up.

Free Dress

Students who wear their uniform to the Fair and check-in at the booth will receive a free dress pass.

Important Dates to Remember

September	20	Mon	ITBS Testing Begins Grs. 2-8 7th Gr. Flag Football SH vs. Spring Grove @ Spring Grove @ 4:45PM PASS Meeting @ 4:15PM
	21	Tues	Flag Football– Crossroads vs. SHPS @ Morgan Hill Complex 7th Gr. @ 4:00, 8th Gr. @ 4:45
	22	Wed	7th Gr. Girls VB San Juan vs. SH @ San Juan @ 4:00 8th Gr. Girls VB San Juan vs. SH @ San Juan @ 5:00
	23	Thurs	Picture Day grades PS-7th Library time for Preschool 4 and PreK Fun Night Committee Mtg @ 6:30pm
	27	Mon	7th Gr. VB Spring Grove vs. SH @ Spring Grove @ 4:00 8th Gr. VB Spring Grove vs. SH @ Spring Grove @ 5:00
	29	Wed	Min. Day/Faculty Meeting
	30	Thurs	9:00am Liturgy (Grs. 2, 6-8)
October	1	Fri	Fair Begins-School in-session



Oops!! Sincere apologies for publication of the wrong date for PASS meeting. Thank you to the Moms who attempted to attend.

Upcoming PASS Meeting September 20th

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, September 20th 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!

New to SCRIP

- Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning
- JJ's Burger and Dona Marias



SCRIP sales have begun on Tuesday/Thursday morning and afternoon. Shop eScrip merchants using your registered cards. Visit www.escrip.com. SHPS ID number is 138335084. For questions, call Mrs. Gibbs.



Now every time you shop at **Safe-way** and purchase eligible Labels for Education products with your **eScrip Card**, SHPS will automatically receive Labels for

Education points deposited directly into Labels for Education account.

It's easier than ever to help support **SHPS**. Anyone can earn e-Labels for Education points by simply shopping at **Safeway** stores. So don't forget to tell your friends and family about the program so they can begin to **Click, Earn and Help Them Learn!**

Check back from time to time to see how many points you have accumulated for **SHPS**. Your points will be automatically deposited into the Labels for Education bank account of the school of your choice upon purchase of qualifying Labels for Education products.

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....

September

Halloween decorations

October

Care packages for Troops

November

Can Food Drive

December

8th grade Coat Drive

January

eWaste: computer recycling
Pennies
Can Food Drive

April

Aluminum Can Drive
Shoe Drive

Open positions for Fun Night
Co-chair
Decorating Committee
Ticket Sales
Haunted House Committee

Seeking sponsors:
Balloon twist/Face Painting
Event Sponsors



Student Council News

This year Student Council has selected, South Bay Blue Star Moms. South Bay Blue Star Moms is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-discriminatory organization. Our mission is to support fellow Blue Star Members, their sons, daughters and any other family members who are currently serving or have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Beginning October 4-October 8, Student Council will be collecting the following items to help enable South Bay Blue Star Moms to ship care packages to our troops who are currently serving abroad. If you can donate toiletries, non-perishable food items, International Calling Cards, travel sized games, puzzles, word searches, DVD movies or Music CD's, it would be greatly appreciated.



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".

The bottom **cushions of the chairs** in the meeting room are in need of recovering. Anyone interested? Please contact the school office.

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 to Mrs. Sicoli, Mrs. Angulo, Mrs. Alipaz, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Scherr, Mrs. Donati, Mrs. Laib, Mrs. Gibbs, and Mrs. Jurevich for volunteering to serve lunches.

THANK YOU!

If you have a school age child who has **not** been baptized, please contact Jeanmarie Centeno to make arrangements. She can be reached at 524-3715.



Coaches Corner

Al Gonzales Roy Iler
Dave Murray

Thank you to these 3 men who have stepped up and volunteered to coach our Boys Flag Football teams.



Yearbook Co-Coordinator needed

The Yearbook coordinators are the creative talents in the creation of the yearbook design and layout. These talented individuals give of their time and talent to provide a lasting memory for our students. If you are interested, please contact the office or Dolora Hiura.



Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 20-St. Andrew Kim Taegon, St. Paul chong Hasang and companions (1839 to 1867). At this time in Korea, almost all contact with the outside world was forbidden, making it difficult and dangerous to spread the Gospel. Andrew and Paul, 98 Koreans and three French missionaries refused to renounce their faith or stop evangelizing and were martyred between 1839 and 1867.

Prayer Corner

For those who are ill especially, **Clay Lee**.

For **Mrs. Petersen**, who is recovering from surgery.

For **Tammy Donovan** and **Miss. Rendle's** brother who passed away.

For all those suffering from asthma, allergies & other problems with their lungs. May the breath of the Holy Spirit bring comfort to their days.

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 September 2010 is "**That in less developed parts of the world the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts, encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress.**" 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.



School Liturgical schedule is available on the website:
www.sacredheartschool.org