

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.

SHPS LUNCH SERVICE

As with all endeavors at SHPS it takes a core group of dedicated people to get things rolling. Our lunch program is no exception. With the time and talents of a few very dedicated parents, SHPS staff, (and a grandparent!) we have been successfully serving lunch since September.

In order to keep our program going we need your help. If you can serve one day a month, once a week or whatever your schedule can afford - we'll take it! We are hoping to have a schedule for the rest of the school year before Christmas vacation. We would love to see some new faces added to our lunch program so please contact Maria Donati at 801-8323 or let the office know days & times you are available ASAP!



Way to Watch... "And Mary said, 'There were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.' " -Luke 2:8-9

Watch for the signs of Jesus all around you each day. Watch for the opportunity to hold a door for the next person, or help carry something heavy, or take in someone's garbage bins. Watch for the chance to offer a compliment, or to share a seat at the ballpark or to give away a treat. Each night at dinner, take turns describing the ways you saw Jesus in others. Watch for ways to be Jesus to those around you each day. Watch for opportunities to say "Hi" to someone who looks lonely, or cheer up a crying child, or to clean up a mess that you didn't make. Offer these moments up to Jesus in silent prayer at dinner each night. Or write those moments on slips of paper and add them as cushion for Baby Jesus in the manger in your Nativity scene. These and many more are examples of how we show *Christ is Alive* at Sacred Heart Parish School.

Just a reminder to help your child(ren) earn a dollar or more for our Adopt-a-Family, by helping out around the house or yard. This will underscore the importance of sharing one's talent and time as well as one's treasure. This project is one which lends itself to family discussion, both about *how blessed we are* and *how important it is to reach out to those in need*.

For the Christmas programs, price of admission is a non-perishable food item donations for Fishes and Loaves Program. Blessings,

Mrs. Jurevich

eWaste Recycling Fundraiser Event

Sat., Dec. 11, 2010

9am-3pm SHPS Parking Lot

Did you Know?

Did you know that the 6th graders in Junior High just completed the Global Children's Challenge? The Global Children's Challenge is a health initiative designed to get children from all over the world active, and instill in them the habit and importance of daily exercise for the rest of their lives .

From September 29th to November 17th (50) days our 6th grade students wore pedometers to track their steps. They set a goal of trying to reach at least 10,000 steps per day, many of our students reached this without any difficulty. We tracked our steps and watched as we walked around the world on the Global Children's Challenge website.

Junior High PE has been moving right through their sports this year. So far they have a completed their volleyball unit with a mini tournament at the end of the unit to determine the overall championships team. One of their favorite games is King and Queen of the court. In Junior High having bragging rights is a must, and this particular game is one of their favorites.

Following volleyball and the good weather still hanging around this gave us the opportunity to go outside and begin our unit of flag football. Flag football is always a favorite of the student's boys and girls alike. Now that the weather is beginning to change we are back inside beginning our basketball ball unit, just in time for the girl's season to start. Junior High will also compete in the Elks Hoop Shoot contest at the end of November. Our School will send our winners on to compete with other students in the county.

Spring sports that are coming up will be soccer, hockey, softball, track and lacrosse.

Just in time for Christmas 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



Important Dates to Remember

December	11	Sat.	eWaste Recycling Fundraiser Event 9am-3pm @ SHPS 8th Gr. Girls BB Tourney TBD
	12	Sun	Santa's Workshop (10-2) SHPS Gym Children's Liturgy @ 10:30am
	13	Mon	Boys Soccer vs. Southside @ Southside @ 4:00pm 6th Gr. Girls BB vs. Spring Grove @ SH @ 4:00pm 8th Gr. Girls BB vs. Spring Grove @ SH @ 5:00pm
	14	Tues	6th Gr. Girls BB vs. Pacific West @ SH @ 4:00pm 8th Gr. Girls BB vs. Pacific West @ SH @ 5:00pm
	15	Wed	Christmas Program @ 10:30 (ECE) 6:30pm (1-8)
	16	Thurs	Boys Soccer vs. Spring Grove @ Vets Park @ 4:00pm
	17	Fri	Min. Day/ NO EXTENDED CARE due to Staff Luncheon



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 2:13-15, 19-23, God protects the family.

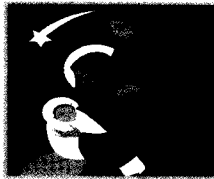
Nativity scenes usually show Mary and Joseph calmly kneeling beside Jesus' crib surrounded by adoring shepherds and tame animals. It's a peaceful scene, and probably pretty far from reality.

Mary and Joseph traveled in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a trip that took a few days to a week of straight travel. On foot or by donkey, it was a dirty, exhausting journey. Once there, they couldn't find room in an inn and had to lay the newborn in a manger. After a short time, the family fled from Israel to Egypt to escape danger.

The Holy Family had its share of pain and difficulties much like our own experience. Yet Scripture tells us that Mary and Joseph found strength from their faith in God and were guided by his Word. We can do the same.

What can a parent do?

Tell your children that Jesus' birth and the Holy Family's escape to Egypt is further proof that God always keeps his promises. When we lean on him, God promises to lead us to safety.

**Parent Talk**

Our daughter has Epilepsy and was recently hospitalized with uncontrolled seizures. Her prognosis was awful; the doctor predicted brain damage and personality changes. In fact, we left the hospital four days later with a completely recovered Tessa. I was giddy with gratitude.

While in the hospital, I appreciated the notes of support and gifts from friends and family. What touched me most, however, was the attention we got from strangers. It was nothing big—just crafts to do together or little stuffed animals for Tessa to hug. They came from people who wanted to comfort families with hospitalized children.

Tessa's recovery was miracle. Out of gratitude, we will join the foundation that organizes Christmas gifts for pediatric patients and try to give someone else the comfort that means so much to us. On his birthday, it's the best way I can think to honor the most miraculous infant of all.

Thoughtful Moments

A Visible Sign—To remind yourselves that Christmas is coming, wear a visible sign of the season. Make a pin out of felt and a safety pin or string a small ornament on a ribbon as a necklace. Wear it until Christmas Day.

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego and asked him to have the bishop of Mexico build a chapel for her. As a sign, she had St. Juan Diego carry roses in his tilma (cape) to give to the bishop. When the roses spilled out before the bishop, the tilma retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

**Prayer Corner**

For those who are ill or injured especially, **John Westphal, Alec & Dominic Garcia's, grandma, Maryann Flores, and for families suffering health concerns.**

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

For those who passed away especially, **Teresa Mazzuca and Mrs. Maiwald's grandfather.**

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for December 2010 is "That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help.". 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.



Send your favorite Spartan some **Holiday Cheer with a Candy Cane Gram!** **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ORDERS, MONDAY, DEC., 13th.** Only fifty cents each, to be delivered on Dec.17. Don't forget your favorite teacher, classmate and staff member !

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



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. 11th eWaste - bring computers, TV's for recycling

January

Pennies
Can Food Drive

April

Aluminum Can Drive
Shoe Drive

VFW Patriots Pen

Congratulations to our winners and certificate of merit recipients in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay award.

Kyle Markfield -1stPlace

Riley Drexler

Runner Up

Adam Gonzales

Runner Up

Essay participants:

6th Grade

Natali Gibson, Chris Johst, Caitlyn Gonzalez, Riley Scherr

7th Grade

Bea White, Matthew Gastello, Felicia Markfield

8th Grade

Cooper Scherr, Jarod Solis

Way to go Spartans!!!



I remember science camp in 6th grade. It was a lot of fun, especially singing songs and making skits. Skits were funny and some songs were sad, like the song we sang before we left science camp. It was so sad I started to cry. I also remember getting a cabin with Mrs. Scimeca. I also remember our buddies' graduation. It was exciting. When I saw my buddy graduate, it reminded me of when I graduated. My favorite part of graduation is the song we sing, "What a Wonderful World." I remember and still know my buddy, Stephanie. **-Julia Galvan**



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.



Thank You

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

*Evening in Tuscany
reverse drawing 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 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.



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

Looking for volunteers to help with repairing the music books at St. Benedicts. I would like to have 6th, 7th, and 8th students and they will be able to count this for service hours. The date were looking at is Jan. 5th. It will be at St. Benedicts starting at 12:30 (early dismissal day) to 3:00. Sign up sheet will be in the office.

Any questions you may contact Jeanette Martin at 831-840-3364 or Jacki Leung at 831-801-8501.

