

# 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.

### eWaste Recycling Fundraiser Event

Sat., Jan 21, 2012

9am-2pm, SHPS Parking Lot

Please recycle your old TV, CPU, monitor and other electrical devices to help raise funds for Technology initiatives.



*O Maker of the galaxies,  
Creator of each star,  
You rule the mountains & the seas,*

*And yet - oh, here you are!*

*You ride the fiery cherubim and sail on comet fall.  
You teach the seraphim to hymn.*

*And yet - you left it all.*

*You left the realms of fire & ice.  
Into a young girl's womb you came.  
O God! This was the sacrifice!  
Nothing will ever be the same.*

*-Madeline L'Engle*

*May the joy and wonder of Christmas be yours throughout the New Year!*

*Peace and Blessings,  
Mrs. Jurevich*

## Immaculate Heart Radio

The Most Reverend Richard J. Garcia,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey

and

Immaculate Heart Radio  
cordially invite you to  
celebrate the launch of

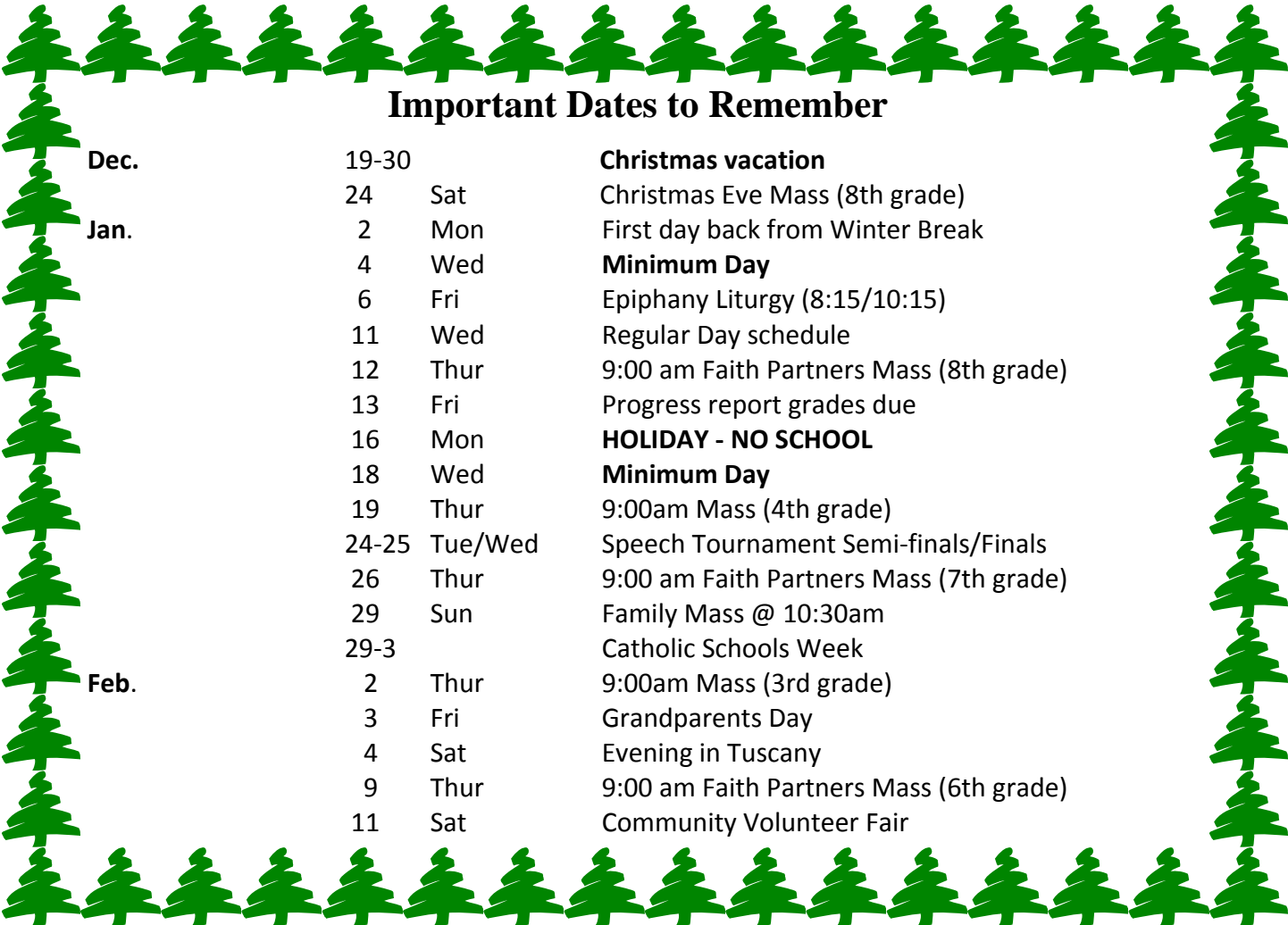
1240 AM KNRY,  
which will broadcast  
the best of Catholic radio  
programming, 24/7.

### With heartfelt thanks

*Thank you to the many families who participated in the Adopt A Family. Your kindness has helped in making each child have a special Christmas. May God Bless you and your family for your giving hearts.*







### Important Dates to Remember

<b>Dec.</b>	19-30		<b>Christmas vacation</b>
	24	Sat	Christmas Eve Mass (8th grade)
<b>Jan.</b>	2	Mon	First day back from Winter Break
	4	Wed	<b>Minimum Day</b>
	6	Fri	Epiphany Liturgy (8:15/10:15)
	11	Wed	Regular Day schedule
	12	Thur	9:00 am Faith Partners Mass (8th grade)
	13	Fri	Progress report grades due
	16	Mon	<b>HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL</b>
	18	Wed	<b>Minimum Day</b>
	19	Thur	9:00am Mass (4th grade)
	24-25	Tue/Wed	Speech Tournament Semi-finals/Finals
	26	Thur	9:00 am Faith Partners Mass (7th grade)
	29	Sun	Family Mass @ 10:30am
	29-3		Catholic Schools Week
<b>Feb.</b>	2	Thur	9:00am Mass (3rd grade)
	3	Fri	Grandparents Day
	4	Sat	Evening in Tuscany
	9	Thur	9:00 am Faith Partners Mass (6th grade)
	11	Sat	Community Volunteer Fair



Thank you our second grade Elves and their Angels for hosting the Staff Christmas Party. It was a wonderful afternoon of great food and fun!

Many, many thanks to our lunch volunteers for giving of your time and talent!

We truly appreciate our Library volunteers who help to expand our students world of reading.

A shout-out to our 8th grade Snack Shack volunteers (Joey, Adam, Jonathon D. Marcos, Maggie, Dylan, Jonathan J., Jacob and David) and their parent helpers (Mr. and Mrs. Gastello and Mr. Jurevich)

**THANK YOU!**

## Scripture Lesson—John 1:1—18 Who Is Jesus?

This month we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity. By coming to Earth, living among us and teaching us, he taught us about God and his nature. We are able to share in God's divine life through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection.

In this gospel, St. John explained that Jesus took on our humanity because he loves us and wanted to share our experience. He chose to live as we live. He experienced what we experience. Remembering that, we can also know with confidence that Jesus understands us.

**What can a parent do?** Sooner or later, we each have to make a choice. Many who saw Jesus rejected him, not recognizing him as the Messiah. Help children to make a deliberate choice to recognize Jesus as their own personal Savior. Teach them to ask, "Do I live my life as if I'm a child of God?" Tell them what it means to live as a child of God and to follow Jesus. Jesus is our friend and brother.



## Prayer corner

For those who are ill especially, Mrs. Picha, Mrs. San Miguel, Mrs. Olivas, Mr. Miller, Judy Barber, Troy Mitchel, Gabriel Preciado, Kenneth Klauer, Sr. Margaret Ann and Mr. Mifsud.

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for December 2011 is **"That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect."** 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

## Feasts & Celebrations

**Dec. 27—St. John** (1st Century). An apostle, St. John was known for his fiery temper. He once asked Jesus if he could rain fire from heaven on an inhospitable town. Later, he and St. Peter asked the Holy Spirit to descend upon the Samaritans. Friendship with Jesus really changes a person.

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the **Twelve Days of Christmas**, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day. In following this older custom of counting the days beginning at sundown, the evening of January 5th is the **Twelfth Night**. This is an occasion for feasting in some cultures, including the baking of a special **King's Cake** as part of the festivities of Epiphany

The traditional liturgical symbols of Epiphany are usually associated with the Magi. The symbols include either three crowns or a single crown, various portrayals of the Magi or Wise Men, three gifts, a five pointed star, or a combination of a star and crown. A more modern symbol of Epiphany is a globe or a stylized portrayal of the world.

Around January 6, the symbol **+C+B+M+** with two numbers before and two numbers after (for example, **20+C+B+M+12**) is sometimes seen written in chalk above the doorway of Christian homes. The letters are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. These letters also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The beginning and ending numbers are the year, 2012 in the example above. The crosses represent Christ.



**Sacred Heart Parish School students are on FIRE and show it by:****Faith**

- Actively participating in Mass, religious studies and Catholic traditions
- Using different types of prayer to show reverence for God's creation, self, family, and others
- Having a basic knowledge of the teachings, doctrine, and practices of the Catholic Church

**Intelligence**

- Showing grade level proficiency in core subjects
- Using technology responsibly as a tool for learning
- Using study skills wisely

**Responsible citizenship**

- Reaching out to serve others
- Demonstrating self control and responsible behavior
  - Realizing that individual choices impact the world socially and environmentally

**Effective communicators**

- Effectively presenting ideas with confidence and poise in a variety of situations
- Expressing written thoughts clearly, using correct grammar and mechanics in diverse forms and for different purposes
- Utilizing technology effectively to communicate with a variety of audiences