

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.

Athletic Dept. Looking for parents that need service hours. The athletic department needs assistance scorekeeping during the boys basketball season. No prior experience needed. Please contact Mrs. Terri Canez for details.



I am pleased to report that all of our activities and events the past two weeks have been a smashing success. Grandparent's Day was phenomenal. The children performed wonderfully thanks to the extra efforts of Mrs. C's terrific choreography, classroom teachers, Mrs. Canez, Mrs. Olivas and our 8th grade ambassadors, as well as the hard work of PASS board members in the preparation, goody bags, set-up and clean-up for the day. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!

We are looking forward to tonight's event, An Evening in Tuscany. Our school fundraiser that helps to close the gap between tuition paid and the cost of educating our children. It will be an evening to have fun and enjoy good friends and good food!

Lent begins on February 22nd, only 18 days away. Now we look to preparing for the Lenten season, decide on **Lenten sacrifices** appropriate to the age of each child, reminding them that our souls need this spiritual exercise to gain strength for living as Christians, just as our bodies need exercise to remain healthy. Our sacrifices are like a gift offered to God, and all real gifts "cost" the giver something. (No fair "giving up" hitting your sister for Lent!) Our Lenten **spiritual preparation** should not be confined only to "giving up" things; we should "take on" things, also extra prayers, for example, especially family prayers. If your family has not already established some form of family prayer, Lent is a good time to begin. Praying together as a family, in our busy times, is difficult, so do set aside some time this Lent to do it.

Blessings, Mrs. Jurevich



**LUNCH
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WANTED**

If you are interested in serving lunch we would love to hear from you! Please call Maria Donati at 801-8323 for more information.

Sacred Heart Loves Reading

It's that time of year for Hearts, Hearts, Hearts. If you find your children with their heads buried in a book, reading every free moment of time, it's because . . . students have set their goal for 180,000 pages to read during the month of February. For every 25 pages read your child will receive a Heart to decorate our school. Help them find books that are high-interest, age-appropriate and books that match their reading ability. Remember the 5 finger rule.



Important Dates to Remember

Feb.	4	Sat	Evening in Tuscany
	6	Mon	PASS Board meeting 8:00am 4th grade Field Trip San Juan Bautista 7th Gr. Boys BB vs. Charter (A) @ 4:00pm 6th Gr. Boys BB vs. Crossroads @ 5:00pm
	7	Tues	Girls Soccer vs. Charter @ MH Complex @ 4:00pm
	8	Wed	Girls Soccer vs. Southside @ Southside @ 4:00pm 6th Gr. Boys BB vs. Aromas @ Aromas @ 4:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB vs. Aromas @ Aromas @ 5:00pm 8th Gr. Boys BB vs. Aromas @ Aromas @ 6:00pm
	9	Thur	9:00 am Faith Partners Mass (6th grade) WCEA pre-visit: Need 10 parent volunteers after-school
	11	Sat	Community Volunteer Fair
	14	Tue	Wear Pink or Jeans (\$5.00 donation)
	15	Wed	Minimum Day
	16	Thur	9:00am Mass (5th grade) Jr High dance
	20	Mon-Fri	Winter Break!
	28	Tue	Parent night: Gurian Institute - Brains of boys & girls

Upcoming PASS Meeting February 6 @ 8:00am

All parents/guardians and staff are invited to attend the monthly PASS Board Meetings. The meetings are held the first Monday of every month, in the school library. This month's PASS meeting will be held on **Monday, February 6 at 8:00am in the school library**. Please join us to find out what's going on, or if you'd like to support us in any of our activities! See you then!

On Feb 9th, we welcome our accreditation team for a pre-visit. We need 10 volunteers to cover the traffic duty for our teachers at dismissal so that we can meet with the accreditation team members after school.



**Gurian Institute Presents
A Parent Seminar
Boys and Girls Learn Differently!
Tuesday, February 28th @ 6:30pm**

It comes as no surprise to anyone that has raised children that boys and girls are different. This informative session will help answer questions about how boys and girls learn differently—and you'll have some fun in the process!

Sacred Heart Parish School Men's Club

Prize pool to be split as follows:

- \$202.50 for the score at the end of the first quarter.
- \$202.50 for the score at the end of the second quarter.
- \$202.50 for the score at the end of the third quarter.
- \$202.50 for the score at the end of the game.

If the game goes into overtime the prize pool will be split as follows:

- \$162.00 for the score at the end of the first quarter.
- \$162.00 for the score at the end of the second quarter.
- \$162.00 for the score at the end of the third quarter.
- \$162.00 for the score at the end of the fourth quarter.
- \$162.00 for the score at the end of overtime.

If a square that has a giant X on it wins a quarter, that quarter will be added back to the total prize pool and instead of the quarters being worth 25% they will be worth 33%. If two quarters that have an X on them win, those two quarters will be added back into the prize pool and each quarter will be worth 50%. Total prize pool is \$770.00. Thank you all for your participation.



Jr High students in need of community service hours should see Mrs. Jurevich for available jobs and schedules for the Community Volunteer Fair taking place on Saturday, February 11th. The event begins at noon and there are opportunities for early set-up, greeters, hospitality, clean-up, etc.

It is also a great place to find out about other organizations in San Benito that need volunteers.



Thoughtful Moments—Throat Blessing

On February 3rd, many parishes all over the country will celebrate the feast of St. Blaise. St. Blaise was reportedly a physician who healed many ailments of the throat. He was martyred for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith and serves as an example for us of kindness and extraordinary courage.

Gratitude aloud

The more grateful we are for what we have, the more likely we are to value and use it. Let your children hear you thank God for your gifts. Encourage them to do the same.

Parent Talk

I had stopped praying. My father had a heart attack last summer and I was helping Mom care for him while working and caring for my own family. Then my father-in-law was diagnosed with lung cancer and needed care. Finally, Ken lost his job for the second time in three years and we had used up our savings the first time. Obviously God wasn't listening. A few nights later I overheard our ten-year old saying her prayers asking God for help. She ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." Then she went to sleep. Standing outside her room, I realized Teresa didn't tell God what to do. She asked for help, trusted that it would come, and left it to God. I prayed for the first time in weeks and ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." I realized God is always listening. I was the one who had stopped talking.



Mrs. C, Mrs. Canez, Mrs. Olivas, and Mrs. Mottau for helping to make Grandparent's Day another wonderful success.



Our red carpet photographers - student got a sneak peek during the Spirit Rally. Our many parent volunteers this week to celebrate Spirit Week - Mrs. Ferry and her crew of Book Fair volunteers, providing muffins for mom and donuts for dad. The contributions from families for Grandparents Day hospitality.

Mr. Raich and Mr. Ferry for the quick work at cleaning up the mud from the water main break that made a mess of at front of the school on Grandparents Day. And countless angels that help make our school a great place to be!

Prayer corner

For those who are ill especially, **Mrs. Olivas, Mr. Miller, Mr. Edgerle and Sr. Catherine.**

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for February 2012 is "that all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life." 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.



How to raise a reader:

Kids become lifelong readers for all kinds of reasons. Sometimes there's one key book that captures a kid's imagination and opens him or her up to the exciting world of fiction. Other times, a teacher who assigns great books in class sparks a hunger for more big ideas and fine writing. In some cases, parents influence kids' appreciation of books by sharing their own love of literature and modeling reader behavior -- always having a book to read, taking books on vacation, reading before bedtime, making regular trips to the library and bookstore, etc.

Here are our best tips for nurturing a love of reading that can last a lifetime:

Read aloud: This comes naturally to lots of new parents, but it's important to keep it up. Kids will enjoy it longer than you think. For babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and kids in early grade school, it's wonderful to have a kid on your lap, snuggled next to you on the couch, or drifting off to sleep in bed as you enjoy picture books together. You may have to read your kid's favorite a hundred times, but just go with it. Your kid will remember the closeness as well as the story. And try nonfiction for those who are curious about pirates, Vikings, robots, castles, history, sports, biography, animals, whatever. For second through fifth graders, read those rich and meaty books that might be missed otherwise, maybe classics like *Treasure Island* or *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Many parents think that as soon as their kids learn to read on their own, they no longer need to be read to. But kids still love it and benefit from it as they hear the rhythm of the language, learn correct pronunciation, and get to relax and just take it all in. Kids will get the idea that there's something worthwhile in books and that there's something special about time spent with a parent.

Savor the series: It's common for kids to become book lovers for life after getting hooked on a series. And there are lots of good ones that keep kids hungry for the next installment.

Some reliable prospects: *Ivy and Bean*, *Judy Moody* for beginning readers; *Harry Potter*, *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, and the *Percy Jackson series* for middle graders; and *Hunger Games*, *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, and *Twilight* (unless you think vampires are too creepy) for older kids.



Lunch Menu

Here is the lunch menu for Wednesdays for the remainder of the year. Don't forget to place your lunch order via RenWeb and Baked Potato & salad bar are available on Thursdays.

Feb. 8-Mac N Cheese/chicken strips

Feb. 29-Oven fried chicken/mashed potatoes

14-Mar lasagna & garlic bread

28-Mar hamburger/cheeseburger & fries

4-Apr chicken teriyaki rice bowl

25-Apr soup and grilled cheese

2-May chicken pasta Alfred & bread

23-May pulled pork & tater tots

6-Jun hot dogs & chips





Community Volunteer Fair
Saturday, February 11, 2012
Noon to 4:00 P.M.

Sacred Heart School Gymnasium
670 College Street, Hollister

Admission is FREE!

**Don't miss this fun way to learn about our
 local nonprofit organizations and volunteer opportunities
 in San Benito County!**

Some of the participating organizations include:

- Adult Literacy Program of SBC Library
- American Red Cross
- Baler Education Foundation
- Bolado Park Golf Club
- CASA of San Benito County
- Center for Employment Training
- Chamberlain's Children Center
- Child Injury Prevention Coalition
- CHISPA (Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning Association)
- CMAP (Community Media Access Partnership)
- Community Food Bank of SBC
- Community Solutions
- El Teatro Campesino
- Emmaus House
- Equine Rescue Center
- Fishes & Loaves
- Friends of the San Benito County Library
- Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast
- Go Kids, Inc.
- Hazel Hawkins Hospital Auxiliary
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of SBC
- Homeless Coalition of San Benito County
- Janet Graham Memorial Fund
- Mr. O's Academy of the Arts
- Pet Friends
- Pinnacles Partnership/Pinnacles National Monument
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Sacred Heart Parish School
- San Benito County Historical Society
- San Benito County LULAC Council #2890
- San Benito Oriana Chorale
- San Benito Stage Company
- SJB Plaza History Association
- Si Se Puede Learning Center
- SPIN (Special Parents Information Network)
- St. Francis Retreat Center
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Viva La Garden
- VNA and Hospice
- Youth Alliance

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