

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.

Come join us
November 5, 2011

Celebrating
Catholic Education

at

San Juan Oaks

Sacred Heart Foundation will host its annual event. This event honors alumni, current and former teachers for their service to Catholic education. Our efforts will help to enable families to provide their children with a foundation for life. **Tickets are available in the school office, \$65.00/person**

2011 Awardees

Mrs. Andrade

Mrs. Dabo

Miss O'Donnell

We had a very spirited week, this past week concluding Spirit Week with the Halloween parade and the un-parties in the classrooms. On Tuesday we celebrated All Saints Day with both early childhood and the entire student body. Thanks to our guest musicians, Mrs. Scherr and Matthew Gastello who filled in for Mrs. Olivas, your gifts are truly appreciated.

On Saturday we will celebrate three individuals who have tirelessly given of themselves to children and Catholic education. We celebrate with them their milestones: Mrs. Olivas (20), Mrs. Gibbs (15), Mrs. Connors (10), and Mrs. Mottau (10) years of service to the children of Sacred Heart Parish School. I certainly hope you will join us to celebrate all of these dedicated individuals and our Foundation awardees who have touched the lives of so many children and families.

I want to remind you of a very important seminar we are offering to parents, the Gurian Institute will be joining faculty once again for professional development and will also provide an evening of information for parents. Kelley King will be our presenter. Kelley's work has been featured on The Today Show, National Public Radio, and National Health Journal, as well as in Newsweek magazine and in Educational Leadership. Kelley co-authored (with Michael Gurian and Kathy Stevens) two books released in 2008. Please make time in your busy schedule to join us.

As of November 30th, Lunchmaster will no longer be our lunch provider. We will continue to offer lunch choices on Wed. (non-min) and Thursday, the menu offerings will be announced in the coming weeks. *Blessings, Mrs. Jurevich*

Gurian Institute Presents **A Parent Seminar** **Boys and Girls Learn Differently!** *Tuesday, November 8th @ 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!

FREE DRESS COUPON AVAILABLE for attendance & a one subject Homework PASS if both parents attend!

DID YOU KNOW?

In Elementary Physical Education we have been working on cooperation activities, movement concepts, playground games, and Run For Fitness? Movement concepts include speeds, directions, body parts, pathways, levels and many others. RFF includes fitness concepts, activities, and games that will allow students to enjoy running for a lifetime. We learned about bones and played all the fun Halloween games and relay races including Bucket of Bones and Ghost Ball. We concluded with the Skeleton Square Dance at the Halloween Parade. We will now enjoy soccer and underhand movements along with learning God Bless America for the Veterans Day Celebration.

Gurian Institute presents A Parent Seminar Boys and Girls Learn Differently!

How can you get your son to stop tapping his fingers on the table, or jiggling his foot and look you in the eye while you talk to him? How can you get the attention of a boy who spends too much time gazing out the window when he's supposed to be doing homework? How can you get your daughter to stop worrying about what others think and feel confident about learning math?

Boys account for up to 70% of failing grades and 80% of the children diagnosed with ADD and ADHD. Girls outperform boys across the board in verbal skills, but often when they hit middle school their math performance takes a dive. Why is that?

Scientific advances in the past couple of decades allow us to look inside the brains of males and females and see where actual biological differences occur.

- What are the implications of those differences for parents?
- How can parents make sure they are providing the kind of environment that helps their boys and girls reach their fullest potential?

How can parents work with their children's schools to make sure the needs of boys and girls are being addressed? **Join us on Nov. 8th at 6:30pm**

Eighth Grade Memories

My favorite SHPS memory was when Ann had to go out of the classroom because she was scared of the Monster Mash. Another memory was the 8th grade car wash. Another memory was when Jennifer tripped during a basketball game and slide like a penguin from half court to the free throw line. **—Kelly McCullough**



Eighth Grade Corner A big thank you to everyone that purchased Gizdich Pies. Remember pick up is on November 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the gym foyer.

November 18th - send a digital baby photo of your 8th grade student, label the subject line with your child's name. Please add a maximum 25 word description of your most treasured memory of them as a child.

Send to: navarroteam3@aol.com



Important Dates to Remember

Nov.	5	Sat	<i>Celebrating Catholic Education</i>
	6	Sun.	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set clock back one hour)
	7	Mon	PASS Mtg. @ 4:15pm
	8	Tues	Gurian Institute @ 6:30pm
	9	Wed	Min Day/ Faculty Meeting
	10	Thur	9:00 am Mass - 6th grade 6th & 7th Field Trip to St Francis: motivational speaker
	11	Fri	NO SCHOOL
	15	Tue	GIZDICH pie pick-up
	17	Thur	9:00 am Mass - 3rd grade
	18	Fri	Picture re-takes
	22	Tue	Thanksgiving Liturgy @ St. Benedict @ 8:00am
	23	Wed	Min Day - NO Extended Care
	24/25	Thur/Fri	NO SCHOOL
	30	Wed	Min Day - WCEA workday for teachers



Upcoming PASS Meeting November 7

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. Next month's PASS meeting will be held on **Monday, November 7 at 4:15pm 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!



Cybercitizen Spotlight: How parents make it work

TV Time: Take back the remote. "We have now 'cut the cable,' so to speak, for children's TV and have moved completely over to Ameba for all of our children's TV shows. Our children still pick the shows they want to watch from our 'filtered' list. It kind of empowers them to make the right media decision." [Editor's note: Also try TiVo or your cable provider's digital video recorder.]

Take matters into your own hands. "My kid usually doesn't watch a whole lot of TV. But when the TV does get out of hand and he's turning into a zombie, I either pester him until he can't stand it or just unplug the TV!"

Social Networking: Stick around. "We as parents are all sheltered from what our (older) kids do with friends when they're away from home, so spending time with my daughter when she was on MSN [Microsoft's instant messaging program] was a good way to experience this and teach her a lot of things about life. A lot of times, she was happy I was around to give her advice on things."

Set expectations. "My son, who is 11, has been begging me for a Facebook account. I finally told him this: When he has matured to the point where he can talk comfortably to any other adult, to ask questions, say, of his teachers, or to call a friend's parent to make a request comfortably, or to meet and converse with adults at his parent's social gatherings, then he is approaching the level of maturity needed to use a social networking site."

<http://www.common sense media.org/>

Thoughtful Moments***All Saints Day***

In the early Church, parishes often celebrated a different saint or martyr each day. Persecution of the Church led to more saints and martyrs than days of the calendar, so Pope Gregory IV initiated Nov. 1st as All Saints Day. It is a holy day of obligation.

Let the saints put your children on the right path

Cardinal Virtues are four virtues the Church has identified that will help us get to Heaven. When we teach our children to live by these virtues, we put them on the right path. Try explaining these virtues using saints as examples.

Temperance—This virtue teaches moderation and self-discipline.

St. Therese of Lisieux got everything she wanted as a child.

Through temperance, she gave up her selfish ways and put her trust in Jesus. She is known for doing little things with great love.

Justice—Justice teaches us to respect the rights of others. St. Peter Claver used to meet the ships docking in Columbia burdened with people to be sold as slaves. He brought the passengers food and medicine and assured them of their dignity and God's love. He baptized almost 300,000 slaves.

Fortitude—This virtue gives us the courage to do what is right despite difficult circumstances. St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a pediatrician and mother. When she became ill while pregnant, she refused to end her unborn child's life even though it meant her certain death.

Prudence—St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, demonstrated the virtue of prudence—making the right choices to do good. He followed the instructions of the angel and married Mary, fled to Egypt to protect his family, and was a faithful husband and father.

Feasts & Celebrations

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

Nov. 11—St. Martin of Tours (397). The patron of soldiers, St. Martin was forced to join the army at the age of 15 but left to become a priest. He founded a monastery near Poitiers, France, and later became bishop of Tours.

Prayer corner

For those who are ill especially, **Mrs. Picha, Mrs. San Miguel, Mrs. Olivas, Mr. Miller, Troy Mitchel, Gabriel Preciado** and **Sr. Margaret Rose.**

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for October 2011 is "*That the Eastern Catholic Churches and their venerable traditions may be known and esteemed as a spiritual treasure for the whole Church.*"

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.



Sacred Heart Parish School - Class of 2012 Legacy Gift Fundraiser

Preorder now for the Holidays Christmas Poinsettias

**Large (6.5 in. pot)
Prestige Red Poinsettia
\$10.00 each or 6 for \$55.00**

(Please include payment with order)

*Please make checks payable to: SHPS 8th Grade
Legacy*



Parent Helpers Needed: Grades 7th and 8th is in need of a February Fundraiser Coordinator. If you are interested in helping, please contact Danielle Nino @ dnino@razzolink.com or Jackie Taylor @ taylorjaqueline1282@gmail.com.

Save the Date: February 4, 2012 An Evening in Tuscany

Sacred Heart Parish School annual fundraiser currently providing funds to the operating budget. We will need everyone's help to continue our successful fundraising efforts to support our school. Please contact John Brigantino or Rob Nino to donate time, talent or treasure.

Mexican Folkloric Dance

COME!! Bring your kids let them be part of this group and opportunity. **FREE**

For more information of questions, CALL 636-1024. All ages are welcome (5-17 yrs). Everybody will start on the same level.

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO JOIN!!!

@ St. Benedict's Catholic Church Mondays @ 5pm and
Fridays 5pm
Come have fun!

***Yearbooks are available until
Jan. 20th for \$35.00, order
forms went home this week.***

The \$5 option for your students picture to be on front cover is still available. Please make note of it on the envelope. The total cost would be \$40. You will also be able to make your yearbook purchase on Tuesday's in the library during SCRIP.

SHPS Men's Club Ipad 2 RAFFLE

Ticket Prices:

1 for \$5.00

or

3 for \$10.00

Do not need to be present to win



**Winner announced
at the Christmas
Program**

Tickets available in the office

Support the sports at SHPS