

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.

Extended Care Re-minder

Extended Care closes daily at 6pm unless otherwise stated. Parents will be charged a late fee if they pick up their child(ren) after closing time.

The Extended Care staff understands that parents cannot control traffic and there are times parents will be late. If you are running behind schedule please call Extended Care directly at (831) 637-5116, as the school office is closed at 4:30p.m. This allows the Extended Care staff to let their families know they will be late.

Thank you

Please remember, Monday there is **no school** for all grades, teachers will be conducting parent conferences. Tuesday, October 18th is a minimum day for **Jr High only** to provide an opportunity for group conferences.

This morning our 8th grade class presented their "composting project" to the school using a skit and game to convey what items belong in the appropriate containers. The composite bins are set to arrive next week and later this month we will begin composting schoolwide in preparation for our school garden!

We are in the final countdown to Fun Night, a fantastically fun community and school event, if you have not already signed up to help in your class booth, please do so as soon as possible. This year we will have themed raffle bags. On Wednesday, Oct. 19th the bags will be picked up and mystery bags assembled.

Another upcoming event is the annual **Sacred Heart Foundation Dinner**, will celebrate distinguished individuals who have taken their Catholic faith to heart and lived out the message of Jesus Christ on **Saturday, November 5th** at San Juan Oaks Golf Club. During the event we will also honor current teachers who have reached service milestones with Sacred Heart Parish School. This year's **awardees are: Mrs. Felicia Andrade, Mrs. Catherine Dabo, and Miss Kathleen O'Donnell**. The celebration begins at 6:00pm, tickets are available through the Sacred Heart Parish School office.

Blessings, Mrs. Jurewicz

SCRIP SELLING DAYS

Just a reminder that SCRIP days are as follows:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday -7:30-8:30am

Tuesday & Thursday afternoons- 2:30-3:30pm

If you cannot make these days, you can leave your order and it will be filled on one of the SCRIP days.



DID YOU KNOW? In middle school math, students work to solve mind bending puzzles. These puzzles, or the problem of the month, require that the students utilize the 8 mathematical practices adopted in the California Common Core Standards.

The first practice is to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. The second practice is to reason abstractly and quantitatively. Another asks that students construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others. Modeling with mathematics; using appropriate tools strategically; attending to precision; and look for and make use of structure are other practices. Finally, students need to look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

The mind bending problems stretch their thinking while incorporating the above practices.

Here is the problem for this month, can you solve it?

100 students lined up in front of 100 closed lockers. The 1st student opened every locker and the 2nd student closed every 2nd locker. The 3rd student toggled every 3rd locker (opened it if it was closed, closed it if it was open), the 4th student toggled every 4th locker, etc. until the 100th person toggled the 100th locker. After all 100 students have toggled the lockers, how many lockers are open? Which lockers are open? Find a pattern and figure out why it works!

HOT LUNCH NEWS:

Hot lunch is getting off to a great start. Pizza day has the most orders so far and with the addition of a side salad we are making it more healthy!

Remember...we have begun our Baked Potato/Salad Bar on Thursdays. This is in addition to Lunchmaster so you have a choice. Just to let you know, we bake the potatoes that morning and prepare fresh romaine lettuce with an assortment of toppings to compliment both the potato and the salad. As with all lunches we also include a fruit and milk if your child chooses. If you want a break from making lunches, we think the Baked Potato/Salad Bar is a great idea! You can order through RenWeb as you do with other lunches. Thanks for supporting our SHPS Hot Lunch Program!



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LASER TAGGERS NEEDED FOR FUN NIGHT

The Laser Tag booth is in need of additional laser taggers for Fun Night this year. If you happen to own any **LASER TAG Team Ops** taggers by Hasbro, and would be willing to loan them to the booth the week of Fun Night, please contact Steve or Mindy at 623-8484. Thank you!!!



Attention Women of our Parish—WINGS (Women IN God's Spirit) is coming in September. Gather with other women in sharing your faith through prayer and reflection. We'll meet on six Mondays in St. Benedict Hall on **October 24th and November 14th & 21st from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This series will conclude on November 21st. "Taste and see the goodness of our Lord" from a female perspective. Join us and bring a friend. For more information contact Eileen Healy at 637-9806 or Tess Ucovich at 630-1898.



Important Dates to Remember

Oct.	17	Mon	Parent Teacher Conferences (Gr. PS—8)
	18	Tue	Min Day Jr High ONLY 7th Gr. VB vs. Southside @ 4:00pm 8th Gr. VB vs. Southside @ 5:00pm PS3 to Swank Farms
	20	Thu	PS4 to Swank Farms Parent Info Night (grades 3-8) @ 6:30pm 7th Gr. VB only vs. Crossroads @ 4:00pm
	22	Sat.	FUN NIGHT

*Save the Dates:
November 5, 2011*

Celebrating Catholic Education

San Juan Oaks

Sacred Heart Foundation will host an Inaugural event. This event we will honour 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.

February 4, 2012

An Evening in Tuscany

Bolado Park

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.

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.

Felling spooky?? We need Haunted House adult scarers!! please contact Melissa Remmick at 630-1470 or at melis-saremmick@hotmail.com. We'd love to have you help!



Cybercitizen Spotlight: Setting Screen Limits.....

As parents, we need to guide our children toward activities that help them learn, stimulate their interests, and express their creativity. The task then becomes separating the mindful from the mindless. Following these simple steps will greatly help you and your kids manage - and even optimize -- screen time.

Tips for all kids.....Set an example. Do you hand your kid a smartphone in restaurants, keep the TV on during dinner, or check your email constantly? It'll be harder to teach your kids how to balance media usage if they don't see you doing the same.

Set limits. Parents can help kids develop self-control by working with them to create a schedule that incorporates all of the things they need to do in a day. Make sure that homework, hobbies, and good learning games come first. And you may want to schedule in some downtime. Childhood development experts say it's good for kids to be idle – and maybe even bored. Those moments allow for introspection and the development of self-awareness.

Get involved. Remember, not all screens are created equal – so make sure you know what your kids are doing. Take the time to sit down and play their favorite game with them or look at their latest digital creation. Once you have a sense of their interests, you can help them make better decisions about what they watch, play, and do. Plus, the more involved you are with your kids' digital lives,

Thoughtful Moments—Parent Love

When we give love to our children, they learn to give love to others. When we give them unconditional love, we give them the courage to overcome their natural self-absorption and become sacrificial in their love—just as Jesus intends.

Help your child live a good Catholic life

The best way to ensure our children will live good Catholic lives as adults is to build a strong Catholic foundation while they are young. That foundation will make it likely that they will continue to live their faith. Consider these suggestions:

Lay the foundation. Make sure your child is getting the Catholic education she deserves so she has all the necessary resources on which to draw in adulthood. Support her religious education, whether she attends Catholic school or the parish school of religion, by supervising homework and helping her master the prayers and doctrine required.

Present positive influences. Present to youngsters grown-ups whose lives you would like your children's to mirror when they are adults. Invite interesting, religious adults to your home to talk about how they live their faith. Bonus: Offering appropriate role models gives children substitutes for the less-desirable celebrities of today.

“Do as I do.” Don't kid yourself into thinking that you can live by the world's rules yourself but expect your children to follow God's rules. Abraham's nephew, Lot, made that mistake and lost most of his family during an emergency. They didn't respect him because his words and deeds didn't match (Genesis 19). To raise faithful Catholics, we have to be faithful Catholics ourselves—and that begins with going to Mass every week.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 14 -St. Callistus I (222). Born a Roman slave, Callistus was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schismatic movement. He fought against heresy and showed forgiveness toward sinners. He was martyred in Rome.

October 20—St. Paul of the Cross (1775). Born in Italy to a poor noble family, St. Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ. He founded the Passionists in 1720 and was elected superior general of the order. He lived a penitential life and cared for the poor and sick.

Prayer corner

For those who are ill especially, **Mrs. Picha, Miss Westphal, Mrs. Scimeca, Mrs. San Miguel, Mrs. Olivas, Mr. Miller, and Gabriel Preciado.**

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 terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their brothers and sisters."* 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.



Presale Ticket orders and payments are due at the school office on TODAY. Fun Night pre-sale tickets will also be available at Postal Graphics (in the Nob Hill Shopping Center) through Saturday morning, October 22.



Need Hours?

Fun Night is just around the corner and our various committees are looking for volunteers to help us with our annual event. There are many different ways you can get involved. If you'd like to sign up to volunteer, or, if you'd like some additional information, please contact Melissa Remmick at 630-1470 or at melissaremmick@hotmail.com. We'd love to have you help!

Fun Night Committee Co-chairs needed:

PASS is currently looking for volunteers to help co-chair two of our important Fun Night Committees. If you are interested in helping out with our **Decorations Committee** or in helping to organize our **Costume Parade**, please contact either Scott Clement at sclement2@gmail.com or Melissa Remmick at 630-1470.

Uniform Exchange

Mark your calendars, our next uniform exchange is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27th. Stop by the library starting at 11:30 to bring in gently used items for trade or to purchase other school uniforms in good condition.

FUN NIGHT MYSTERY BAGS

Please donate an item for your class mystery bags. The item can be up to \$5 or you can donate \$5 toward the bag. Boxes will be **picked up Oct. 19th**. The classroom bags are as follows:

PS 3 (PM)—Summer Fun
 PS 4 (AM) —Cooking With Kids
 PreK—Kids Art Project
 Kinder Vela—Halloween Party
 Kinder Ito—Picnic Outing
 1st Canez—Mom & Daughter Time
 1st Arbizu—Dad & Son Time
 2nd Gr.—Beach Day
 3rd Gr.—Family Game Night
 4th Gr.—Family Movie Night
 5th Gr.—Girls Sports
 6th Gr.—Scarp Booker's Delight
 7th Gr.—Local Goodies (non-alcoholic)
 8th Gr.—Boys Sports



Design the Dept. of Catholic Schools

Christmas Card 2011

Contest for grades PS through 8th grade all students of Monterey Diocese Schools. Contest details were sent home with your child. **Deadline is Nov. 1.**

Prize: A \$100 Scholarship-in-the-Arts from the Dept. of Catholic Schools will be credited to each winner's **tuition balance at school**. Winners will be announced **December 1.**



St. Francis Football Game

St. Francis HS has invited SH students (Gr. 5-8) and staff to a football game on Oct. 22, 2011 @ 7:30pm. They will be playing the Santa Cruz Cardinals at Cabrillo College. There will be a special announcement at halftime welcoming the Sacred Heart students and their families.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Marie Marheineke with the number of tickets you will need for grades 5th through 8th grade students and staff. Contact Marie at 831-724-5933 ext. 206 with the number of "Shark Family Passes" you will need. Each pass will allow one student (or staff member) and his or her family free admittance into the football game.



Thank You

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Thank you,
Miss Tiller



Eighth Grade Memories

John Smith—*My favorite memories are: when we had the guest speaker at St. Francis', everything at science camp, the greatest times in Miss Westphal's class, and when I fell off the ladder at Fun Night.*



Eighth Grade Corner

The 8th grade class is selling Gizdich Pies to help raise money for their legacy gift. The pies are frozen, and come with baking instructions, so they can be freshly baked for Thanksgiving Dinner. Pick up will be on November 15th at the gym entrance from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. You can purchase pies from any 8th grade student, or by filling out the order form included in the Pulse. Please turn in order forms with payment to the front office. We can only sell a certain number of pies so make sure to turn in your forms as soon as possible. Please contact Liz Markfield at 634-0490 with any questions. Thanks for your support!



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

Sacred Heart Parish School - Class of 2012

Legacy Gift Fundraiser

GIZDICH RANCH

Thanksgiving

PIE SALE

\$15.00 each

Traditional Apple ~ Pumpkin ~ Olallieberry

Frozen 9" Pies Baking Instructions Included

Pickup is Tues., November 15th, 11:00am-4:00pm

at Sacred Heart Parish School, 670 College Street (by the Gym Entrance)

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Thanksgiving Pie ORDER FORM

(Please return form w/ payment to Sacred Heart Parish School office by Tuesday October 25th, 3pm)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Quantity Subtotal

Traditional Apple _____ x \$15 _____

Pumpkin _____ x \$15 _____

Olallieberry _____ x \$15 _____

Donation Pies _____ x \$15 _____

(We will deliver to the Marley Holte Thanksgiving Dinner)

TOTAL DUE _____

Please make checks payable to: Sacred Heart 8th Grade Legacy Fund



The Great Pumpkin Carving Contest 2011

Rules and Guidelines:

- Pumpkins will be judged in the following categories:
 - Best Carved
 - Best Decorated
 - Funniest
 - Most Creative
- Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third Place Winners in each category.
- You may enter as many pumpkins as you like.
- Please make certain that each pumpkin entered has an entry form and that the pumpkin is placed on top of the form. (This will ensure that there is no confusion as to who entered each pumpkin.)
- Entries should be dropped at Sacred Heart Gym Lobby between 10am and 11am on Saturday, October 22nd.
- Judging will begin at 11am, and winners will be posted at 12pm.
- Pumpkins will be used as decorations for Fun Night and will be displayed at different locations around the event.
- Pumpkins must be picked up between 9-10pm on October 22nd.
- Prizes may be collected at the main ticket booth after 12pm and uncollected prizes will be delivered to the winner's classroom on Monday, October 24th.

Fill Out Information Below and Place One Form Under Each Pumpkin Entered