

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.

**Save the Date:
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 terrific turnout for Fun Night once again. Absolutely another successful event, made possible by the dedication of so many parents and the extraordinary efforts of the Fun Night planning committee. An enormous THANK YOU to Mr. Scott Clement (aka Mr. Fun Night) for a huge job well done. Fun Night is the only PASS fundraiser. PASS provides funds to both Kindergarten and Eighth grade graduation classes, contributes fund to teacher professional development, sponsors the Science Fair, New parent orientation, Back-to-School coffee, to name a few things. Fun Night also provides funds for Student Council, 8th grade legacy and our Athletics program. Many thanks to everyone who participated in big and small ways.

I can't believe it is already November! This year is exceptionally busy for faculty and staff as it is an re-accreditation year. SHPS and all Catholic Schools are dually accredited by WCEA (Western Catholic Educational Association) and WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). We began our self-study process last year and are continuing these efforts as we prepare for our visit by the team in March. Please watch for the parent survey and complete prior to the deadline. Remember these surveys are anonymous, if you want/need to be contacted regarding a comment, please include your name or your child's name.

Blessings, Mrs. Jurevich

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kindergarten is a busy place filled with lots of love for learning about everything! It is a super fun place to be!

In Religion, we are learning, discussing, and exploring all the ways that God shows love for us. We integrate writing and art into our lessons, and demonstrate the various ways we show love to our family and friends. Acts of love and kindness are everyday discussions, and the children love to share aloud ways they show these at home and school.

Kindergarten is also charging into reading by beginning to blend sounds into words, and learning to orally comprehend a story by using a variety of good reader strategies. These are modeled and practiced in our SuperKids beginning reader books at the end of each unit. Kindergarten loves the Superkids and always look forward to what each Kid will introduce next!

We have also been diving into writing! We are learning how to hear sounds in words, identify basic sight words, and practice other concepts of print that help us learn to express our ideas in written form! Kindergarteners love knowing that if they can write it then they can read it! Sharing aloud our writing is always exciting!

Counting and identifying our numbers to 30 is part of our math focus right now. If you see children with sentence strip headbands or shoulder sashes with cut-outs glued in a pattern or in numerical sequence, then you know Kindergarten has been having fun practicing these important skills!

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.



Thank You from the Coaches Corner

A big shout out to Al Gonzalez, John Brigantino, Roy Iler, Dave Murray, Vince Brigantino for their time & talents in coaching the boys Flag Football teams.

Also, special thank you to all parents who donated baked items for the dessert booth. The Athletic Department appreciates it very much.

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!

Attention Parents:

If you have an non-baptized school-age child that you wish baptized this year, please contact Jeanmarie Centeno at 831-524-3715. Also, if you have any questions regarding your child's preparation for any sacrament, feel free to contact Jeanmarie.



Important Dates to Remember

Oct.	31	Mon	Halloween Parade 2:00pm
Nov.	1	Tues	All Saints Mass @ 10:15am/Paraliturgy @ 8:15am Parent Info Night - (3rd - 8th) @ 6:30pm
	2	Wed	Canned Food Drive Begins Palma/Notre Dame HS visit @ 1:40pm
	3	Thurs.	Canned Food Drive Continues
	4	Fri	Canned Food Drive Ends 3rd grade Field trip- SC Museum 4th grade Field trip—Monterey Bay Aquarium
	5	Sat	<i>Celebrating Catholic Education</i>
	6	Sun.	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set clock back one hour)
	8	Tues	Gurian Institute @ 6:30pm
	9	Wed	Min Day/ Faculty Meeting
	10	Thur	9:00 am Mass - 6th grade
	11	Fri	NO SCHOOL
	15	Tue	GIZDICH pie pick-up
	17	Thur	9:00 am Mass - 6th grade
	18	Fri	Picture re-takes
	22	Tue	Thanksgiving Liturgy @ St. Benedict



Cybercitizen Spotlight: How parents make it work

Cell Phone Rules

Say 'nighty night.' "At night before bed or at 8:30, we have them turn their phones off and charge them in a certain place that's near our bedroom. They can get their phone in the morning before school."

Don't believe the hype. "They want to know when they can get their own cell phones and iPods (even though they weren't totally sure what it was). So we've had discussions on what's neat and fun to have and what's necessary."

Earning Privileges

Adjust for age. "Now that my sons are almost 11 and 14, I find how we handle media consumption to be a fast-moving target. We've relaxed time limits on our older boy, primarily because he makes straight As, is very responsible, and increasingly needs PC time for homework."

Set goals. "In addition to caring about their safety, we believe kids need things to look forward to, so we've set definite ages for different privileges, and so far this has worked. Age 11: emergency-only cell phone and email (with Mom having access until responsibility has been proven); age 13: Facebook (friending Mom); 14: cell phone with texting."

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



Eighth Grade Memories

One of my favorite eighth grade memories was in second grade when Ann needed to be sent outside when we listened to “The Monster Mash” because she was scared. During Literature, I was telling Nick and Amy about imagining a “bunny riding a dragon.” At Fun Night, Jennifer did the cake walk. She won a cake and we ate it. During one of our basketball games, Jennifer tripped over someone’s foot and did a penguin slide across the court. –**Riley Drexler**

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. **Art 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.**



Pumpkin Carving Contest *Winners*



Best Carved:

1st place: Cody Fisher
2nd place: Madeline Slater
3rd place: Asher Menzel

Best Decorated:

1st place: Braydon Etheridge
2nd place: Kinsey Canez
3rd place: Makenna Bedolla

Funniest:

1st place: Dylan Alipaz
2nd place: Rafael Ascencio
3rd place: Manuel Ascencio

Most Creative:

1st place: Jessica Slater
2nd place: Madison Kirk

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

Food Drive

Canned Food Drives begins Nov. 2-4.
Canned food drive items to bring.

Wednesday—canned vegetables, canned or boxes of soups, canned meat and fish

Thursday—pasta, sauces, cereal, oatmeal

Friday—rice, beans, flour, sugar, spices, cooking oil



Thoughtful Moments**Too busy?**

On your deathbed you are not going to lie there thinking, "Boy, I wish I had worked more." You are going to long for more time with your spouse, your children, or your family. A child needs the undivided attention of his or her parent for a little while each day. Don't be so busy that you miss even one special moment with yours.

Scripture Lesson—Matthew 23:1 –12, Do I practice what I preach?

In this passage, Jesus accused the Pharisees and scribes of hypocrisy. He pointed out that although they may have faithfully taught what Moses handed down from God, they acted as if they were better than the people they served.

Jesus' message serves as a warning to all leaders, especially those in our governments and in our Church. While he tells us to follow their faithful teachings, we should remember that they are human and can err.

This warning is a message that applies to all of us. When we are dealing with family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors, Jesus' message in this Gospel instructs us to practice what we preach. When we exalt ourselves, we move away from God. When we humble ourselves, God will exalt us in heaven.

What can a parent do? Remember that children watch their parents. They learn more from what a parent does than what a parent says. Striving to show how to live a Godly life is more important than telling a child what to do.

Parent Talk

When Julia turned twelve, she stopped talking much about school, expressing her feelings or engaging in any real communication unless I bugged

her.

Frustrated, one Saturday I told her we had a special project. I decided she was old enough to learn the family recipe for homemade pasta. We broke out bags of flour, cracked eggs and dusted off the pasta machine. Soon we were up to our elbows in dough.

We both laughed more that day than we had in months. And we talked for hours as we slowly cranked out tables full of spaghetti. Without even asking, I heard all about school, her friends, and her life. Now we make pasta once every six weeks or so and we both look forward to that special time.

My Grandmother always said that pasta has a way of bringing people together. Now I realize the true wisdom in her words.

**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 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.



Student Council Officers

Commissioner General – Ashley Slavich
Asst. Commissioner General– Bea White
Co-Commissioners of Records – Alex Armlin & Riley Scherr
Commissioner of Spirit – Mark Scalmanini
Co-Commissioner of Spirit – Keiley Hoskins
Commissioner of Rel. Activities – Kinsey Canez
Co-Commissioner of Rel. Activities – Lauren Sabbatini
Commissioner of Athletics – Cody Fischer
Co-Commissioner of Athletics – Maggie Hayhurst
Co-Commissioner of Finance – Felicia Markfield
Co-Commissioner of Finance – Hector Haro
Commissioner of Publicity – Maddie Hiura
Co-Commissioner of Publicity – Dominic Garcia
Commissioner of Safety and Ecology – Akemi Ito
Co-Commissioner of Safety and Ecology – Sarah Meza

Class Representatives

Preschool/Mrs. Higgins - Christopher Jurevich and Joseph Nino
PreKindergarten/Mrs. Sanchez –Skye Lompa
Kindergarten/Mrs. Ito –Nicole Andrade and Lindsay Cagnacci
Kindergarten/Mrs. Vela -Christina Carvalho and Claire Gastello
First Grade/Mrs. Canez – Jack Gillio and Mary Claire Scott
First Grade/Mrs. Arbizu – Sam Guerrero and Reagan Rivera
Second Grade/Mrs. Andrade – Kayla Ferry and Vincent Nino
Third Grade/Miss. Stevens – Rachel Haas and Samantha Held
Fourth Grade/Miss. Dotson – David Nino and Ashley Raich
Fifth Grade/Mr. Klauer – Matt Campo and Mathieu Morin
Sixth Grade/Mrs. Maiwald and Miss Westphal – Sydney Kunz and Saul Martinez
Seventh Grade/Mrs. Connors – Monique Hayford and Daniel Petersen
Eighth Grade/Mrs. Mottau – Maggie Campo and Matthew Gastello





Costume Parade Winners

Age Group: Pre-K & Younger

Funniest: Mario: Adrian (does not attend Sacred Heart)

Most original: Witch w/ glitter: Sydney Healy

Scariest: Skeleton (did not claim prize!)

Best Costume: Ms. Liberty: Lilly Mendonsa

Age Group: Kinder & First Grade

Funniest : Rio: Thomas Arredondo

Most Original: Astronaut: Lukas Zanger

Scariest: Vincent Bautista

Best Costume: Shower curtain: Ben Wyatt

Age Group: Second thru Fourth Graders

Funniest: Katie Taylor

Most Original: Ebony Held

Scariest: Emma Haro

Best Costume: Samantha Held

Age Group: Fifth thru Eighth Graders

Funniest: Apple Computer Guy: Riley Scherr

Most Original: Sammy Banuelos

Scariest: Zombie Girl: Sarah Meza

Best Costume: Scare Crow: Jessica Slater

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