

# 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.

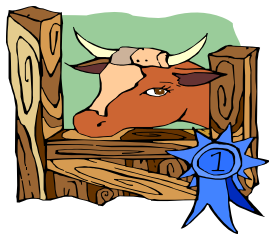
We strive to develop competent and compassionate graduates through spiritual, academic and extracurricular programs. Students are empowered with leadership skills, values, and character traits to enrich personal living and develop as responsible, mature, faith-filled citizens.

### SHPS Fair Booth

We need parents to staff our school booth at the San Benito County Fair. It's a great opportunity to share your school spirit, earn service hours and have some fun. Please contact the office or Miss Tiller directly to sign-up.

### Free Dress

Students who wear their uniform to the Fair and check-in at the booth will receive a free dress pass.



Welcome to the end of September... My how times flies when we're having fun! Already October is upon us. In October, we are looking forward to Student Council Inauguration, 8th grade pictures, parent conferences, spirit week, the *first* Jr. High dance of the year, and our community event Fun Night!

We have had a very busy September. PS-7th grade pictures were taken, re-takes are scheduled for November 18th. We had a fabulous turn-out for our volunteer meetings, more will be scheduled in October. The first-ever Men's Club fundraiser was a fantastic success! Thank you to the organizers, family and friends that participated in the various ways. Family fun at it's best with the Sock Hop.

Next week, teachers and staff will be attending an in-service on Wednesday in Santa Cruz, teachers are due there by 1:15pm, please help us meet our commitment by being on-time for pick-up on Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, we will be on-site for our trainings with the Gurian Institute exploring brain research, instructional strategies, and activities to implement in our classrooms to make learning more engaging for all students. We will have a parent info night on November 8th for all parents.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fair and seeing all the talent and hard work that will be on display. Wishing everyone peace and blessings in the hectic week ahead.

*Peace and Blessings, Mrs. Jurevick*

### Parent Helpers Needed:

The **6th gr. class** is looking for a February fundraiser coordinator. **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](mailto:dnino@razzolink.com) or Jackie Taylor @ [taylorjaquiline1282@gmail.com](mailto:taylorjaquiline1282@gmail.com)

## Did you know?

Hello! **Fourth grade** is an exciting new adventure for many students. This year we graduate into letter grades and become more responsible for our work. Students do a fantastic job taking ownership and pride in their work as we learn more complex notions. We cover an array of material in fourth grade concentrating on the beatitudes and 10 commandments, California History, participate in literacy circles, focus on narrative and expository writing, and study different areas of Science, just to name a few.

In order to build on the concepts we are learning in the classroom we will go on several field trips throughout the year. Some exciting trips include the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Elkhorn Slough, Mission San Juan Bautista, and the Monterey Symphony. We are also fortunate enough to have a Promethean board in our classroom to enhance student engagement. This interactive white board allows us to watch educational video clips, obtain images and sounds to develop and improve our vocabulary in all subject areas, and even play games as a whole class, among many other superb benefits. While learning about subject and predicate sentences we played tic-tac-toe as a whole class on the Promethean board, which was a great way to practice our skills.

Fourth grade is a wonderful milestone in a students' educational growth. As we embark on our journey we welcome you to ask us what new and exciting things we are learning. I am very excited to share this year with our awesome fourth graders.

**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 **September 26th, October 10th & 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.



## PALMA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE (HOLLISTER)

For any families with sons interested in learning more about Palma high school for the next school year, please join us for an Open House on Sunday, **Oct. 16th from 1pm-3pm** here in Hollister. The Open House will be held at the home of Mary and Will White (868 Holly Oak Ct.). There will be representatives from Palma who will provide lots of information and be happy to answer any questions about the school. This is a great local opportunity to learn more about Palma.

**Please RSVP to Mary or Will (630-0330) if you are interested in attending.**

Come learn about Palma while enjoying some refreshments...Go Chieftains!

## Important Dates to Remember

<b>Sept.</b>	24	Sat.	BoLJ retreat
	26	Mon	VB vs. Aromas @ SH (7th Gr.-4:00pm, 8th Gr.-5:00pm) Flag FB vs. Crossroads @ The Complex ( <b>7th Gr. only @ 5:00</b> )
	27	Tues	Flag FB vs. Aromas @ Aromas ( <b>8th Gr. only @ 5:00pm</b> )
	28	Wed.	Min. Day/Faculty Cluster Mtg./ <b>No Extended Care</b>
	29-30	Thurs. & Fri	<b>NO SCHOOL/ Teacher In-service days</b>
	30	Fri	Shadow days at Notre Dame and Palma (8th grade)
<b>Oct.</b>	30	Fri.	Fair Opens
	3	Mon	PASS Board meeting
	6	Thurs.	Student Council Inauguration 1:30pm
	7	Fri	1st Gr. Field Trip to Gizdich Farms
	7	Fri	Children's Holy Hour Prayer service



### Kindergarten Parents

If you received a letter from Mrs. Picha requesting updated immunization shots, please bring them in ASAP as they need to be done by October 7, 2011.



### **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!!!



Thank you to all of the Jr. High parents for getting your child's TDAP done before the deadline.

Much thanks to our **SHPS Men's Club** for BBQing our Tri Tip dinners.  
Thank you to our 8th grade parents and students for their time and talent at the cotton candy booth.

**Pulse News:** This year we are sending the **Pulse electronically to all families and printing for students in PS through 3rd, only.**

If you would like to **receive a hard copy** of the Pulse, **let your child's teacher know** so we can make arrangements to send one home with your child.

## Thoughtful Moments—

**Heal together**—The most effective way to convince our children of the value of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to seek it ourselves. If you haven't been to Confession in a while, your priest will be happy to remind you of how it is done. Welcoming penitent sinner back to God's forgiveness is one of a priest's greatest joys.

Why Do Catholics Do That? What are the Cardinal Virtues?

To help us live a holy life each day, the Catholic church has identified four necessary virtues we all need to acquire, called Cardinal Virtues.

They are: *temperance*—the virtue that helps us to control our impulses and desires, *justice*—to help us respect the rights of others and give God his due, *fortitude*—which gives us the resolve to resist temptation and the courage to do right, and *prudence*—the virtue that helps us to make the right choices.

## Help children find time for prayer

One way to help children remember to pray throughout the day is to combine prayer with regular daily activities. For example:

**On your knees.** To remember to say morning prayers, put shoes under beds the night before. When youngsters bend down to retrieve them in the morning, children can stay on their knees and say a quick prayer offering the day to God.

**Buckle up.** Each time you buckle up a seatbelt in the car, offer a prayer together asking that you remain aware of God's presence in your life.

Or, perhaps pray the Guardian Angel Prayer asking for protection during the journey.

**Special intention jar.** Keep a jar in a central place in your home, such as a kitchen counter or near a main door. Throughout the day, each person can write prayer intentions on slips of paper and put them in the jar. Before going to bed at night, family members can pull a note from the jar and pray for that need with their regular nighttime prayers.



## Feast & Celebrations

**Sept. 28—St. Lawrence Ruiz (1630).** Lawrence was born in the Philippines to Christian parents. Accused of murder, he fled with four Catholic priests and a leper to Nagasaki, Japan, but came under violent persecution. They were martyred on Okinawa.

## Prayer corner

For those who are ill especially, **Mrs. Picha, Miss Westphal, Mrs. Scimeca, Mrs. San Miguel, Dominic's great grandma, and Maya Gomez.**

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

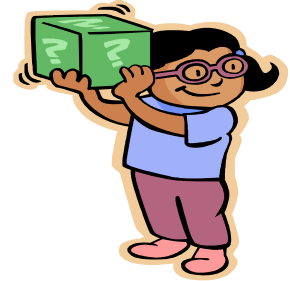
Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for September 2011 is *"That all teachers may know how to communicate love of the truth and instill authentic moral and spiritual values."* Christians have always believed that all truth is God's truth. We should not fear those who search for the truth but welcome them, because we know that, if they are sincere, their search for the truth will lead to them Christ.



### **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 in the classrooms on Oct. 3. 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.—Teenage Diva  
 7th Gr.—Local Goodies (non-alcoholic)  
 8th Gr.—Boys Sports



### **Cybercitizen Spotlight: Setting Screen Limits**

- Kids spend nearly 7.5 hours per day with media.
- Balancing media usage is an essential part of growing up.
- When it comes to screen time, both quality and quantity matter.

The solution isn't as simple as turning everything off. There's a huge difference between an hour spent shooting zombies in *Zombie Duck Hunt* and the same amount of time spent learning vocabulary from a Smartphone app or composing music online.

Likewise, different types of TV shows can affect kids' thinking. A 2011 study published in the journal *Pediatrics* suggests that watching just nine minutes of a fast-paced cartoon had an immediate negative impact on kids' ability to think and plan ahead.

And while more research is needed to fully understand the effects of all media on kids' brains, it's a good practice to pay attention to both quality *and* quantity.

In today's 24/7 digital world, learning to balance media usage has become an essential part of growing up. Just as kids learn not to eat too much candy, they must learn how to manage their media diets. While it helps to start when your kids are young, it's never too late to teach them how to recognize when enough is enough.

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

*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.

## **Upcoming PASS Meeting October 3**

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, October 3 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!



**\*\*\*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp  
Fundraiser\*\*\***

**September 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

25% of proceeds from all dine-in or carry out lunch and dinner orders will go directly to support our 6<sup>th</sup> graders at science camp this year.

Help us support this great educational cause, and don't forget to use your SCRIPT!

Sacred Heart family owned and operated.

**Doña Maria's Authentic Mexican Restaurant**

204 4th St.  
Hollister, CA 95023

Hours: 11am – 8pm

To order call: 637-3696 or online at  
[www.donamariastogo.com](http://www.donamariastogo.com).

**~Please mention Sacred Heart Parish School when you order~**

**San Benito County Fair participants: Don't forget to get your to-go orders before heading out to the fair and good luck!!!**

# 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