

# 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.

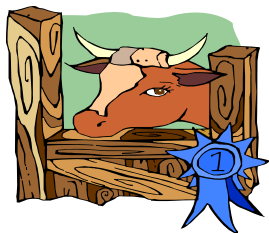
We strive to develop competent and compassionate graduates through spiritual, academic and extracurricular programs. Students are empowered with leadership skills, values, and character traits to enrich personal living and develop as responsible, mature, faith-filled citizens.

### 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.



Students in grades 2—8 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) from 8:00 to 9:30am beginning Monday, September 19th. Due to the importance of this testing, parents are asked **not to make doctor or dental appointments for your children during these dates/times**. You are also asked to make sure that students are not tardy on those days. In order to comply with testing procedures, there will be NO INTERRUPTIONS to classes during testing hours. This means that students in Grades 2-8 who arrive late to school will have to wait in the office until 9:30am. It also means that there will be no PE, computer or music classes from 8:00-9:30, and the office will not use the intercom or PA System.

**Food and sleep are the best preparation for testing**, please help your child to do his/her best by making sure they have sufficient rest, eat breakfast and arrive **on time**. Another best practice in preparing for any standardized test is **daily** independent reading.

We had such positive responses from parishioners of having our Children's liturgies rotate during Mass times, we will continue the practice. The school liturgy schedules are on the school website under **our Students** then proceed to **Faith Formation** section. The Children's Liturgy schedule will rotate through the English Masses. Please check out the schedule and make note for your child's grade for both weekend and Thursday School Mass days.

Thank you all who were attendance for the Sock Hop and worked to make it happen! It was a fantastic success! Bigger and more fun than ever. We had approximately 165+ participants, served 30 pizzas and had a blast! After 120 years, some things will never change. The sock hop was a wonderful example of the community we have here at Sacred Heart and old-fashion fun never gets old!

*Peace and Blessings,  
Mrs. Jurevick*

### Deadline for T-Dap Vaccine

The deadline to turn in proof of a Tdap booster Shot is **September 20, 2011**. According to state law, students will not be allowed to attend school without **proof of vaccination after the 20th deadline**. If your child has had the Tdap shot, please provide a copy to Mrs. Picha ASAP.



**Did you know?** First Grade is off to a fabulous start. We all enjoyed our summer vacation but it is nice to be back to school as a "family" again! We began our year getting back in touch with the Superkids in our Language Arts program. They are a wonderful cast of characters the kids love. To be sure everyone gets off to a great start, we began by reviewing the skills taught in kindergarten. We just finished our review and are ready for the new and exciting adventures the Superkids will embark on in first grade.

In Religion we are learning about the Church community. We have also been discussing our school community and how we are all a family of brothers and sisters at school. Loving one another and the Golden Rule are practiced everyday in our room. Soon we will be getting a tour of the church from Father Rudy. He will help us to learn about some very special and sacred things present in the church.

This year we will learn more complex letter-sound relationships. We will continue to develop our decoding and encoding skills and read longer stories where comprehension and fluency are emphasized. Writing in our journals is one of the highlights of our afternoon. We just finished writing about our favorite Superkid character. Mapping out our ideas and then building sentences was lots of fun. We are looking forward to expanding our writing skills and writing more complex stories as the year goes on.

We are doing all kinds of terrific things in Math. We are counting coins, making and analyzing bar graphs, and we are acting out and drawing some, some more addition and some, some went away subtraction stories. We can't wait to begin writing number sentences, measuring things, and telling time to the hour. We are busy with maps in Social Studies these days. We are reading maps and map keys. We even designed our own maps. That was so fun!

We are loving our time together in first grade. Chances are if you walk down the hall you will hear us singing along with the Superkids, cheering out spelling words, or practicing some Math facts. We are on a learning adventure...and we are loving it!!

**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>	19-28		ITBS TESTING
	19		VB Tres Pinos @ SH (7th Gr. 4:00, 8th Gr. 5:00)
	21	Wed.	VB Spring Grove @ SH (7th Gr. 4:00, 8th Gr. 5:00)
	21	Wed.	Men's Club drive-thru BBQ pick-up
	21	Wed.	Mandatory Volunteer Meeting 6:00pm
	24	Sat.	BoLJ retreat
	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)
	30	Fri.	Fair Opens
<b>Oct.</b>	6	Thurs.	Student Council Inauguration 1:30pm
	7	Fri.	1st Gr. Field Trip to Gizdich Farms



### Kindergarten Parents

If your child had an update on his/her immunization this summer, please bring in a copy of their yellow card to Mrs. Picha ASAP.



### Mandatory Volunteer Meetings

Wed., Sep. 21st @ 6:00pm

Need only to attend one meeting. Required attendance for new parents and returning parents that have not attended a new parent orientation.



### 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!!!



## Thoughtful Moments—

**Religious education**—During the new school year, treat faith formation and religious education with the same importance as your child's academic education. Be sure to supervise religion homework or assignments. Reading, writing, and religion are important life skills your children will always need.

**Volunteer early**—Getting children involved in parish life makes it more likely that they will want to come to Mass regularly. Ask if young children can perform small jobs such as handing out bulletins or acting as greeters. Even minor roles can help children feel a part of the Parish, too.

## Make your family top priority

Strong schools, sports teams, and hobbies all make important contributions in our children's lives. Experts agree, however, that the most important lessons come from loving parents who spend time with their children. The best way to make family time a priority is to schedule it and make it happen.

**Once a week:** Dedicate one night each week to your family. Make it something fun like playing board games, have a talent show so children can demonstrate progress in music or dance lessons, make popcorn and watch a movie from the library. Protect it on the calendar and let nothing interfere.

**Several times a week:** Bring your family together at mealtime whether for microwave or home-cooked dinners. Sharing meals at home creates an occasion for families to bond over everyday activities.

**Once a month:** At the beginning of each month, gather to review what is coming up on the calendar for the next few weeks so all are informed. Also discuss family issues and problems. Let each person be allowed to bring up topics or give suggestions for solutions.

**Once in a while:** Introduce a learning opportunity. Have a short lesson to teach a virtue or a life skill you want your children to learn. Or, bring home an outsider such as a priest or sister to visit and learn from.



## Prayer corner

For those who are ill especially, **Mrs. Picha, Miss Westphal and Mrs. San Miguel.**

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 them to Christ.



## Scripture Lesson—Matthew 16:21-27, How can I gain salvation?

Jesus tells us of the man who sent two sons to the vineyard to work. The first said, "No," but went anyway. The second said, "yes," but didn't go. Jesus asked which son did as the father asked. Obviously the first son did. If we say, "Yes, God, I believe in you," that's not enough. If we presume that the Lord will take us into heaven just because we say that, we'll be disappointed. Words are not enough. True obedience is shown through actions. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We can say we're sorry, or we can show we're sorry.

How can we show God we are sorry? We can go back to living as Jesus taught us by following the Commandments and the Beatitudes.

**What can a parent do?** Use this Gospel to show children what obedience is all about, both obedience to God and obedience to parents. We can teach our children that doing what Jesus asked us to do is the most important way to live our lives.



**\*\*\*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!!!**