

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.

Hot Lunch

The hot lunch program will start on Tuesday, Sept. 6. If you would like to order your child (K-8) hot lunch, please order and pay via RenWeb. The school will not be handling any monies for the lunch program.



It was a splendid Back-to-School night. So many of our families joined us on Wednesday, we thank you for your presence and time. It is remarkable each year to see the many friends catching up, new families recognizing old friends, and parents getting to know your new teachers. It is renewing to welcome back the children and families for a new year to continue growing in spirit and knowledge.

Looking ahead, this week we will celebrate together our return to school during our Back-to-School liturgy 8:15 and 10:15 on Thursday. We invite all parents to join us during all Thursday school masses. On Wednesday at 8:10am, the first mandatory volunteer meeting will be held in the Library. If you wish to volunteer and have not attended a volunteer meeting, please plan to attend one of the scheduled meetings (see page 6).

Every Friday, we gather in the gym to end the week with prayer, announcements, news and to acknowledge student accomplishments - parents are always welcome to attend, assembly begins promptly at 7:50am. Students report directly to the gym on Fridays.

May Christ's peace surround you this holiday weekend.

Peace be with you, Mrs. Jurevich

T-DAP VACCINE

FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR ONLY, ALL STUDENTS ENTERING 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES WILL NEED PROOF OF A TDAP BOOSTER SHOT BY SEPTEMBER 22, 2011. PERTUSSIS IS WIDESPREAD. IF YOUR CHILD 10 YEARS AND OLDER HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE 'TDAP' PERTUSSIS BOOSTER SHOT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IF YOUR CHILD HAS HAD THE TDAP SHOT, PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY TO MRS. PICHA.



Did you know?

Third grade expands on the building blocks laid by the previous teachers. We strive to enhance students' independence, confidence, and faith. By planning our own masses, learning about the Rosary, discussing the sacraments, and growing deeper in our understanding of God's gifts of Grace and the Holy Spirit we grow in our faith and love.

We are currently learning about how communities work together. We know how to read maps, name all the continents, and soon we will be learning about the Native Americans who lived where we live today. We will culminate our unit on the Ohlone tribe with a visit to the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History, where our studies can come alive.

By using our reading strategies with a variety of books and stories we are increasing our fluency, comprehension, and love of reading. These skills cross over into our writing. The Step Up to Writing program helps us to turn our ideas into creative narrative and expository pieces where we incorporate our grammar, vocabulary, and handwriting knowledge.

We will soon start our hands on science experiments and experiences to learn about the scientific process. In third grade, two of the many units of study are the solar system and gaining an understanding of our community's agricultural traditions.

By using manipulatives and constantly reviewing skills in mathematics the students' achieve the standards and beyond. In addition, the students cultivate a love of learning through many hands on experiences, such as constructing their own fraction designs using pattern blocks.

I am so thankful for the children you entrust to us and look forward to enjoying a wonderful year with them.

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 12th & 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.



1st Men's Club Drive-Thru Tri-Tip BBQ fundraiser.

The meal will consist of a cooked tri-tip and garlic bread!! The price for this fantastic meal is **\$25.00!!!**

The drive thru pick up will be in the Sacred Heart Parish School parking lot from 3pm-7pm.

Wednesday, September 21st

The proceeds for the fundraiser will go toward purchasing basketball uniforms, portable soccer goals and a volleyball net.



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting bulletin items is Wednesday by Noon. Please try to adhere to the deadline time as we do get the Pulse to be reviewed by Thursday.

Important Dates to Remember

Sept.	2	Fri.	Diocesan In-Service— NO SCHOOL
	5	Mon.	Labor Day— NO SCHOOL
	6	Tues.	First Day of Hot Lunch PASS Board Mtg. @ 4:15pm
	7	Wed.	Room Parent Orientation Meeting SHPS Night @ Progresso's (5:00-8:30pm)
	8	Thur	8:15am Para-Liturgy PS-1/10:15am grades 2-8



Call to Service

Paint circles in playground area

Anchor pots at front entrance of school.
We would like to place two large planter pots at the entrance of the school.

A large wooden/metal cross on the exterior front entrance of the main school building.

Install decorative film on upper windows in classroom.



Family Sock Hop @ SHPS gym

**Tue., Sept 13th
4-7 pm**

\$5 per family

Includes pizza and drinks! Come & enjoy a fun night of dancing & games with JJ the DJ and all your friends at school !

Upcoming PASS Meeting September 6

All parents/guardians and staff are invited to attend the monthly PASS Board Meetings. The meetings are normally held the first Monday of every month, in the school library. Due to the Labor Day holiday, next month's PASS meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 6 at 4:15pm in the school library.** Please join us to find out what's going on, or if you'd like to

Sacred Heart Night at Progresso's!

Wednesday, Sept. 7 Dinner Hours 5:00p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious diner with your family at Progresso Tamale Parlor and 15% of the proceeds will be donated to our 6th grade class for Science Camp.



Why Do Catholics Do That? What is dogma?

A Catholic dogma is a truth, revealed by God and passed down to us through Scripture or Tradition and accepted as fact by the Church and her faithful. It is a teaching that the Church has found to have been divinely and formally revealed. There are more than 250 dogmata to the Catholic faith. Examples include the articles of faith of the Creed, the sacraments instituted by Christ, the primacy and infallibility of the Pope, and the existence of Original Sin.

Scripture Lesson—John 6:51 –58, the most holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus is present in the Eucharist but not in a merely passive way. He's dynamically present, actively present. He is present in form of bread and wine, offering himself to us as our spiritual food and drink: "My flesh," he assures us, "is real food...my blood is real drink." He explains that when we share in this sacred meal we draw life from him just as he draws life from the Father. And the life is eternal.

This was a shocking message for Jesus' audience. To eat flesh and drink blood probably sounded cannibalistic to his first listeners. But Jesus was saying that our salvation depends upon his life becoming our own. When we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we accept Christ into our lives and become united with him.

What can a parent do? The Eucharist is our nourishment. Nourish your children by talking with them about Jesus and by taking them every Sunday to Mass for their share of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Parent Talk—I watched painfully one Sunday as my nine year old daughter sauntered back from receiving Communion waving at friends and munching on the host like a cookie. Instead of behaving as if she had just received the Body and Blood of Christ, she acted like she was finishing lunch at the school cafeteria. After Mass was over, we stayed behind and practiced making reverent bows as we approached the altar before pretending to receive the host, standing before the Eucharistic Minister (me) with hands cupped, and walking back to the pew with hands folded in prayer. It took several tries but eventually each of the children remembered how to behave reverently in church. The following Sunday I was pleased to see that our "refresher course" paid off and all three children showed increased reverence. I admit, I even focused more fully. A periodic refresher is a pretty good idea.

Prayer corner

For those who are ill especially, **Thomas Popa, Mrs. Picha, Pete Cassidy, Miss Westphal.**

For those who have passed away especially, **Miss. Westphal's aunt, and Kateri Meraz.**

For **Dominic Garcia's cousin** and for those who suffered devastation in Hurricane Irene.

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.



Sacred Heart Parish School Men's Club BBQ Fundraiser

Let the SHPS Men's Club do the cooking for you!!!

Drive thru BBQ fundraiser on

Wednesday, September 21

3 pm - 7 pm

(Pick up at Sacred Heart Parish School)



\$25.00 per meal

includes a delicious bbq tri-tip and bread

Proceeds benefit SHPS Athletics Program

for the purchase of: Basketball Uniforms, Portable Soccer Goals, Volleyball Net

For Tickets Please Contact: Charlie Bedolla 801-5438

Tickets also available in the school office



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Located at 230 Third Street, Hollister



Mandatory Volunteer Meetings

Wed., Sept 7th @ 8:10am

Thur., Sept. 15th @ 11:00am

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.

