

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.

eWaste Recycling Fund-raiser Event

Sat., Jan 21, 2012

9am-2pm, SHPS Parking Lot

Please recycle your old TV, CPU, monitor and other electrical devices to help raise funds for Technology initiatives. If you are interested in helping, please contact Miss. Tiller or the office.



Welcome Back!! Happy New Year. When January arrives on the calendar, it signals the mid-point to our academic year and the rest of our time together seems to fly by. As we prepare for the many upcoming events that seem to come at a furious pace. I am constantly challenged to find time to pray and reflect as I imagine many of you are as well. But remember time spent in prayer renews our spirit and our being.

Over the past two academic years, we have published information about our upcoming re-accreditation. Sacred Heart Parish School is dually accredited by Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The WCEA/WASC accreditation is based on a six-year accreditation cycle, with a full Self-Study visit occurring every six years. And 2012 is the year! In the next few months you will hear even more as our visit approaches in March. We will be asking parents to help us prepare in a variety of ways. If you have questions about this process, please do not hesitate to ask myself or your child's teacher.

Blessings for peace and prosperity in this New Year!

Mrs. Jurewich

Save the Dates

February 3rd
Grandparent's Day

February 4th
An Evening in Tuscany

February 11th
Community Volunteer Fair

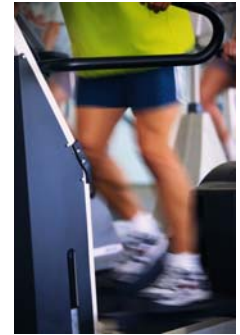
Volunteers for "An Evening in Tuscany" FUNdraiser



Volunteers are needed for our various 'jobs' to support our fundraiser. There are opportunities for decorating, auction help, servers, clean-up, etc. Please contact: Lisa Nino-Guerra at 801-2790 or home 637-7701 or at lmguerra80@yahoo.com.

News from the field:

Students in Junior High have recently been working on developing their abdominal, leg and arm muscles. Through a variety of scooter related games they have explored ways to work out their individual muscles. In conjunction with these exercises they have continued to challenge themselves in the area of fitness with their monthly fitness test. They have all become accustomed to being tested for monthly timed running test as well. They are excited to chart their progress in their portfolios for review the following month. Many of our students have seen great progress and are encouraged to continue with their hard work.



We have also just completed our unit in basketball and with weather permitting will move outside for a little bit of soccer.

T-shirt design contest winners

K-4: 1st place Jacob Murray
2nd place Nicholas Slater

5-8: 1st place Katie So
2nd place Ambria DelCurto

1st place winners will have their design printed on T-shirts that can be worn on most minimum days. As well as a monetary prize of \$75.00.

2nd place winners receive a monetary prize of \$50.00.

Palma Honor Roll

Congratulations to our former SHPS students who have earned honor roll.

Second Honors
Travis Winn

4-Point Honors
Kyle Markfield, Mason Miguel,
Tanner Carrillo-Zazueta, Zachary Piccoli, Jarod Solis, Daniel Souza, Benjamin White, Nathaniel Zanger, and Dominic Zanger.

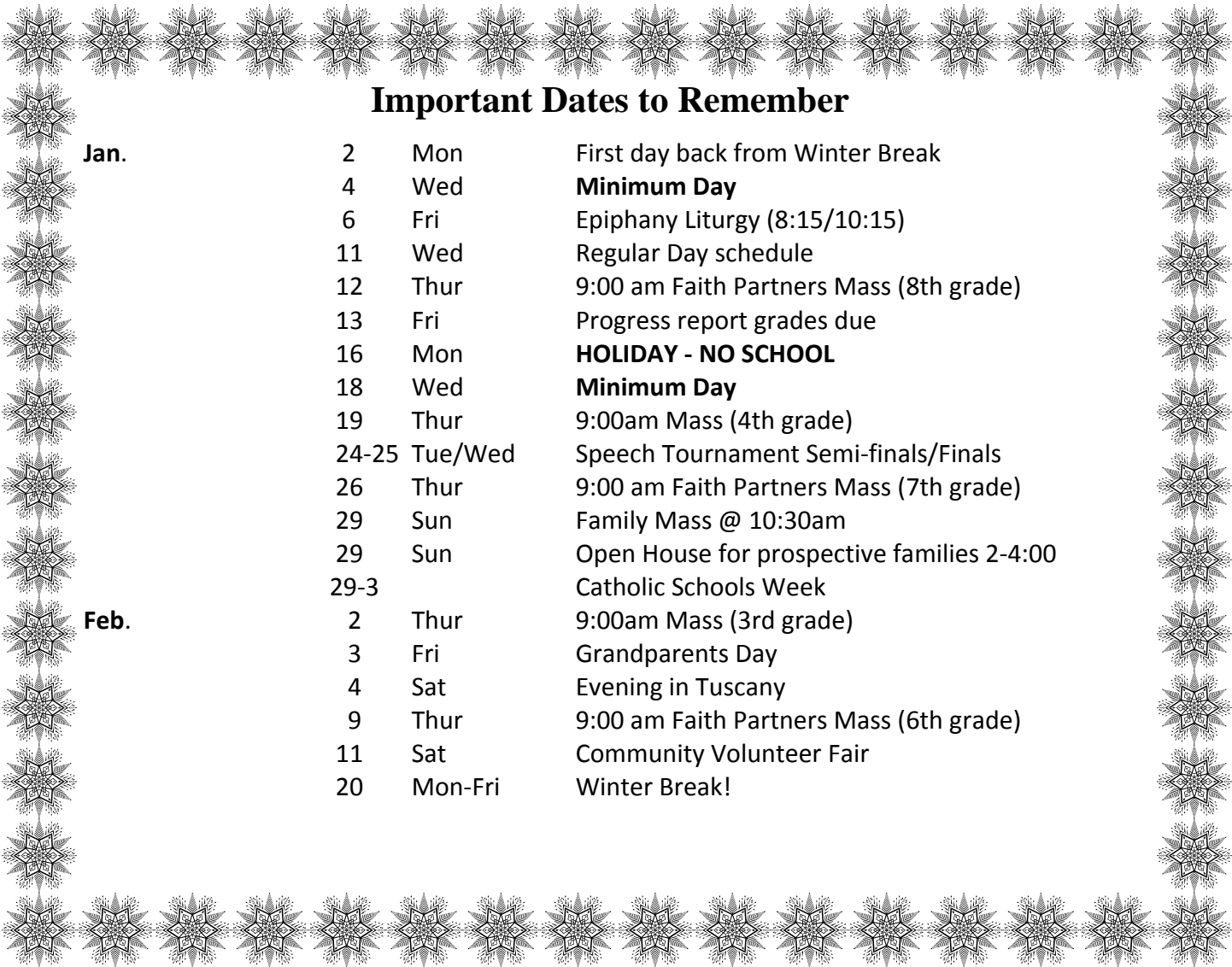
The Boy Scouts will be picking up used Christmas trees in Hollister and San Juan Bautista on **Sat. Jan. 7 and Sun. Jan. 8.** On pick up dates, please leave your tree visible at the curb by 9:00am stripped of decorations and stands. We accept flocked trees.

Troops are asking for an \$8 donation. Donations can be left under the doormat. For Hollister trees, make checks payable to BSA Troop 436. For San Juan trees make checks payable to BSA Troop 428. For further questions, call 831-638-9646 in Hollister or 831-636-8360 in San Juan.



*Evening in Tuscany
February 4th
reverse draw tickets*

Don't forget to purchase your reverse draw ticket for \$75.00. The Grand prize is a \$1500 gift certificate for the Hotel Valencia at Santana Row. Come in the office and purchase tickets or call Ed Moakler to buy or sell additional tickets.



Important Dates to Remember

Jan.	2	Mon	First day back from Winter Break
	4	Wed	Minimum Day
	6	Fri	Epiphany Liturgy (8:15/10:15)
	11	Wed	Regular Day schedule
	12	Thur	9:00 am Faith Partners Mass (8th grade)
	13	Fri	Progress report grades due
	16	Mon	HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
	18	Wed	Minimum Day
	19	Thur	9:00am Mass (4th grade)
	24-25	Tue/Wed	Speech Tournament Semi-finals/Finals
	26	Thur	9:00 am Faith Partners Mass (7th grade)
	29	Sun	Family Mass @ 10:30am
	29	Sun	Open House for prospective families 2-4:00
	29-3		Catholic Schools Week
Feb.	2	Thur	9:00am Mass (3rd grade)
	3	Fri	Grandparents Day
	4	Sat	Evening in Tuscany
	9	Thur	9:00 am Faith Partners Mass (6th grade)
	11	Sat	Community Volunteer Fair
	20	Mon-Fri	Winter Break!

8th grade corner

Reminders:

**Please turn in baby photos to the office
or email: navarroteam3@aol.com.**

**Entrance Exams
Notre Dame High School
January 7th & 14th**

**Palma School
January 14th, 28th & February 11th**

**St Francis
January 14th, & 21st**



Eighth Grade Memories

Some of my favorite memories are when we were at Science Camp and we thought we saw a raccoon, but it was really a bag. Some other memories are getting my buddy, the Seder meal, and everything Johnny Esteban has ever said. I also am fond of the time in 1st grade when I beat everyone in the 1st grade at tetherball. There was also the time in 3rd grade when there was conga-line in the classroom. I have had a wonderful time at Sacred Heart.—**Nick Burchard**

Thoughtful Moments—Make it last

Don't take the Christmas tree down just yet. The retail Christmas season starts so early that by the time December 25th comes, we are ready to stuff the decorations away for another year. But for the Church, the Christmas season starts on the 25th and goes until January 9th, the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the true end of the Christmas Season.



Are you teaching your children to sin?

Sounds like a silly question, doesn't it? No Christian parent would teach a child to sin. But, if whether or not you follow God's rules yourself depends upon the situation or the rule, you may be doing just that. For example:

"White" lies. Have you ever let your child miss school for fun but sent a note saying that she was sick? Have you dodged phone call by saying, "tell him I'm not home!"? Have you snuck extra items on the express grocery line? If so, you demonstrated that it's okay to break God's law about telling the truth. How can children tell when to stop?

"Thou shall steal?" Do you download copyrighted movies and music without paying? Do you tap into a neighbor's internet or cable service instead of buying your own? Do you help yourself to napkins or silverware from restaurants or take towels from hotels? Even if the victim is wealthy, you are breaking God's law against stealing.

Do as I do. To our children, what we do is more powerful than what we say. *"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea"* (**Matthew 18:6**).

Rest in Peace

Sr. Margaret Rose Fee, age 90, died at Our Lady of Victory Convent on Sat., Dec. 10, 2011. Sr. Margaret Rose was a principal at Sacred Heart from 1957–1958 and again from 1977–85.



Prayer corner

For those who are ill especially, **Mrs. Picha, Mrs. San Miguel, Mrs. Olivas, Mr. Miller, Kenneth Klauer.**

For **Mrs. Sanchez and her family** on the passing of her mother in law.

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

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for January 2012 is *"that the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives."* 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 students are on FIRE and show it by:



Faith

- Actively participating in Mass, religious studies and Catholic traditions
- Using different types of prayer to show reverence for God's creation, self, family, and others
- Having a basic knowledge of the teachings, doctrine, and practices of the Catholic Church



Intelligence

- Showing grade level proficiency in core subjects
- Using technology responsibly as a tool for learning
- Using study skills wisely



Responsible citizenship

- Reaching out to serve others
- Demonstrating self control and responsible behavior
 - Realizing that individual choices impact the world socially and environmentally



Effective communicators

- Effectively presenting ideas with confidence and poise in a variety of situations
- Expressing written thoughts clearly, using correct grammar and mechanics in diverse forms and for different purposes
- Utilizing technology effectively to communicate with a variety of audiences

Immaculate Heart Radio



The Most Reverend Richard J. Garcia,
Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey

and

Immaculate Heart Radio
cordially invite you to
celebrate the launch of
1240 AM KNRY,
which will broadcast
the best of Catholic radio
programming, 24/7.



A shout-out to
Mrs. Georgina Vodanovich,

Mrs. Heather Skardoutos, Mrs. Maria Donati
and Mrs. Danielle Nino. They helped put together
502 Candy Cane Grams on Thursday-
their help was *really* appreciated.

A BIG Thank you to the donors for
Christmas program prizes and staff
luncheon raffle.

THANK YOU!

Yearbook Announcements

Thank You

To all the parents and staff who have helped with the yearbook so far. All your pictures and input are greatly appreciated. If you have any pictures you would like to share please feel free to submit your CD's to the office or email photos to navarroteam3@aol.com

~Christine Navarro~

Deadlines/Reminders

Classroom Collage Pages..... January 13, 2012

Purchase yearbook at price of \$35.....January 20, 2012

After January 20th, price goes up to\$45

Add student photo to front cover for \$5

Photos Needed

Flag Football

6th Grade Science Camp

Girls Volleyball

1st Holy Communion 2011

If your student made their 1st Holy Communion in spring of 2011 and would like to be featured in the yearbook, please *email* or *bring your photo to the office*. Make sure to write your students name on the back and the photo will be returned to you.

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T-shirt Order Form

Orders are due January 20, 2012



Design (A)



Design (B)

\$10.00 per shirt

Write quantity on line:

Adult: Small A___ B___

Adult: Medium A___ B___

Adult: Large A___ B___

Adult: XL A___ B___

Adult: XXL A___ B___

Youth: X-Small (2-4) A___ B___

Youth: Small (6-8) A___ B___

Youth: Medium (10-12) A___ B___

Youth: Large (14-16) A___ B___

***Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish School.*

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Total dollar amount enclosed: _____

Office use only:

Total Number of A shirt _____

Total Number of B shirt _____



The Visit

A Visiting Team spends three days with the school community after review of the Self Study Document. During the visit, the team visits classrooms, investigates the written evidence of responses to the WCEA criteria, holds interviews with the members of the school community, and prepares a written report on its findings during the three-day visit. The Team also writes a recommendation of a Term of Accreditation based upon factors relative to the school community's successes and growth needs.

The Term of Accreditation

The maximum term of accreditation is six years. However, a school community may be given a shorter term of accreditation if there are major concerns about some of the criteria being met to the extent necessary for a full six-year term.

What is the WCEA?

The Western Catholic Educational Association is a private educational accrediting agency established under the auspices of the Bishops of the Catholic (Arch) Dioceses of California.

WCEA Mission Statement

The Mission of WCEA is to maintain and improve the quality of elementary and secondary Catholic schools as educational environments that assist students in their faith formation and academic needs.

What is the Purpose of WCEA?

The major purpose of this agency is to coordinate the accreditation process by assisting schools in their self-evaluative programs, to establish general standards for excellence, to grant WCEA Accreditation, and to cooperate formally with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and other accrediting organizations as determined by the WCEA Board of Directors.

The Self-Study Document and Visiting Team Report/Justification Statement



After the Visiting Team has completed its work, the Visiting Team Report and the Justification Statement are reviewed by a Team of WCEA Commissioners. The Team of WCEA Commissioners will affirm the recommended term or designate an alternate term of accreditation. Each school is then accredited at a full meeting of WCEA Commissioners. In California and Hawaii,

WASC (Western Association of Schools & Colleges) then reviews the materials and co-accredits the school. In other western states each diocese works with its state accrediting agency according to applicable co-accreditation agreements.

How is the accreditation accomplished?

Each Member diocese has both an elementary school and high school Commissioner. It is the responsibility of the respective commissioners to assist the school community in the preparation of a Self Study Document using an approved Protocol (Process for School Improvement for the elementary schools, and Focus On Learning for Catholic High Schools). These Protocols are criteria-based and lead the school to examine specific aspects of school life and the extent to which the criteria are currently being met. The school community then prepares for a three-day visit by an accreditation team composed of educators who are trained evaluators from other schools with educational expertise.



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