

The Heartbeat News



Sacred Heart School

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Dear Parents,

This year at Sacred Heart has been filled with growth and positive energy. The staff and I feel so Blessed to have been a part of the momentum here! There have been new additions and many changes around the campus!

Change can be a frightening and difficult experience, but this year for Sacred Heart, it has been a wonderful experience. I believe it has been so positive because, though we have added new staff members, new technology, new curriculum components, and new instructional strategies in the classroom we remain rooted in the same Catholic tradition and values that were present on campus back in 1906 when our doors first opened. As Pauline Kezer mused, "Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights."

The commitment of the faculty, staff, and families of Sacred Heart School to provide a solid education rooted in the traditions and faith of the Catholic Church has given us the deep and strong roots necessary to support the branches of change that are growing here. As we look back on the excitement of this year- SMART boards, amazing new staff members, a deeper focus on critical thinking skills in the classroom, and a shift toward providing our students with a more interactive learning experience, we can feel proud of the steps forward our school is taking. We can now also look to the future- the purchase and development of the new property promises to open up doors for our students we have dreamed of for many years!

I want to thank you all for the support you have given the school, not only this year, but for some families, decades of support. If it were not for your sacrifices and commitment to provide your child with a solid Catholic education, we could not be the amazing school that we are today. I look forward to your continuing support as we stretch our branches out and reach new heights next school year. As always, the faculty and staff here feel Blessed you have chosen us to care for your most precious gifts from God- your children. It is an honor we take very seriously and we will continue to strive to educate and nurture your children so that they may grow into their full potential and live life as responsible, respectful, and reverent servants of God.

Have a safe and wonderful summer! Please look for information about our summer Accelerated Reader incentives and access from home! May God Bless and keep you!

Yours in Christ,
Jennifer Dean

***Spotlight
on 4th Grade.***

4th grade is considered the beginning of intermediate education. As the past ten months have proven, the students in Ms. Marcroft's class grew by leaps and bounds. Why, they not only learned about the volcanoes, missions, and the Ten Commandments, they were also introduced to the concept of Family Life, States of Matter.

Test taking strategies is a big skill to master in 4th grade, so much of critical thinking is developed at this level and their readiness is laid on the foundation of good study behaviors, organization and responsibility.

This year's class is quite energetic and inquisitive, a good base on which parents can build on for future academic demands. Ms. Marcroft advises the parents to not only ask about the school day, the homework assignments, and provide a suitable working environment..

The volcano projects of the students were a nice "show" for the other students on campus. Their mission projects were also very successful.

All in all it was a wonderful year for everyone in 4th grade.

Dear Father Mike,

You have given us valuable years as our pastor, and we are sad to see you go. Please know that we will miss your love for the entire Sacred Heart Community, and that we shall always wish you well.

Your new family will be truly blessed to have you as part of their endeavors.

Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will never forget all that you have done for us.

Your Sacred Heart Family

*Spotlight
on 6th Grade.*



CONGRATULATIONS

8th Graders!

We wish you all the best in High School!

SORRY!

The Scouts article for Spring should have stated that Caleb, Michael P., Bruce and Michael B. received their Arrow of Light and crossed over to Boy Scouts.

We apologize for the error.

For the last issue of the Heartbeat 2010-2011, we were given the opportunity to interview Ms. Miyamoto, Sacred Heart's 6th grade teacher. When asked to list the top three highlights of the school year, she spoke of the Outdoor School, the Egyptian Projects, and the field trip to Point Lobos. This year's 6th grade class was described by Ms. Miyamoto as being very social. She went on to say that the current 6th graders focused on being good examples for their 5th grade buddies during Mass and discovered how to put together power point projects. In response to how parents can help their children at home, Ms. Miyamoto said, "Parents can help their children by making them read, having them cook, explore their neighborhood, and then write journals about it." How about practicing Math facts, giving them a simple writing assignment?

By the end of the 6th grade the students would be able to write a research paper, talk about Egypt and ancient civilizations, earthquakes, and appreciate poetry.

Spotlight on 8th Grade.

The top three things that happened in 8th grade this year are the retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista, going “gleaning” for AG Against Hunger, and of course, graduation. By the end of the school year, each student in Sister Lynn’s class can be expected to be faithful Catholics who are able to demonstrate an understanding of the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church, apply the teachings of Jesus to their lives, realize and recognize God’s presence in themselves and others, assume responsible roles as moral Christians in the Church and in the world, and demonstrate our school principles of “Reverence, Respect, and Responsibility” to themselves, the Church, and to others. 8th graders can be expected to be life long learners who are able to value education and continue their intellectual curiosity and eagerness for learning, strive for success while learning to deal with life’s challenges and disappointments, understand, and use available resources to find answers to questions they have about the world, work jointly or collaboratively to find solutions to challenges. 8th graders also can be expected to be responsible citizens who are now able to show awareness of an responsibility for God’s creation, be involved in their school, community, and world, while exhibiting global awareness, ap-

preciate cultural diversity, and be proactive in maintaining healthy minds, bodies, and attitudes by adopting a healthy lifestyle focused on wellness.

This year’s Spotlight articles were written by members of the student council.

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