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Advising Corner

There are 5 weeks left in the trimester!

Here are some important reminders:

- AR Points: You will need 30 in grades 6 and 7. Read 20-30 minutes each night and a bit more over Christmas Break. You should have at least 10 points when you come back from break. We would recommend that you have 20 so that you are taking advantage of school being out and there not being tests to juggle as well.
- Grade 8, you MUST take the AR tests for the three books that you will be reading and reflecting on this trimester. Your genres for this trimester are Multi-Cultural, Fantasy/ Science Fiction, and Historical Fiction. You will need to answer the reflection questions for each book on a separate sheet of paper, typed, and double-spaced.
- Service Hours: Please see the page dedicated inside.
- Computer Math: Mrs. O'Neil requires that you sign up ahead of time for after-school lab hours. Mrs. O'Neil only accepts 15 students each Thursday so that she is able to actually help you! Please see her in advance to schedule your Thursday lab time. She will only be taking students that need help or are behind.
- Advisors: We greatly value our job as Advisors. Please come and see us! We are here for you!
- Finals: Final exams will begin February 22nd. Please see inside for the schedule
- Please come and see teachers! We are here to help in anyway that we can!
- Communication Board—the new and improved Homework Board!!
http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/communication_board
 Click on your homeroom teacher and then each individual class for your assignments
Mrs. Walton's board has ALL tests, most quizzes, and the spelling lists
- National Juniors Honor Society... NJHS members are offering a "help" session every Wednesday during lunch. Students that need help in a particular subject area, will sign up to attend, and receive one on one help. We get by with a little help from our friends!!

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What's Happening??

News from the Junior High corridor

Electives..... We began new electives on January 22nd. Students are excited to embark on their new adventures on Friday afternoon. Here are some of the classes being offered.

Renaissance Faire with Mrs. Tufo and Ms. Uhl

Get 5 with Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Byla

Math Tutoring with Sr. Lucinda and Mrs. O'Leary

Student Aides with Mrs. Walton

Junior High Youth Group with Ms. Nieves from the Church

FUN AND FITNESS with Mr. Torgerson

Theater with Mrs. Pineda

DECATHLON with Mrs. Mesa

YEARBOOK (putting on the final touches) with Mrs. Araiza and Mrs. Tatum

Our Students Soar in the SLEs!

LP - Loving Person (SLE 3) LLL - Life-Long Learner (SLE 2) FFP - Faith-Filled Person (SLE 1)

Mrs. Tufo - **Miguel Chapa (LLL)** Miguel is attentive during instruction, he asks timely questions, he delivers the assignments on time and he works well with his peers. What a combination! Congratulations, Miguel!

Mrs. Mesa - **Jordan Xanders (LLL and LP)** Jordan is always prepared for class, works well in any situation, and has kind heart.

Ms. Uhl - **Raquel Delgado (LLL)** Raquel is an excellent and productive student; she is a fantastic role model for her peers.

Mrs. O'Leary - **Mitchell Xanders (LLL)** and **Nathan Tudor (LLL)**. Mitchell and Nathan are both excellent in class, work is always done and their hands are always raised in participation.

Mrs. Araiza - **Moe Sarna (LLL)**. Moe is always ready to participate in Spanish class and is always excited to learn more about the subject. He performs as a confident individual as well as a team player.

Mrs. Dickinson - **Cassie McCarron (LLL)** Cassie is very conscientious. She always schedules missed labs directly with me herself and she always shows up. She approaches everything she does with a positive attitude, and never lets anything get in her way in an attempt to master subject matter

Mrs. Walton - **Makenna Parsonage (LLL)** Makenna has made incredible strides this trimester. She asks for help when needed and tries her best in every subject. She does not give up and wants to succeed! Way to go, Makenna!

Mrs. O'Neil - **Travis Xanders (LLL)** and **Sean Gitmed (LP)**. Travis did a beautiful power point on the Apostles. Sean is just always doing what he is supposed to be doing, quietly and with respect.

Sister Lucinda - **Adriana Fazio (LLL)** and **Hunter Williams (LLL)**. Adriana and Hunter for their constant enthusiasm, participation, and love for learning.

Mr. Torgerson - **Nick Pepple. (LP and FFP)**. Nick is a respectful young man who positively contributes in class discussions, is prepared and leads through example. Nick is fun to have in class, thanks Nick.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Come by and see us during these times, but always let the teacher know ahead of time. Also, if you need to see a teacher outside of these times, just set an appointment!

Mrs. Tufo: 7:30-8 everyday

Mrs. O'Neil: Th 3:15-4:15

Mrs. Mesa: Wed at lunch, by request

Mrs. O'Leary: T/Th lunch and recess, by request

Mrs. Walton: recess and lunch every day, during Library with teacher permission, 7:30 everyday by request (on campus Tuesday—Friday all day)

Sister Lucinda: M/Th at lunch by request

Ms. Uhl: M lunch, T at 7:30

Mrs. Araiza: At lunch, by request

Mrs. Tatum: W at 7:30

Mr. Torgerson: lunch reflection at the tables

Mrs. Dickinson: W at 7:30

Mr. Torgerson, and Mrs. Tatum: 7:30-8, 3:05-3:30 and by request

*"I am a Loving Person who respects differences of cultures, beliefs, and individuality of others by practicing Christian values."
SLE 3a*

21 school days left to reach your 2nd trimester goal!!!!!!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! Join in on the celebration!

We are half-way through Catholic Schools week and the students' spirit is still going strong. We still have two fabulous days to celebrate!

CONGRATULATIONS TO EMMA MONTGOMERY! Emma won the St. Thomas Aquinas Award this morning. The recipient is chosen by the Junior High faculty and the administration for Faith-Filled Leadership! Dr. Brennan came back to hand out the award. Way to go, Emma!!

Thursday: Tropical Day (No sandals or swimsuits, boys are allowed to wear trunks. School dress code applies.), Special Friends lunch - turkey sandwiches

Friday: 1/2 day, Donuts for Dads, Patriot Day (Black, blue, white, or red jeans with a red, white, or blue shirt.), Prayer service in gym, followed by a dance recital, Brown Bag Friday

MEMORY WALK! Join or support our team !

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk® is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research – and it calls on volunteers of all ages to become champions in the fight against this fatal disease. Since 1989, Memory Walk has raised more than \$260 million for the cause.

I am a loving person who responds to community needs. SLE 3c

Ms. Uhl and the Student Council has organized a team for Sacred Heart. Junior High students who walk will earn 2 service hours. If you are unable to participate, you can go online and donate to the walk.

In order JOIN OUR TEAM or to donate, please visit Mrs. Walton's or Ms. Uhl's homework board for a direct link to our team site or visit

<http://2010MemoryWalkCV.kintera.org/shs> and then follow these steps:

- Click on "My Team Page"
- Then choose "Join Our Team"
- Click "I agree" after reading the information in the box
- You will need to fill in your personal information

The Coachella Valley Memory Walk is a 2-mile scenic walk through Palm Desert Civic Center Park and outlying areas. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies begins at 10:00 a.m. Walk kicks off at 10:30 a.m. Food & Entertainment to follow the walk. We invite you to bring your friendly dogs with you to enjoy Memory Walk.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2010

Please come out and support our teams!!

Wed 2/17	Boys	Raymond Cree	Away	A&B	3:30&4:30	Tue 3/9	Boys	MPVS	Home	B&C	3:30&4:30
	Girls	Raymond Cree	Home	A&B	3:30&4:30		Girls	MPVS	Away	C	3:30
Mon 2/22	Boys	Desert Chapel	Home	A&B	3:30&4:30	Wed 3/10	Boys	OLPH	Home	A	4:00
	Girls	Desert Chapel	Away	A&B	3:30&4:30		Girls	OLPH	Home	A	5:00
Tue 2/23	Girls	MPVS	Away	C	3:30	Mon 3/15	Boys	SMES	Home	A&B	3:30&4:30
Wed 2/24	Boys	CSOD	Away	A&B	3:30&4:30	Tue 3/16	Girls	MPVS	Home	C	3:30
	Girls	MPVS	Home	A&B	3:30&4:30		Boys	MPVS	Away	C	3:30
Mon 3/1	Boys	DAA	Home	A	3:30	Wed 3/17	Boys	Kings	Away	A	3:30
Tue 3/2	Girls	MPVS	Away	A&B	3:30&4:30						
	Girls	MPVS	Home	C	3:30						
Wed 3/3	Boys	St. Theresa's	Home	A&B	3:30&4:30						
	Girls	St. Theresa's	Away	A&B	3:30&4:30						
					2:30						
Mon 3/8	Boys	MPVS	Away	A&B	3:30&4:30						
	Girls	MPVS	Home	A&B	3:30&4:30						

'B' Tournament: Friday, March 19th

Boys @ Xavier 3:30

Girls @ MPVS 3:30

'A' Tournament: Sat., March 20th

Boys @ Xavier 9:00

Girls @ Desert Sports Center 9:00

Finals Schedule will be out soon... what can you do??

- Have a file drawer or box at home to file all sample problems, tests, and worksheet in individual subject folders so that when you go to review, you have material to study.
- See teachers NOW for help! Do not wait until Finals Week to tell us that you do not understand.
- Create a study group! Quiz one another, share notes!
- Get ALL of your homework completed! Homework is created to help reinforce the concepts taught in class. Homework helps solidify your understanding.
- Come in at lunch for tutoring! JH Honors Society is available on Wednesday in Mrs. O'Leary's room.
- Make a master calendar of all your tests! You will be able to chart what and when you must study.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!!

Renaissance Faire

Come ye, one and all! Look ye for our arms upon which are a lamp for learning, a sword for chivalric ideals and a jester's head for mirth and merriment. In our activities, we strive for a balance of these three: learning, ideals and fun. We learn by doing: making costumes, inventing crafts, enjoying games of the period and expeditions to events pertaining to the middle ages.

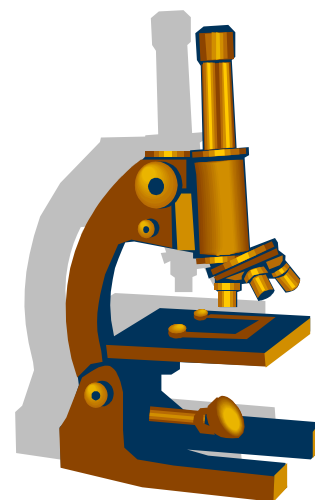
On April 30, the junior high will be creating a Renaissance Faire on our campus.

Look for more information in the future newsletters!

FROM THE SCIENCE LAB with Mrs. Dickinson

Sixth graders have been busy studying contour maps and the effects of weathering on rock. Their next two labs involve Weathering and Comparing Soils.

Seventh grade students are culminating their study of Animals and embarking on a study of Cells. They have done labs on Animal Responses, The Food Chain, by examining Owl's leftovers and the Insulating Properties of Wool. They will be using the microscope to look at Animal cells closely. They will also be doing labs on "Examining Cell Membranes and Permeability" and "Observing Osmosis in Plant Cells."



The Eighth Graders has been studying Chemical Reactions and the Indicators of Chemical Reactions. They are currently working with Acids and Bases and learning about variables. Their next two labs involve testing antacids to find out which ones neutralize stomach acid the best and

Also determine the solubility of substances in water. They will conclude the Trimester by learning about carbon.

Are you writing in your agenda?
Checking the homework board?

News from Yearbook

Sacred Heart Catholic School

The Sacred Heart School Community is committed to modeling and teaching Catholic Christian morals and values, while creating a respectful environment which promotes academic education and fosters a love for learning.

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760-346-3513
Teacher emails are available
on the school website.

Yearbook order forms will be out soon!! Please be on the lookout.

Pictures are needed from upcoming Basketball games. Please email to Mrs. Araiza so that they can be added to our pages.

If you have any additional INCREDIBLE photos, please contact Mrs. Araiza before sending them with a description of the photo. She will then be able to determine if there is an available place for them.

Thank you!
Your 2009-2010 Yearbook Staff!
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From the desk of Ms. Uhl:

Reminder that science fair projects are optional and will be due on February 9. The projects can replace a poor test grade in science during the second trimester.

The school science fair will include grades 5-7, and projects will be on display in the gym February 9-11.

7th grade is working on Animal Instincts Project and Presentation. Presentations will begin on February 10th. Through the project, students will understand: the difference between instinct and learned behavior, how an animal's instincts and behaviors help it survive, and the connection between environment and behavior. Students may present in a group of 3-4 or independently. Each group or individual will prepare three pages: Diet, Habitat, and Behaviors. The students will research and write a brief description of their animal's diet, habitat, and behavior. Presentations will include a diorama, poster, hand drawing, or collage of the animal's natural environment. There will be class time given daily to complete, however, if the project is not finished in class, it must be done at home. Again, presentations will begin Wed. February 10th. Do not leave it to the last minute!



T o t e a c h a s J e s u s d i d

Mark your Calendar!

February 1-5: Catholic Schools Week

February 5: First Friday - Dismissal 12:15

February 9: Science Fair Project due

February 15: President's Day (No School)

February 19: Spring Picture Day

February 22-March 5: Finals!

March 5th: 2nd trimester ends. AR points are due!