



Family Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the past three months. On behalf of Mrs. Spinney, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Tatum, Mr. Lethcoe, myself and all those who have lost a loved one over the past year, I can't tell you how much it means to have a family here at Sacred Heart School to lean on. With the deaths of the parents of so many faculty members, I'm beginning to think God is trying to start a school in heaven.

Dealing with mom, cancer and her eventual death over the past months has given me a great deal of satisfaction, yes sadness, but also satisfaction. The greatest gift my mother ever gave me was my faith. As adults it is our choice whether we nurture our faith or not, but it was seeds planted by my mother through the church, school and by practicing her faith that allowed me to know Christ. As parents and educators we should not take our greatest gift to our children lightly. It is the seeds planted in childhood that will bear fruit in these children as adults.

Mom was a faith filled person. No, she didn't attend Mass but on weekends and Holy Days. Except when I was a child she didn't volunteer much. She knew Christ as her friend and like most of us attempted to live up to His expectations as she went through life, failing from time to time.

Our mission states and it is our desire as parents and educators to help these children develop their own relationships with Christ. They will never be friendless as long as Jesus is present in their words and actions. We must work to help our children see Christ as a friend and guidance counselor rather than an authority figure waiting to catch them doing wrong.

In preparing the liturgy for mom's funeral the priest asked me, "What would your mom ask or say when she met Jesus?" This was easy to answer as mom and I discussed it prior to her death and knowing mom as I did she would ask, "Was I good enough?" Mom liked knowing where she stood throughout her life whether in sports, relationships, etc.

The more I think about this question the more I realize that this is a question we should be asking ourselves on a regular basis. We wouldn't take a road trip somewhere without laying out plans. We would not invest in a stock without looking into the company first and then tracking its price as the days turned to months. As Christians we believe this earthly home is only temporary and that heaven is our final destination. When is the last time we discussed with our spouses, our children or asked ourselves, "Am I good enough?" It's easy to say when someone dies that they are happy now in heaven, but unless the trip is planned for, odds are we may not like the destination.

As I sat with my mom at the funeral home, her lifeless body before me, I was at peace. I did not know how I would react. I lost my father at 49 when I was 22, his death, also known to us, was due to cancer. As a young person just about to graduate college and feeling, as we all do at 22, that we are invincible, all I could think was what a shame to go so young. Now I sat before mom... at peace and I realize it was my faith that gave me this peace. As I spoke to mom in the funeral home I realized that I was speaking to the same person I had always spoken to and will continue to speak to until we meet again.

This body is merely a shell, a shell that carries our spirit and it is always to the spirit of a person to whom we should speak. While together on this earthly home we have a tendency to forget this. Our spirit is tolerant, non-judgmental and vulnerable. How often do we speak to a shell rather than communicate with a person's spirit? I imagine the conversations would be quite different.

This Easter season reminds us that we are a resurrection people and that someday Christ will return to this earth and reunite the departed souls with their bodies where they will live forever with God. Until then the spirits of our loved ones who have gone before us are with Christ. None of us know, it is God's will, when our last day on this earth will be. All we can do is plan wisely for the trip, after all, our spirit is going somewhere.

In Partnership, Mr. Bruzzio

Preschool News:

Dear Parents,



OUR BIG DAY HAS ARRIVED!!!! The Spring Program is finally here and we are sure you will agree that it was well worth the wait. Come and watch the M/W/F Purple, Blue, Green, Red and Yellow classes as they present “Lost in Preschool Space – a 2010 Odyssey”. It will be tomorrow, April 23, 2010 at 10:30 am in our New Salta Center Gymnasium. The children must be dropped off at the preschool between 7:30am & 8:00am. Gym doors will open at 10:00am for seating. All children will be dismissed to their parents immediately following the performance. Please remember **No Extended Care or Afternoon PreK.** Watching this amazing show once just isn’t right; make sure you order one of our fabulous DVD’s so you can watch this performance over and over and over again.

Note: The main school is asking that you please do not pull any main school siblings from their classes to watch this performance. The preschool will be performing a special presentation exclusively for the Main School on Monday, April 26th at 11:00am.

KUDOS!! go to Mrs. Julie Ann Ramirez, who did a wonderful job teaching all of our children their cool dance moves and it was a delightful experience working with her on her first Sacred Heart Preschool performance. Thank you Mrs. Ramirez – you are a Prima Ballerina!

A great big thank you to Miss Canseco for the fantastic job she did on designing all of the costumes. We are also very thankful for all the parents who helped cut, sew and glue our costumes and backdrop together. Mrs. Camacho, Mrs. Kreizenbeck, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Whittaker, Mrs. Otero, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Roe, Mrs. Aguilar, Mrs. Bianco, Mrs. Jay, Mrs. Ballard-Arellano and Mr. & Mrs. Vo – your help was greatly appreciated, our gratitude is immense. Sacred Heart Parents Rock!!!

With the weather getting warmer, we would like to remind all parents to make sure that their children have a complete change of clothes in their backpack that is weather appropriate. Also please refer to you dress code guidelines regarding socks with sandals, spaghetti strap tops, etc.

Scrip and FFA -This is just a reminder that **all** scrip obligations must be met by April 30, 2010. Additional FFA and parent volunteer hours can still be added up until the end of the year. There are many opportunities yet to come to volunteer or to get your FFA in, please contact the preschool office.

SHS Movie Night – Friday, April 23, 2010 – Gates open at 7:00 pm, festival seating on the lawn in the Rover field. Feature presentation will be the movie “UP”.

<u>Dates to Remember:</u>	4/23	Spring Dance Program 10:30 Salta Center
	5/6 - 5/7	Mother’s Day Tea (further info to be provided)
	5/15	Sacred Heart School Family Picnic
	5/20 - 5/21	Sport’s Day (further info to follow)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the preschool office at (760) 674-3000 or drop by anytime after our morning prayer.

God Bless and Peace,
Mrs. de los Reyes



“The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.” - Psalms 33:5

“Lost in Preschool Space”

We kindly ask that our SHS students not attend the Preschool show on Friday, April 23rd. All students will have the opportunity to watch the Preschool’s production of “Lost in Preschool Space” on Monday, 26th, during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.



Watch D.O.G.S. Dad Schedule:

4/26 - Pablo Hernandez
 4/27 - David Faessel
 4/28 - Steven Ginex
 4/29 - Hal Rover
 4/30 - Michael Lombardo

Readers of the Week:

We would like to congratulate our readers of the week of **April 12nd—16th:**

- Grade 2:** Kennedy Cosgrove & William Graziani
- Grade 3:** Kaleigh Douglas, Steven Egresits, Christopher Feliciano, Sophia Franz & Jillian Whitcomb
- Grade 4:** Daniella Acosta, Lauren Babao, Garrett Hoy & Jack Renker
- Grade 5:** J. B. Chapman, Chase Kinstler-Caropino, Morgan Mesler & Bridget Wickstrand
- Grade 6:** Alexis Biehl, Caitlyn Farrell, Ryan Rover & Kaitlyn Santos
- Grade 7:** Stone Neilon, Alec Steele, Mackenzie Van & Sava Voyne

May & June Hot Lunch Order Forms due April 28th!

The June hot lunch calendar is on the back side of the May hot lunch order form.

2010/2011 Re-registration Packets are now due:

We need your help! We still have many outstanding registration packets. Please return your completed packet to the school office as soon as possible in order to confirm your child’s space for next year. Additional packets are available in the school office. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions.

Dates to Remember:

- 4/21/10 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 4/23/10 - Preschool Spring Show; 10:30 am; Gym
- 4/23/10 - SHS Family Movie Night; Rover Field; Gates open at 7:00pm; Movie begins at 7:30 pm
- 4/26-30 - Spring ITBS Testing
- 4/28/10 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 4/30/10 - 5th Grade field trip to Riley’s Farm
- 5/4/10 - Parent Club Meeting; 8 am; Room 333
- 5/7/10 - First Friday Mass; 8:30 am; Mass attire mandatory; 12:15 pm dismissal; Brown Bag Brown


Soccer News

The A team beat St. Theresa 6-0, with scores from Hayden Nestande (2 goals), Nathan Tudor (2 goals), Alex Castaneda (1 goal) and Caleb Oleson (1 goal). Our defense was lead by our amazing goal keepers, Carl Maggio & Miguel Chapa.

The SHS B1 team play SHS B2 team. Mrs. Heron’s B2 team won 4-1. Daniel Stabile scored 3 goals and Avery Vuksic scored 1 goal for B2. Emerson DeKlotz scored for the B1 team.

Next Week’s Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Game Time</u>	<u>Leave Time</u>
Mon. 4/26	A team vs. PDMS	PDMS	3:30 pm	3:00 pm
Wed., 4/28	A team vs. King School	Hovely	3:30 pm	3:00 pm
Thurs., 4/29	B1 vs. B2	Hovely	3:30 pm	3:00 pm

 **Prayers are Requested for...** Pope Benedict XVI; for everyone serving in the armed forces; for all the earthquake victims of Haiti and Chile; For Jillian Scarborough, niece of Brooke & Nicole Scarborough; for Don Pelegrino; for Jerry Fakehany; for Meighen Miller-Speiser and family; for Morgan Blue; for Deanna Odman; for Ernesto Castillo; for Lloyd Barnes, Lizzet Cluster, Sir John Tudor, Ruth Spencer, Caitlin Neeley, Ada Florence, Walter Russo, Linda Lohman and Fr. Romero; for our families and others during these hard economic times; and, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

SHS MOVIE NIGHT



Tomorrow Night

Friday, April 23rd

Featuring

"UP"

Gates open at 7pm

Show starts at 7:30pm

See Attached Flyer!

Spring ITBS testing next week for grades 2-8:

Please be aware that we will not be able to administer any make up tests. We ask that you schedule any upcoming appointments after school and avoid any absences from April 26th through April 30th. Thank you.

Do you still need FFA credit???

Why not consider underwriting the cost of one of our Super Slides for the Family Picnic scheduled for Saturday May 15th from 4 pm – 8pm here at school. 100% of your contribution will be applied directly to your FFA. Contact Gina Nestande @ 346-3513 or gnestande@aol.com. More details to follow.

Mega 3 – 1 Combo Blue Crush, Slip N Slide \$ 500

Little Kids Water Play Adventure \$ 300

Jaws Water Slide \$ 300

Free Fall Water Slide \$ 300

Come Ye, One and All!



The Renaissance Faire will be held Friday, April 30. The Faire is being hosted by the 7th and 8th grade classes and will take place in the Salta Center. The hours are from 9-11, and 12:45-2:30.

All classes and families are invited. Upon arrival, heralders will greet you and announce your presence, visit the many guilds, and play games such as Slay the Dragon or Knock the Knight. Enjoy Hamlet and watch jousting. But behave for the knights may throw you into the dungeon.

Junior High Student-led conferences next week:

Tuesday, April 27th

Wednesday, April 28th

Thursday, April 29th

Junior High students will be dismissed at 12:15pm on each of the above listed dates. **Student attendance is mandatory each day for morning ITBS testing.** Look for your student's conference slip showing time and location, in this week's family envelope. Please feel free to call the office with any questions.

Are you a Junior High student in need of service hours?



Junior High students are welcome to come and help assemble Rose Bouquets for the Mother's Day Rose Sale which benefits moms & babies in need, here in the Coachella Valley. No experience is needed, just a willing heart! Volunteers will meet on Saturday, May 8th, 10am, in the Old Parish Hall. Lunch will be served! Please call Jeanne Jewett @ 275-6543 if you are interested.

Save the Date

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
benefitting Sacred Heart
School's Choir Program

May 10, 2010

6-8 p.m.

Salta Gymnasium

Tickets \$5

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please join us for an informal night filled with great food, fun and spectacular entertainment by our Praise & Show Choir! Look for more details to follow.

Last Pancake Breakfast of the Season!!!

**Sunday Pancake Breakfast,
April 25, 2010**

*Breakfast served after the 8:00, 9:30
and 11:00AM Masses
in the Salta Pastoral Center Gym*

**Enjoy our Pancake Breakfast
for only \$7.00 per person**

Breakfast will include:
*Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage or Bacon
and Coffee or Tea*