



Family Newsletter

May 13, 2010

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Dear Families,

This past week we have honored our teachers starting last Friday with a special luncheon hosted by the Parent's Club. Thank you Mrs. Vetrano for making the afternoon so special.

So why do we honor our teachers and all those who work daily with children? Like any employee, they receive monetary compensation in exchange for work. We express our gratitude to those who work with children because Christ considered the child to be the greatest in His Kingdom.

Jesus states in Matthew 18, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." It is the three little words in this quote, "such as this," that makes a teacher, especially a Catholic School teacher so special.

Jesus chose His words carefully. Rather than using the words, "such as this", He could have specifically identified the child by skin or hair color, height, weight, intelligence, crippled, deaf, etc. Jesus knew everything about the child he was referring to in this passage, as He does us, but instead He generalizes the child making it clear that no two children are alike.

Because of this we hold our Catholic School educators to a higher standard. We commonly express the belief that we must accept people, especially children, where they are, not where we expect they should be. Regardless of intelligence or faith life we welcome the child, "Such as this" and work diligently to help him or her grow to the best of his or her ability. The desire to take on this challenge and do it well is what we honor in all those who work with children.

As educators and parents it is these three words, "such as this," that often cause disagreement or conflict. However, as partners in this educational journey we must constantly remind ourselves of Christ's words to his Apostles, arguably the greatest teachers ever known, set aside expectations and inflated or deflated opinions and receive the child, "Such as this."

In Partnership, Mr. Bruzzio



Family Picnic This Saturday—May 15th

We would like to thank all our school families for their continued support throughout the year by inviting everyone to come out for an afternoon of fun, sun & food! Please join us this Saturday from 4pm to 8pm on our school field! We will be providing food, music and water slides. Everyone is welcome to bring a blanket, pop-ups, umbrellas, and drinks. We will provide the rest. Hope to see you there. (All girls choosing to wear swimsuits at the picnic must either wear a one-piece swimsuit or must wear a t-shirt over their two-piece swimsuit—no exceptions.) Volunteers are needed. Please Thank you.

Volunteers are needed for Field Day! - May 28th

Our big end-of-the-year water play day is Friday, May 28th from 8am – 12noon. Parent help is desperately needed! We appreciate how busy, tired and overloaded everyone is at this time of the year, however, this is truly the best day of the school year for your child!!! If you still need to fulfill your 2009-2010 parent hours, this is your chance to earn some volunteer hours and have a *soaking* good time! If you have never experienced for this high energy day before, now is your opportunity! You can sign up to volunteer in the school office.

Preschool News:

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful Mother's Day Tea Extravaganza! The art work was beautiful and the children sang and prayed like angels. Our tissue boxes were definitely being passed around. It is such a blessing and a privilege to teach each and every one of your gifts from God. We hope you enjoyed our presentation, just as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you.



We will be holding our school wide annual **Family Picnic on Saturday, May 15th** at the main school on Rover field from 4 – 8 pm. Bring your blankets and chairs. There will be food available or bring your own picnic. There will also be waterslides and lots of other fun activities, so come on out and enjoy a fun day with our Sacred Heart Families.

Father's Day/Sports Day Extravaganza – Thursday-May 20 for the Tuesday/Thursday class and Friday-May 21 for the M/W/F-Blue, Green, Red, Yellow classes. Please know that if dad is unavailable during your child's recess time, anyone willing to take on a few sporty challenges is welcome to come (grandpa, uncle, special friend or even mom). The following are times for each class on their assigned day–Purple room(both days)-8:30am-9:30am/Blue room-9:00am-10:00am/Green room-9:30am-10:30am/Red room-10:00am-11:00am/Yellow room-12:30pm-1:30pm. We hope to see you there for some Sports day fun.

Please remember lunch time is an important time for your child to refuel and recharge. If your child is staying after 12:00pm, regardless of whether they are staying for extended care or only for lunch bunch, they should have an adequate/nutritious lunch(sandwich, pizza, chicken nuggets; fruit and or vegetable and a snack/dessert may be included).



Calling ALL Blue and Purple-M/W/F parents!! – It has become a tradition for all purple room and blue room parents to host the Pre-Kindergarten graduation reception. THEN the following year the blue and purple parents will host the graduation reception when your child is in Pre-K. Please contact the preschool office as soon as possible, if you are interested.

Sign In/Sign Out – It is imperative that all students are signed in and out on the sign in sheets. This is a licensing requirement and must be adhered to in order for us to remain in compliance with the law. Also if your child stays for extended care, you must also sign the extended book. Thank you for your assistance.

<u>Dates to Remember:</u>	5/15	Sacred Heart School Family Picnic
	5/20 - 5/21	Sport's Day/Father's Day (during recess)
	5/27 – 5/28	Water Day (during recess)
	6/7 – 6/9	Classroom Awards
	6/10	Pre-Kindergarten Graduation 10:00
	6/11	Last Day of School – Happy Summer Vacation! ☀

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



“Be gentle to all and stern with yourself. – Saint Teresa of Avila

Music News:

CHOIR NEWS: Because of my emergency with my father, Chico, we have had a lot of changes on our May calendar. The new Spaghetti Dinner date will be announced soon by Mrs. De Novi. We will keep our rehearsal & Mass schedule as is on the May calendar. Praside Choir will sing at the Wed. school Mass and again on Sunday for the 9:30. School Mass attire and please be there at 9a.m. Our Memorial Day event (Monday, May 31st) has been canceled. So, you have the last weekend of the month off! Thank you.-Mrs. Pineda

THANK YOU FROM MRS. PINEDA:

I want to thank all of you who have prayed for my father, Chico. As many of you know, he was hospitalized on Sunday. He had a hemorrhagic stroke and was in the ICU at EMC. Father Lincoln was a welcome sight to my family and me as he came by to bless my Dad. My father has improved by leaps and bounds thanks to your prayers and our merciful God. He is working hard at his rehabilitation with physical, occupational & speech therapies. Friday night, he shocked me by playing 'The Entertainer' on the piano at the rehabilitation center where he is now! God is hearing your prayers and my husband; my brother and I can not thank you all enough. Please continue to keep him in your prayers; he has a long road ahead. God bless you. -Mrs. Pineda



Wednesday, May 19th, is Sacred Heart School Day at the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, now open for racing in Desert

Center, CA. Both 5th grade classes will be attending on a class field trip, and parents/grandparents/godparents of ALL students are invited to attend. (5th grade permission slips will be sent home next week.) The field trip will depart the school parking lot at 9:45 am and return at 3:30 pm. Three students from each 5th grade class will be selected to ride on the track in a race car with a professional instructor. For more information, visit www.Chuckwallavalleyraceway.com.

Readers of the Week:

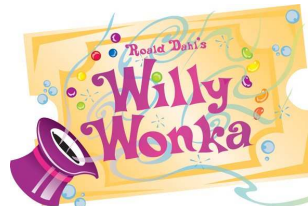
We would like to congratulate our readers of the week of May 3rd—7th:

- Grade 2:** Justin Browning, Francesca Crevoiserat, Lloyd DeKlotz, Bradley McClure & Jenna Pace
- Grade 3:** Cassidy Rodi, Jacqueline Cordero, Emma Feller, Hailey Williams & Stark Vuksic
- Grade 4:** Ezequiel Coronel, Kole Dempster, Garrett Hoy, Claire Villa & Jack Young
- Grade 5:** Devon Cavaliere, Harry Curry, Samantha Emmett & Morgan Fitz-Mesler
- Grade 6:** Yajaira Castillo, Emerson DeKlotz, Estevan Rodriguez & Alex Wong
- Grade 7:** Makenna Parsonage, Ra ndee Perea, Mackenzie Van & Vinny Vetrano




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

- 5/17 - Paul Hoffman
- 5/18 - Open
- 5/19 - Open
- 5/20 - Frank Rizzo
- 5/21 - Jake Britton



Dance/Recital News

Our rehearsals begin next week and the big day is next Saturday! Pack a hearty snack for both rehearsals. Thursday, 5/20 from 3:00-6:00/ regular class attire. Friday, 5/21 from 3:00-6:00 / dress rehearsal. Make sure to pack appropriate dance shoes, tights if needed, etc. for the dress rehearsal (refer to the "What to Wear" e-mail). 5/22 SHOW TIME! Children should arrive between 12:30 and 1:00. Costumes will be kept in designated changing rooms and are yours to keep after the show. Go to <http://spiritofdanceandstyle.vpweb.com> for more details. Just in case, the "What to Wear" letter that was e-mailed also went home this week with the children in their backpacks. Please ask now if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all your support!

 **Prayers are Requested for...** Pope Benedict XVI; for everyone serving in the armed forces; for all the earthquake victims of Haiti and Chile; for Lynn Megquier, Courtney & Cassie McCarron's grandmother; for Shane Cameron, Makenna Baumann's cousin; for Annette & Pat Crawl, family of Mrs. McGowan; for Chico Vasquez, Mrs. Pineda's father; for Jack Huffman; for Mrs. Sarkisian & Keely Proctor; for Ernesto Castillo; for Tom Hash, Jillian Scarborough, Deanna Odman, Morgan Blue, Don Pelegrino, Lloyd Barnes, 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.

"Hooray for Hollywood"

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

benefiting Sacred Heart School's Choir Program

NEW DATE

May 24, 2010

6-8 p.m.

Salta Gynasium

Tickets \$5

An informal night of fun, good food and a spectacular performance by our praise and show choir.

For ticket information contact laurliejackson@mac.com.

Please Join us for Lunch or Dinner:

We would like to encourage our Sacred Heart families to come to our upcoming family nights. You can help support SHS by attending:

Burgers & Beer

Friday, May 28th

7am—11pm

Flyers for this family night will be sent home with your child on the day before of the event. Simply present the flyer to the restaurant when you place your order and SHS will receive a 20% donation back to the school. Thank you for your support. Participation at these family nights are completely voluntary. We realize that families are busy and appreciate any support you are able to give.

Attention 5th Grade Parents:

All current 5th grade parents are asked to attend the Junior High Orientation meeting to discuss the expectations of junior high on **Tuesday, May 25th**, at 5:30 pm. We will gather in Room 333 located on the Deep Canyon side the Salta Center. Call the office with any questions. Thank you.

Spring Book Fair

Do you have an appetite for a new book or two? Come to the "Diner Book Fair" and we will satisfy your appetite. We will have plenty of delicious books waiting for you that will suit your taste. The book fair is May 25th, May 26th, and May 27th. on Tues, Wed, and Thurs. at 7:30am -3:30pm. in the Art room. Come and find out what is on the menu. We will have books, posters, trinkets, and more. Don't miss the fun! Volunteers are always appreciated. Contact Kelly Wood at the front desk or Ms. Byla at Nbyla@sacredheartpalmdesert.com

The end of the school year is just around the corner... How many AR points does your child have? Keep in mind, the last day for AR quizzes for grades 2-7 will be Friday, June 4th.

Soccer Update

Sacred Heart A team played St. Margaret's yesterday and won 2-0. Caleb Oleson and Alex Castaneda scored! Our amazing SHS defense led the shut out! Our B2 team lost to Raymond Cree yesterday 3-0. Playoffs begin next week. See next week's newsletter for the results.

Dates to Remember:

- 5/15/10 - SHS Family Picnic; 4pm—8pm; Rover Field
- 5/19/10 - 8:30 am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 5/22/10 - Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory; 2pm; Gym
- 5/24/10 - Choir Spaghetti Dinner; 6-8pm; Gym
- 5/25/10 - Mandatory 5th Grade Parent Meeting; 5:30 pm; Room 333
- 5/26/10 - 8:30 am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 5/28/10 - Field Day; **12:15pm Dismissal**
- 5/28/10 - 8th grade Graduation Dinner Dance; Gym
- 5/31/10 - NO SCHOOL; Memorial Day
- 6/3/10 - 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast
- 6/4/10 - 8th Grade Graduation Mass; 9am; Mass attire mandatory; 12:15 pm dismissal
- 6/9/10 - 8:30 am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 6/11/10 - **Last day of school**; 8:30am SLE Awards Ceremony; School dismissed immediately following Awards Ceremony; no extended care available
- 8/30/10 - **First day of school**; Open House Meet & Greet; 8am to 12 noon