



Family Newsletter

May 20, 2010

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Dear Families,

With today's newsletter we are just a few weeks away from the end of the school year. There is still so much happening that it's hard to believe it will all get done.

A big thanks to Mrs. Nestande and the Parent's Club who organized the Family Picnic this past Saturday. The children had a great time on the water slides, the cooking done by some great dads left no one hungry and the Variety Show put on by the National Junior High Honor Society kept everyone entertained. This was a great way to end the year and say thanks to all our families for all they do in support of Sacred Heart School.

Next year we will see the final piece of our long seven year project come to fruition with double 8th grade class. At this point the school will be at full capacity with over 610 students.

It is also at this time that we want to let you know of some changes taking place for next year. The summer mailing in July will fill in the details. Although doubling 8th grade does not directly affect the elementary grades, a full six classes of junior high students does offer some positive changes in the lower grades. Now that teaching PE and Spanish in the upper grades have become full time jobs, there will be a dedicated PE and Spanish teacher for the lower grades. Mr. Stutz will teach PE in grades K through five and work with the after school sports program in junior high. Mrs. Rodriguez, who has been teaching Spanish and working as an aide will now dedicate herself solely to Spanish in the lower grades. The additional benefit of this move is that all grades, K-5 will have dedicated aides with no additional responsibilities. Also, for the lower grades we have hired an art teacher who will be able to teach both art periods per week in grades one through five and be available to teach a weekly elective in junior high.

As the school has grown the need for academic student assistance of course increases. Mrs. Richardson, currently in fifth grade will return next fall from having her first child, working as a resource teacher dedicated to the elementary grades. This will allow Mrs. Walton to focus her time strictly to junior high students. Having two qualified resource teachers will be of great value to teachers, parents and most importantly, students.

Taking Mrs. Richardson's place in fifth grade will be Ms. Jodi Lautenschlager. Ms. L as she is known to the students has been working at Sacred Heart for years starting in the preschool, then leaving to finish her teaching credential and returning this year as an aide and substitute. She has spent most of the year in fifth grade and we are grateful to have such a dedicated, faith-filled person ready to move into her new role.

As with these last two years, change in junior high is constant and next year will be no different. Taking the second 8th grade home room and joining the Language Arts department is Mr. Jeff Lethcoe. Yes, some of the fourth graders may be disappointed, but they will see him in sixth grade. Mr. Lethcoe's first love and training is in the teaching of Language Arts and as he has shown this year in 5th grade, he will bring a lot to the junior high program. Mrs. Tufo will scale back her hours in junior high helping with Language Arts and more importantly helping us get a junior high counseling program off the ground. Mrs. Tufo worked as a counselor for many years and with twice as many students in junior high next year the need to support the teachers as they help students work through their adolescent years is vital for strong academic success.

Also, with the year coming to an end we want to thank Mrs. O'Leary for the past 15 years of service. Her dedication to Sacred Heart is admirable and we wish her luck as she returns to Ireland with her husband to spend time with family. New to junior high is Mrs. Debra Apple who will be teaching math and science next year. Mrs. Apple comes to us after many years in local junior high schools.

Please look for any additional changes in this summer's newsletter.

In Partnership, Mr. Bruzzio



Xavier College Prep Summer Program
Open to All Valley Students
Entering Grades 6 through 12th

Xavier's summer program provides an academic, fun, and safe place to explore interests, complete graduation requirements, meet friends, and enjoy a variety of activities.

Students receive individualized instruction by teachers who are specialized in making summer learning fun and effective. Classes are taught with a creative, hands-on approach. From beginners to advanced students, our classes are designed to peak students' curiosity and prepare them for the year ahead.

Classes have limited enrollment.

Please sign up early to reserve your spot.

Credit course begin June 14/Enrichment courses begin June 21

All courses end July 16

For more information and registration forms, please visit: www.xavierprep.org

Preschool News:

Dear Parents,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! and THANK YOU again! Our Teacher Appreciation Week was fantastic, from the beautiful flowers to the handmade cards to the awesome baskets full of goodies. You all made us feel very special and very much appreciated.



What a wonderful turnout at the Annual Sacred Heart Family Picnic. It was great seeing all the families smiling, talking and celebrating another successful year at Sacred Heart School. I hope everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the three "F's" – Food, Fun and Fellowship.



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.



Water Day – Thursday, May 27th for the Tuesday/Thursday class and Friday, May 28th for the M/W/F-Blue-Green, Red and Yellow classes. Please have your child arrive in their swimsuit and swim shoes at their regular drop-off time. Also, please be sure to send a bag for wet clothes and a full change of clothes, including shoes and socks. If you are volunteering please plan on staying 8:45am to 11:00am for morning classes and 1:00pm to 2:00pm for the afternoon Pre-K class. All classes will be playing in the water during their recess time.



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.




All Registration Packets for the 2010-2011 school year should now be turned into the preschool with registration and material fees. Our summer mailing will go out in July at which time you will receive information regarding your classroom assignments, teacher's names, snack list, school year calendar, uniform order form and drop off information.

<u>Dates to Remember:</u>	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! ☀
	8/27	Open House for the 2010-2011 school year
	8/31	First Day of School

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

 Acts 2:38 "Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."



Introducing the 10-11 Student Council:

Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council leaders for the 2010-2011 school year. The election results were announced last Friday. Congratulations to all student who ran for office. The students have many exciting activities planned for next year; the first being the Student Leadership Program this summer.

President/Vice-President: Ryan Cenicola & Addy Fazio

Secretary: Hannah Moore & Victoria Murray

Treasurer: Kristine Kelly & Caleb Oleson

Commissioner of Religious Affairs: McKenna Hendrickson & Gracie Hoffman

Commissioner of Publicity: Taylor Orr & Kyle O'Bryan

Commissioner of Spirit:: Emerson DeKlotz & David Stabile

Commissioner of Sports: Brayden Armstrong & Hayden Nestande

Commissioner of Ecology: Savannah Jessup & Emma Keenan



Get Involved... Be a Guardian Angel Family!

The School Board is looking for a few families who are willing to extend a helping hand to a new SHS family this summer by answering questions and making them feel welcome. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL SHS STUDENTS: OPEN DANCE CLASSES AVAILABLE JUNE 1ST-10TH

Come try a ballet, hip hop, jazz or musical theatre class. **Classes are only \$10 per hour.** Current dance students can continue with their regular schedule or try other classes. The dance schedule will remain the same and everyone will have **FREE DANCE DRESS!**

Call or e-mail Julie Ann Ramirez (Owner/Director of Spirit of Dance) at jremirez@dc.rr.com or 760.832.3956 to sign up and let her know if she needs to pick up your k-1st grader at 2:45 or pick up/return your child to extended before/after dance class. The schedule is found in this week's family newsletter and extra copies are in the front office. **LET'S DANCE!**

The summer schedule is available at <http://spiritofdanceandstyle.vpweb.com>

Readers of the Week:

We would like to congratulate our readers of the week of May 10th—14th:

Grade 2: Justin Browning, Lloyd DeKlotz, Emmelie Luna, Shea McGowan & Sierra Jessup

Grade 3: Nadiya Abubo, Steven Egresits, Jackson Emmett, Grant Glessing & Jillian Whitcomb

Grade 4: Sophia Kennedy, Gavin Kirk, Remy Kirk, Emma Jackson & Jack Renker

Grade 5: J.B. Chapman, Claire Colombini, Sean Garvey & Kelsey Warfield

Grade 6: Dylan Delio, Chase McGuire, Evan Oleson & Avery Vuksic

Grade 7: Crystal Adame, Raquel Delgado, Alex Heidenreich & Samantha Noble



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

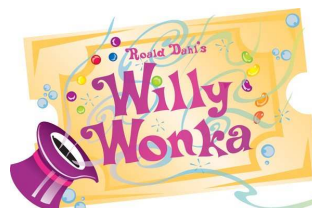
5/24 - Open

5/25 - Bob Holmes

5/26 - Open

5/27 - Open

5/28 - Jason Dabareiner



Dance Rehearsal/ Recital Reminders

Rehearsals begin today from 3:00-6:00/regular dance attire. Tomorrow is our dress rehearsal from 3:00-6:00. Pack dance shoes, tights, etc. Costumes will be waiting for your children in designated changing areas. For more specific information refer to the "What to Wear" e-mail which also went home with all the children last week in their backpacks. Don't forget to check <http://spiritofdanceandstyle.vpweb.com> for more details. Saturday, 5/22 children should arrive between 12:30 and 1:00. **The only open entrance into the gym on show day will be the hallway where the meeting rooms are located on the Deep Canyon side of the building.** Children need to check in at the entrance and parents/guests will find the ticket/welcome table at the back of the gym. The show begins at 2:00.



Buck A Jeans Day—Next Thursday, May 27th

Buck-a-Jeans will be held on Thursday, May 27th to raise money for a 2nd-5th grade service project. Each class has picked a parish and is sending a basket to the pastor and associate pastors of the parish. The money raised will be used for gift cards for the priests. We are very excited to end "A Year of the Priest" with this service and hope you will contribute! Please wear black and white to help celebrate priests! Thank you from the 2nd-5th grade classes! **Everyone is welcome to participate. In exchange for bringing in \$1.00, students may wear denim (black or blue) jeans or denim shorts with a white and/or black t-shirt.** We ask that all students follow our simple Buck-A-Jeans day rules: no torn or ripped jeans, no baggy shorts, no spaghetti strap tops and, all skirt and shorts lengths must extend beyond their fingertips when their arms are held down to their side.

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 next **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.

"Hooray for Hollywood"

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

benefiting Sacred Heart School's Choir Program

This Coming Monday!

May 24, 2010

6-8 pm

Salta Gymnasium

Tickets \$5

An informal night of fun, good food and a spectacular performance by our praise and show choir. For ticket information contact lauriliejackson@mac.com.

Spring Book Fair Next Week!!!

Need a break from the hustle and bustle of life? Take your family and come to the Scholastic Book Fair next week. The Book Fair Diner will be open and ready for customers. We plan to offer a selection of books that will keep everyone reading all summer long. It's May 25th, 26th, and 27th from 7:30am – 3:30pm in the Art room. The 50's and 60's era music will be playing fun songs. **"There will be no place finer than the SHS Diner!"** Volunteers welcome! Sign up sheet is in the office. See you there!


OPERATION SHOEBOX



Our School-wide May Outreach project is Operation Shoebox. We will collect items for care packages to be sent to our service men and women in Afghanistan next week, before Memorial Day, May 24-27. Boxes will be packed after school on Thursday, May 27th at the lunch tables. (Remember Friday May 28th is an early dismissal due to Field Day). We would like to collect small items that are easy to pack such as: snack foods, cereal or power bars, individual bottle powdered drink mixes, AA batteries, crossword puzzle or suduko books, magazines, hotel-sized toiletries, chapstick, etc. Playing cards have been donated by Augustine Casino. Preschoolers have drawn pictures and notes to include in the packages. If you would like to include a personal thank you card, we would welcome them as well. Anyone who can help with this project, please give me a call or e mail. Thank you. Janiffer Baumann 760-899-7297 jb@palmdesertsmiles.com

Dates to Remember:

- 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

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