

OUR MONTHLY PULSE
SEPTEMBER 2011

Sacred Heart Parish School

856 – 39th Street, Sacto. CA. 95816

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Upcoming Events
September 2011

- 1 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
PARENTS ONLY**
6:30-7:00 Assembly in gym
7:00-7:30 Classroom Session I
7:40-8:10 Classroom Session II
- 2 MINIMUM DAY
NOON DISMISSAL**
- 5 NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day**
- 7 Weekly Assembly 8:10 a.m.**
• CB visiting 7th & 8th Graders
- 8 Monthly Liturgy (6th) 9:00 a.m.**
at Sacred Heart Church
- 14 Weekly Assembly/Prayer
Service (4th) 8:10 a.m.**
- 16 Pep Rally 2:15 p.m.**
- 18 Pancake Breakfast (Details TBA)**
- 19-23 ITBS Test Week**
- 21 Weekly Assembly 8:10 a.m.**
- 24 Family Mass (8th) 5:30 p.m.**
at Sacred Heart Church
- 28 Weekly Assembly 8:10 a.m.**
- 28-30 7th Grade at Marin Headlands**
- 30 MINIMUM DAY
NOON DISMISSAL!!!**

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
7:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**SPARKS' NOTES**

Theresa Sparks, Principal

Dear Parents,

What a lovely start to school we have had! The students have been so friendly with all of our new families and the new teachers are feeling right at home. I hope that your children are coming home happy because they sure seem like they are comfortable at school.

I had to miss our first assembly last week but this week we had our first full assembly and we had a great surprise for the students. With the persistence of last year's Spirit and Sport Student Body Officer, Jack Parsh, we were able to find and purchase a new mascot costume for our school. It is a great panther with bright green eyes and fearsome mouth. The kids went crazy and are excited to enter the contest to name the mascot. We could even have a parent division for naming the Panther so if you have an idea be sure to jot it down and turn it in at the office. The Student Council is working out the details of the contest but we hope to name our new mascot soon. (Right off there were many suggestions of the name "Bob") But, we would love your input! I am looking forward to seeing you all at Back To School Night. We will start promptly at 6:30 and do our very best to end at 8:00. Thank you all for your continued positive support. I am truly grateful.

Theresa Sparks

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**

**A MINIMUM DAY HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHEDULE. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, THE DAY BEFORE FALL FESTIVAL, IS NOW A MINIMUM DAY. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.**

**Catholic Faith Formation (CCF)**

The Sacred Heart Parish Catholic Faith Formation program is in need of teachers for this coming year. This is a great way of sharing your faith with our children. If you can help Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 please contact Kristin Hansen at 456-1576. Many thanks!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!**

Emergency cards must be turned in ASAP!!! Your emergency numbers are extremely important in the event of an accident with your child.

Please also turn in the signed Family Handbook Page.

**THANK YOU TO OUR MORNING GATE MONITORS ☺**

Mr. Tim Wilbur, (Lauren Gr. 6) and Mrs. Caroline Pearson (Andrew Gr. 5) have once again answered the call and volunteered for back and side gate duty before school. Thank you so much for your dedication.

**FALL FESTIVAL 2010  
SAVE THE DATE.....**

Our 69<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Festival will take Place this year on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> From 11:00 a.m. to dusk

**MORE NEW STUDENTS TO WELCOME. . . .**

Kindergarten: Giovanni Pacheco  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Isabella Esquivel

Make sure you give these new students a big Sacred Heart School welcome!!!

**ITBS Testing.... Sept. 19-23**

We'll be conducting a standardized test (ITBS) of all students in 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades

Your child(ren)'s attendance throughout these days is very important. Please make sure your child(ren) are in attendance for the complete week of standardized testing.

It's important to appreciate that these tests are not used to measure academic achievement within our curriculum.

The purpose of the ITBS program is diagnostic only; identifying and evaluating student learning needs. Results from the ITBS are analyzed by our teachers, who use these assessments to help them in planning appropriate curriculum and instruction for students. The ITBS has a mixture of questions covering key information from the prior school year, in addition to introductory information from the current school year, and even checks information not yet covered.

**Sports update....****Football, Cross Country & Volleyball**

Practices have all started for our teams and league play will begin soon. We will let you know of team schedules as soon as they are received.

•**Sweatpants and sweatshirts** are not available at school. Please purchase them at Dennis Uniform.

**•P.E. Day Reminder:**

Kinders=Wednesday  
1,2,5&8 =Tuesday & Thursday  
3&4=Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
6&7=Monday & Wednesday

**P.E. Reminders!!!!**

Remember to bring gym clothes and athletic shoes on P.E. days

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls are you interested in participating in a Leggo League (robot building) experience? St. Francis High School students will come after school to help our students build their robot. A parent volunteer will be needed. Space is limited so if you're interested please send a signed note giving your permission for your student to participate. More details to come!

**Top 10 Family Handbook Facts:**

1. We love our pets. Unfortunately some children are allergic and some are afraid of them. Our liability insurance does not allow pets on campus. Thank you for following this rule.
2. Changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses must be turned in to the office. Please do not send these changes via school website.
3. Beginning in the Fall of 2012 kindergarten applicants must be five years old by September 1 of the year they would begin.
4. Please do not request homework when your child is absent.
5. Any adult working or volunteering on the school premises or driving/chaperoning on field trips will be asked to have his/her fingerprints taken and complete the Shield the Vulnerable online course.
6. Children are not under any circumstance allowed to carry any kind of medication on their person. Medication must be turned in to the school office.
7. Helmets are required by state law when riding bicycles.
8. Class parties must have prior approval of both the teacher involved and the principal. Individual birthday treats (NO cake, pizza, sodas, etc.) may be provided for a student's entire class with prior teacher approval.
9. Extension services are not available when the school is closed or after school on days immediately prior to school vacations (Easter, Christmas, Summer vacation)
10. In respect of teachers and each child's learning, please do not interrupt classes to deliver lunches, clothing, etc. Leave these items in the school office.

**PLAN AHEAD  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, MINIMUM DAYS  
& GRADUATION FOR 2011-2012**

|       |              |                                                                               |
|-------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. | <b>1</b>     | Back to School Night (Parents Only)                                           |
|       | <b>2</b>     | <b>Minimum Day</b> Faculty Meeting                                            |
|       | <b>5</b>     | <b>No School</b> Labor Day Holiday                                            |
|       | <b>30</b>    | <b>Minimum Day</b>                                                            |
| Oct.  | <b>1</b>     | Fall Festival                                                                 |
|       | <b>7</b>     | <b>Minimum Day</b> Faculty Meeting                                            |
|       | <b>14</b>    | <b>No School</b> Diocesan Inservice                                           |
| Nov.  | <b>4</b>     | <b>Minimum Day</b> Faculty Meeting                                            |
|       | <b>11</b>    | <b>No School</b> Veteran's Day Holiday                                        |
|       | <b>14-18</b> | <b>Minimum Days</b> Parent/Teacher Conferences                                |
|       | <b>23-25</b> | <b>No School</b> Thanksgiving Vacation                                        |
| Dec.  | <b>2</b>     | <b>Minimum Day</b> Faculty Meeting                                            |
|       | <b>2-4</b>   | Holiday Home Tour                                                             |
|       | <b>15/16</b> | Christmas Program                                                             |
|       | <b>16</b>    | <b>Minimum Day</b>                                                            |
|       | <b>19-31</b> | <b>No School</b> Christmas Vacation                                           |
| Jan.  | <b>2</b>     | <b>No School</b> Christmas Vacation                                           |
|       | <b>6</b>     | <b>Minimum Day</b> Faculty Meeting                                            |
|       | <b>16</b>    | <b>No School</b> MLK Holiday                                                  |
| Feb.  | <b>3-10</b>  | Catholic School's Week                                                        |
|       | <b>20</b>    | <b>No School</b> President's Day Holiday                                      |
| Mar.  | <b>2</b>     | <b>Minimum Day</b> Faculty Meeting                                            |
|       | <b>16</b>    | <b>No School</b> Faculty Retreat Day                                          |
|       | <b>19-24</b> | Missoula Theatre Week/Program                                                 |
| Apr.  | <b>5</b>     | <b>Minimum Day</b> Holy Thursday                                              |
|       | <b>6-13</b>  | <b>No School</b> Easter Vacation                                              |
| May   | <b>4</b>     | <b>Minimum Day</b> Faculty Meeting                                            |
|       | <b>28</b>    | <b>No School</b> Memorial Day Holiday                                         |
|       | <b>29</b>    | Kindergarten Graduation                                                       |
|       | <b>31</b>    | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation                                              |
| June  | <b>1</b>     | <b>Minimum Day</b> Faculty Meeting                                            |
|       | <b>5</b>     | <b>Last Day of School</b><br><b>11:00 Dismissal</b><br><b>NO PM EXTENSION</b> |

Kindergarten Only Minimum Days/Special Schedule:

Mass/Meet @ Church 7:45 a.m.: November 1, 2011  
Kinder Feast: November 22, 2011  
Mass/Meet @ Church 7:45 a.m.: December 8, 2011  
Christmas Program Practice: December 14, 2011  
Science Olympiad: January 20, 2012  
Mass/Meet @ Church 7:45 a.m.: February 22, 2012  
Seder Meal: April 5, 2012  
Mass Practice: May 9, 2012  
Kindergarten Mass: May 10, 2012  
Kinder Graduation: May 29, 2012  
Kinder End of Year Picnic: May 30, 2012  
No School for Kinder: May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012