

OUR MONTHLY PULSE  
DECEMBER 2011

Sacred Heart Parish School

856 – 39<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacto. CA. 95816

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**Upcoming Events**

December 2011

- 2 MINIMUM DAY**
- 2-4 Holiday Home Tour Hours:**  
Dec. 2: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Dec. 3: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Dec. 4: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 7 Weekly Assembly 8:10 a.m.**
- 8 Kinder Only Minimum Day**  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Mass. Meet at the Church at 7:45am  
  
Monthly Liturgy (5<sup>th</sup>) 12:00 at church
- 9 Spelling Bee 2:00 p.m. in gym**
- 13 PTG Meeting**
- 14 Kinder Only Minimum Day**  
(for Pageant Practice)  
  
Weekly Assembly/Prayer  
Service (3<sup>rd</sup>) 8:10 a.m.
- 15 Christmas Pageant 7:00 p.m. in school gym**
- 16 MINIMUM DAY - NO P.M. EXTENSION**  
  
Encore Christmas Pageant  
performance 9:00 a.m. in gym

**19- NO SCHOOL -**  
**Jan. 2 Christmas Vacation**

**24 4:00 Christmas Eve Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Caroling begins at 3:30**

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School Office Hours:

Monday-Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**SPARKS' NOTES**

Dear Parents,

“It’s that wonderful time of year,” or is it? I heard on the radio this morning that 90% of people “dread the holidays”. I was really surprised at that statistic, but I can completely understand it. As we enter this hectic time there is so much pressure from our culture to have the perfect everything. Christmas has truly become a commercial holiday with little focus on the birth of Christ. How can we as a Catholic community work at being countercultural and remind ourselves the true meaning of the season? I don’t have any magic answers but I have a few ideas.

How about having an Advent wreath in your home that you light on Sunday evening with a family prayer? Why not discuss the Christmas Story at dinnertime? Perhaps the family could commit to attending Mass every Sunday during Advent. Just a change of focus from presents to His presence could bring new meaning to your holidays this year. My prayer for your family and mine is that we all can make some changes this Christmas and not become a part of the 90% who “dread” it!

As you are all aware, this weekend is our big Holiday Home Tour. I can’t thank everyone enough for the work all of you do to make this event possible. Angie Smith and Leslie Lopez have worked tirelessly with homeowners, designers and the media to make sure that each home is perfect. DeAnn Clark, Janina Lopez, and their crew of tireless workers have been the elves behind the scenes creating our wonderful boutique and café. Every family has contributed in some way to this fabulous weekend and everyone at Sacred Heart is grateful. It is fundraisers like the Home Tour that keep our tuition among the lowest in the area and allow us to help families who qualify for tuition assistance. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

All the best to you and your family during Advent, Christmas and the New Year!

God Bless,

**HOLIDAY HOME TOUR  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

|                                                            |                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Co-Chairs.....</i>                                      | <i>DeeDee Clark<br/>Janina Lopez<br/>Leslie Wilson-Lopez<br/>Angie Smith</i> |
| <i>House Acquisitions....</i>                              | <i>Angie Smith</i>                                                           |
| <i>Design Coordinators...</i>                              | <i>Kim Clark<br/>Angie Smith</i>                                             |
| <i>Signage &amp; Entertainment...</i>                      | <i>Greg &amp; Cynthia Dyer</i>                                               |
| <i>Finance.....</i>                                        | <i>Tracey Reginato</i>                                                       |
| <i>Holiday Café.....</i>                                   | <i>DeeDee Clark<br/>Shelly Messner</i>                                       |
| <i>Holiday Boutique.....</i>                               | <i>DeeDee Clark<br/>Grace Spencer<br/>Rina DeRose Swinscoe</i>               |
| <i>House Hosts/ Hostesses.....</i>                         | <i>Karen Harris</i>                                                          |
| <i>House Operations Coordinator.....</i>                   | <i>Janina Lopez</i>                                                          |
| <i>Program Advertising.....</i>                            | <i>Dyan Cwynar<br/>Jolane Davis<br/>Ruth McLoughlin</i>                      |
| <i>Marketing/Public Relations/Program Development.....</i> | <i>Leslie Wilson-Lopez</i>                                                   |
| <i>Ticket Distribution.....</i>                            | <i>Kristi McMurry</i>                                                        |

**REMINDER.....**

THERE WILL BE **NO P.M. EXTENSION ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**. SCHOOL WILL BE DISMISSED AT: 12:00 (Grades 1-8) and 12:15 (Kinder)

## Sacred Heart Parish School

**OPEN HOUSE.... Jan. 29, 2012  
& SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Open House will be on January 29, 2012  
From 11:00-1:30. More details to come.

Book Fair dates and times TBA.... If you  
would like to volunteer to help at the  
Book Fair, please contact Mr. Reel at  
[lreel@sacredheartschool.net](mailto:lreel@sacredheartschool.net)

**STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE**

Many thanks to the families of Sacred  
Heart School for their generosity with  
the food drive for Sacramento Food  
Bank.

**LIBRARY UPDATES****Box Top Collections**

Remember to cut and save box tops  
over the holidays! Each box top earns  
10 cents for the library. Register at:  
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/default.aspx>  
Check out the Sacred Heart Library  
Online. See what is available in the  
Sacred Heart School Library by  
visiting:  
<https://sacheart.follettdestiny.com>

**Red Ribbon Week Drug Awareness  
Poster Contest Winners!**

KAM: Declan Higgins  
KPM: Brynn Higgins  
1<sup>st</sup>: Daphne Witherell  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Logan McLoughlin  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Paige Sparks  
4<sup>th</sup>: Giuliana Brida  
5<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Pearson  
6<sup>th</sup>: Emily Bartylla  
7<sup>th</sup>: Libby Sparks  
8<sup>th</sup>: Julianna Cerezo-Rangel

**Women's Weekend Retreat....**

After the busy holidays will it be time to take a  
deep breath? Time to get things back in  
perspective? Then why not take the time to  
encounter the joy of the Lord at our annual parish  
women's retreat. We have a limited number of  
rooms reserved for the weekend of January 13-15,  
2012. Call Kim Paquette at (916) 685-1826 or the

**Class Christmas Giving Projects**

*Each class is, or has, participated in donating  
items to an organization to help them help others  
during the Christmas season. Listed below are the  
organizations each class is sponsoring. Specific  
details have been sent home from the teachers.  
Thank you to all for your generosity during the  
holidays!!*

**K= Toys for Mustard Seed School**

**1<sup>st</sup>= New sweats and decorated  
Christmas stockings (filled with  
needed items) for Loaves & Fishes**

**2<sup>nd</sup>= Decorated Christmas stockings  
3<sup>rd</sup> (filled with needed items) for  
4<sup>th</sup> Loaves & Fishes**

**5<sup>th</sup>= Decorated shoe boxes filled with  
needed items for Operation  
Christmas Child sent to Third  
World Countries**

**6<sup>th</sup>= Decorated Christmas stockings  
7<sup>th</sup> (filled with needed items) for  
Loaves & Fishes**

**8<sup>th</sup> Visiting Mercy McMahon Terrace  
and helping residents make  
Christmas cards and decorating**

*A need has also been expressed for the Catholic  
Diocesan HIV/AIDS Ministry. They are  
currently trying to assist 5 women who are  
expecting or who have recently given birth. They  
are in significant need of supplies for their  
infants (cribs, clothes, baby swings, etc.) If you  
have anything you're able to donate to this  
Ministry, please bring them to the school office.*

**LUNCH MENU CHANGE....** On Thursday,  
December 1, the lunch menu item for that day has been  
changed. Miss Linda will now be serving chicken  
sandwiches instead of corn dogs. Home tour preparations  
will be in full force in the cafeteria so we've asked Miss  
Linda to keep things very simple that day. If you had  
already selected the original menu item of corn dogs and do  
not want to change to the chicken sandwich, you may use a

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

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|------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. | 2<br>6<br>16        | No School Christmas Vacation<br>Minimum Day Faculty Meeting<br>No School MLK Holiday                                         |
| Feb. | 3-10<br>20          | Catholic School's Week<br>No School President's Day Holiday                                                                  |
| Mar. | 2<br>16<br>19-24    | Minimum Day Faculty Meeting<br>No School Faculty Retreat Day<br>Missoula Theatre Week/Program                                |
| Apr. | 5<br>6-13           | Minimum Day Holy Thursday<br>No School Easter Vacation                                                                       |
| May  | 4<br>28<br>29<br>31 | Minimum Day Faculty Meeting<br>No School Memorial Day Holiday<br>Kindergarten Graduation<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation |
| June | 1<br>5              | Minimum Day Faculty Meeting<br>Last Day of School<br>11:00 Dismissal<br>NO PM EXTENSION                                      |

Kinder Only Minimum Days/Special Schedule:

Science Olympiad: January 20, 2012  
Mass/Meet @ Church 7:45 a.m.: Feb. 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

**SPORTS UPDATE:**

Basketball is getting underway!!  
SHS will be fielding 7 teams this season  
A varsity and JV comp. boys and girls  
team. A varsity and JV rec. boys team  
and a JV rec. girls team. Holiday prac  
schedules will be posted on the Sacred  
Heart School Sports calendar. Any  
Sports related questions contact Mr.  
Reel at [lreel@sacredheartschool.net](mailto:lreel@sacredheartschool.net)

KEEP TURNING IN THOSE LITTLE  
DRIBBLER FORMS. DUE DATE IS  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>!!!

Please check the Sports Calendar at:  
<https://sacredheart-sac.schoolyardapp.com>