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MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# MARCH '11

- 2 Weekly Assembly 8:10
- 4 MINIMUM DAY Teacher Meeting
  - Suzie Burger Fundraiser 2-10 p.m.
- **5** Academic Decathlon 8:30-3:30
- **8** Academic Award Assembly 2:15
- 9 NO ASSEMBLY
  - K-Only Minimum Day/Meet @ Church 7:45 a.m.
  - Monthly Liturgy (2<sup>nd</sup>) 12:00 @ Church (Grades 1-8)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SHS Crab Feed (6:00 Socialize/7:00 Dinner/9:00 Dancing)
  - C.B. Math Contest
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins Set clocks ahead 1 hour
- 14 2011/2012 Registration & Kinder Acceptances Going Home Today!!
- 16 NO ASSEMBLY
- Weekly Assembly 8:10 a.m.
  - Happy St. Patrick's Day
  - Slider Day for Lunch \$5
- 18 NO SCHOOL

Teacher Retreat Day

- 21 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service Day
- **22** Geography Bee 1:15 p.m.
- 23 Weekly Assembly/Prayer Service (8th)
- **26** Family Mass (3<sup>rd</sup>) 5:30 p.m. at Church
- 28 Mandatory parent meeting for First Communion 6:30 p.m. at Church
- 30 Weekly Assembly 8:10 a.m.

# SPARKS' NOTES

Theresa Sparks, Principal Dear Parents.

On March 9th we will be entering the Season of Lent in our church. The students will be participating in the noon Mass with the parishioners and receiving ashes as well. I sometimes think of Ash Wednesday as I do New Year's Day: a day for resolutions. I am a miserable failure when it comes to resolutions so I generally do not make them at all. I am sure because of my inability to follow through with denying myself that second cup of coffee or losing that extra weight I don't emphasize penance during Lent with the students. Instead I ask them to do something "extra", like going out of their way to include someone who is left out or helping at home without being asked. I like to think we can challenge ourselves this way not because it is easier but because it becomes a habit and then a way of life. During Lent at our Wednesday assemblies I will ask the students to think of ways they can show their love of God to one another. I hope that you will do the same at home and between school and home we will have a holy and blessed Lenten Season. I don't know if you realize it but there are 16 weeks between our Christmas break and our Easter break. That is a very long time for young

students and "old" teachers to go without a vacation! When we return from Easter we will have a short month before school is let out for summer. So, if, during these "dog days" of school your children seem a little on edge or the teachers look a little haggard it is because they are! Patience, a little compliment here or there and some extra hugs at home will go a long way. I am truly grateful for your ongoing support.

Many blessings to you during this holy time,

## MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart Parish School, serves the Sacred Heart Parish Community by providing a quality Catholic elementary education (K-8) that is based on the Gospel values of Jesus, and is dedicated to the development of the spiritual, intellectual, social-emotional, and physical life of our students.

#### SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

We are called to embrace the fourfold dimensions of Catholic education – MESSAGE, COMMUNITY, WORSHIP and SERVICE – and thus we instill a solid foundation of Christian values and life skills upon which students successfully grow into contributing members of their Family, church, civic and global societies.

Café Fríday Coffee and Company

Date: March 11, 2011 Time: 8:00-8:30 a.m. Where: Cafeteria

## THE SPORTS REPORTER

Congratulations to all of our Basketball teams, especially Little Dribblers who hosted their first home games in the new gym, the Varsity Competitive Girls who made the TOC playoffs, and the JV Competitive Boys who made it to the TOC Final game. Well done all.

### **Spring Sports News:**

#### Track & Field:

Practices begin March 1st and will be as follows: Tuesdays - 3:30-4:30 at the school for conditioning (we typically use the yard)

Wed & Fri - 5:00-6:00 at SCC (Sacto City College) Sundays - 2:00-3:00 at SCC until season begins

Boys Volleyball: TBD

Golf Team: TBD

# Non-PAL Activities:

Fencing:

Mondays/Wednesdays: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Open Gym Thursdays: March 3 & 10, 3:30-5:00 PM

Remember sign up forms can be collected in the front office or online at schoolyard under files.

# Missoula Theatre.... Right around the Corner

Look for the Missoula Children's Theatre Flyer and Sign-up form coming home Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

We're also looking for host families for the Directors. The dates will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>. The directors will need to stay in a home where the room has had no pets in it. Please contact Sherrie Carinci at 278-7010 or <a href="mailto:carinci@csus.edu">carinci@csus.edu</a> if you can help with housing.

# PLAN AHEAD! SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, MINIMUM DAYS & GRADUATION FOR 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Apr.	1 4-9 21 22-29	Minimum Day Faculty Meeting Missoula Theatre Week Minimum Day No School Easter Vacation
May.	6 23-31 30	Minimum Day Faculty Meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only Minimum Days No School Memorial Day Holiday
June.	1 3 8	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation  Minimum Day Faculty Meeting Last Day of School 10:30 a.m. Dismissal

Kindergarten Only Minimum Days/Special Schedule. Reminder, Minimum Day Dismissal is at 12:15 p.m.

Apr. 21	Seder Meal
May 11	Mass Practice
May 12	Kindergarten Mass
June 2	Kindergarten Graduation
June 3	Kindergarten Picnic

# REMINDERS.....

- No cell phone use while in the drop-off pick-up lanes.
- Keep your speed down when entering and leaving the blacktop area for drop-off and pick-up.