



HEART TO HEART



December 16, 2011

Open House

SHPS will have an all school Open House on Sunday, January 29 starting at 10:00 a.m. for all prospective students and their families. Please invite your friends and family who may be interested in enrolling their children in Sacred Heart. Families with children ready to begin Kindergarten in the Fall are especially welcome. Ms. Farella will be available then to answer all questions regarding Kindergarten.



Schoolwide Learning Expectation:

*Sacred Heart Parish School students are:
(3a) responsible citizens who promote peace and social justice.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 16: Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)

No Extended Day Care

Dec 16: 1st Grade Play

Dec 16: Paradise Tree Trimming

- *Location: Church*
- *Time: 11 a.m.*

Dec 19 – Jan 2: Christmas Break – SCHOOL CLOSED

Jan 3: Return from break

Jan 6: Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)

Jan 12: Pizza with the Principal

Jan 16: School Holiday – Martin Luther King Day

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As I meditated and prayed on the meaning of Christmas during this Advent season, I came to a radical and counter-cultural realization... Christmas presents are a very good and holy thing!!! We all know about the shameful materialization of Christmas and the hustle and bustle of this season can be anything except spiritual and peaceful, however, we go to all the work and effort of buying and wrapping presents for an important reason; we want those people in our lives to feel loved and special. Love, love, love, it is all about love. God is love, and God loves us so much, he came to earth as a baby on Christmas so that we can, through salvation, have everlasting life and love with him. God 1st command to us to return His love with all our heart and souls, and His 2nd commandment is to love one another as He loves us. Wow, a tall order sometimes... but why? We are the Body of Christ on earth. God's love is meant to flow through us, both giving and receiving love with all our hearts. The joy our children feel on Christmas, and the joy we feel as well, is but an extension of feeling extra special and loved, both in giving and receiving gifts, tokens of love. When our focus is on Christ, as it is on Christmas, our love and peace increases. Yes, Christmas is an incredible, special day, but I also know that God loves us in that powerful way every day... dare I say it??? Wouldn't it be great if every day were like Christmas? Why not?

With all the love of Jesus for you and your families this holiday season,

Peter Harris
Principal





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12 Prayers for Christmas

Christmas is a glorious time of year! God brings us face to face once again with His design for and redemption of mankind. But for many people, the holidays can be filled with unrealistic expectations. Old hurts are sometimes revisited and new ones inflicted. Hope can go deferred and result in heartsickness (Proverbs 13:12). In the midst of the tinsel and lights and shopping, let's remember what the season is really about! Let's pray for a spirit of all things Christmas for ourselves and our loved ones.

1. LOVE - Lord, help us follow the way of love - let the love of Christ compel us (1 Corinthians 14:1; 2 Corinthians 5:14).

2. JOY - Restore the joy of Your salvation to us; let us experience the joy of Your presence (Psalm 51:12; 16:11).

3. PEACE - Let Your peace rule and guard our hearts; give us more of You - You are our peace (Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:7; Ephesians 2:14).

4. HOPE - Enlighten the eyes of our heart so that we may know the hope You called us to (Ephesians 1:18).

5. FAVOR - Let Your favor rest on us (Luke 2:52).

6. LIFE - Shine Your light of life on us; help us to walk in it (Job 33:30; Psalm 56:13).

7. SALVATION - Help us to fear You so we can unlock the treasure of Your salvation (Isaiah 33:6).

8. SELFLESSNESS - Keep us from self-seeking attitudes that reject truth (Romans 2:8).

9. GENEROSITY - Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised (2 Corinthians 9:11).

10. RECEIVING - Help us receive Your kingdom, Your Spirit, and Your grace (Daniel 7:18; John 20:22; Romans 5:17).

11. SEEKING - Encourage us to seek Your face with all our hearts (Deuteronomy 4:29; Psalm 27:8).

12. PRAISE - We ascribe glory to Your name, Lord; we come before You in worship for You are holy (1 Chronicles 16:28-29).

from the publishers of Pray! magazine

Everyone is busy during this wonderful holiday season, and our school and parent community is no exception. In the last week alone we have been fortunate to have three fabulous events to mark the season. We enjoyed the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe with both a Fiesta and a beautiful mass, as well as a Grandparents Holiday Luncheon which coincided with our annual school Christmas pageant. Each event was a way for our children and us to celebrate our Christian faith free from the commercialism and political correctness which has seemingly overwhelmed our society. None of these events could have occurred without the dedication of a collection of volunteers and school staff too numerous to mention individually, but whose dedication to their faith and our school community makes Sacred Heart a better place for us all. Thank you all so much for what you do each and every day.

Announcements

- **Academy of Our Lady of Peace** is now accepting 9th grade applications for the 2012-2013 school year. The HSPT entrance exam will take place on January 21, 2012 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.. You may download the application on our website: www.aolp.org. For additional information please call the Academy at (619) 725-9118.
- **Progress Reports:** Progress reports will be available via Edline on Friday, December 16. Reports card will be passed out on Jan 27 as scheduled.
- **Chess Club:** Beginning January 6th student can join a chess club. The club will meet on Minimum Day Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2pm. No experience needed, and you do not have to take the chess class.

~ January 2012 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Christmas Break New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary	2 Christmas Break	3 Return from Break	4	5 3p-4p Drama (Parish Hall)	6 Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)	7
8	9 8a-8:30a Morning Assembly (Blacktop)	10	11 7p-8p CCHS Leadership Award (Cathedral HS)	12 11:30a-12p Pizza w/Principal (Principal's Office) 3p-4p Drama (Parish Hall)	13 1:40p-2:40p Coronado SAFE (Grades 6-8) (Classroom)	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day School Holiday	17 8:45a-10a Applebee Pond (Grade K and 1) (Classroom) 6:30p-8p PTG Meeting (Parish Hall)	18 Minimum Day (Noon dismissal) (Teacher Development)	19 3p-4p Drama (Parish Hall)	20 2nd Quarter Ends 1:45p-2:40p All School Assembly - Oliver Twist (Parish Hall)	21 High School Placement Exam
22	23 8a-8:30a Morning Assembly (Blacktop)	24	25	26 3p-4p Drama (Parish Hall) 6p-7p Science Fair (School)	27 2nd Quarter Report Cards	28
29 Catholic Schools Week 10a-12:30p All School Open House	30 Catholic Schools Week Parent Appreciation 8a-8:30a Morning Assembly (Blacktop)	31 Catholic Schools Week Parish/Clergy Appreciation	Notes:			

Sacred Heart Parish School Calendar 2011-2012