



Sacred Heart School Foundation

SPARTAN ALUMNI
NEWSLETTER 2019

Our Sacred Heart Community: Past, Present, and Future



Faith, Intelligence, Responsible Citizens, and Effective Communicators ~ SHPS students are on F.I.R.E. These attributes describe a Sacred Heart Parish School graduate. The Sacred Heart Community has helped to create opportunities for SHPS students to thrive, grow, and develop into successful scholars and faith-filled individuals for the past 128 years.

Sacred Heart began the One Heart program in the Fall of 2017. The program consists of monthly meet-ups with a family made up of students from each grade level. As a One Heart family group, students connect and work on building a culture of cooperation and respect. The 8th graders are the One Heart family leaders and take great ownership for leading the activities for their family. Some of the activities include learning about different cultures, making arts and crafts, and working on conflict resolution activities.



Sacred Heart Parish School is committed to a One Heart community where everyone feels safe, secure, and valued. Our words and actions support the guiding principles of the Catholic faith by accepting individual differences and sharing ideas with a positive, welcoming attitude while working on F.I.R.E in our daily actions and behavior.



STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE FOUNDATION

The Sacred Heart School Foundation is in the process of updating our database and converting to electronic mail, and we need your help. We currently have a number of families in the database, but we know there must be many more that aren't included. Please help us by going to the school's website at www.sacredheartschool.org and click on the alumni tab to add your information. We would love to hear about what's going on with you and your family. Please notify us of: new email address, new physical address, marriages, births, deaths, special events and accomplishments.

SHPS to participate in San Benito Gives Matching Campaign- September 10, 2019

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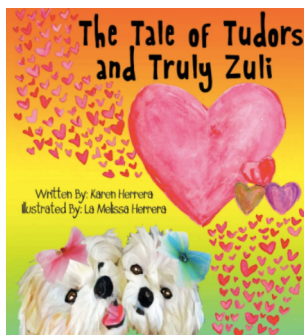
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Thank you for your support and sharing in building our future!

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: KAREN (LEWIS) HERRERA



Say Hello to Karen (Lewis) Herrera. Karen is a Sacred Heart Graduate ('71). She has written and published a children's book "The Tale of Tudors and Truly Zuli". They are Karen's puppies.

Karen said that she never had small dogs growing up in Hollister. Her parents Pat and Ramona Lewis had ranch dogs, but never a house pet. She has a huge soft spot in her heart for Tudors and Zuli. They attract people wherever she goes. This outpouring of attention and love pushed her to write her story. Writing was a labor of love and she went through 7 illustrators before her daughter, Melissa, found herself with enough time to help her mom. Having graduated from college, she poured all her talents into illustrating the book. Mother and daughter were excited to have their book published in August of 2017.

Karen is planning The Tale of Tudors and Truly Zuli to be the beginning of the PUPPY Power series! She is already working on the next book. Karen said, "I have life-long friendships and the seeds were planted in my heart in 1962 at Sacred Heart School." When asked about her time at Sacred Heart, Karen says, "I loved Sister Mary Pauline, my first and second grade teacher!" Her favorite middle grade teachers were Mrs. Cruz and Mr. Erkman. Adding, they made learning fun while teaching lessons. She said she always loved English class but had never thought about writing a book.



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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: ROBOTICS AT SHPS



SHPS began a Robotics program in the fall of 2016. The funding was provided through an inaugural grant from the REC Foundation in partnership with VEX Robotics. The first year began with two teams of middle school students. They worked together to create, imagine, and build the robots using mechanics and design as well as logic, math, and creativity. They programmed the robot using ModKit Programming technology.

After working to modify and adapt the robots, they competed in tournaments around the Bay Area. The program expanded to two middle school teams and four elementary teams (3rd-5th grades) the following year. The program also expanded to host the first annual VEX Robotics tournament in Hollister. 25 Teams from around the Bay Area traveled to the SHPS gym to compete.

In the third year of the SHPS Robotics program, the team was sponsored by AG Megatronix, a company dedicated to promoting STEM in elementary school students. SHPS hosted their 2nd annual VEX tournament, and students continue to learn and grow in our program. Next year, the school looks to continue to make great strides in STEM learning as well as look into starting a Robotics league with schools closer to the Hollister area. Great job, Spartans!

If you are interested in sponsoring, volunteering, or learning more information about the Robotics program at SHPS, please contact Dr. Rachel McKenna at rmckenna@sacredheartschool.org.

THE FOUNDATION: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Sacred Heart School of Hollister Foundation was incorporated on July 18, 1990. Its primary purpose is to initiate, develop, operate, maintain, expand and seek funding for various individuals and programs (both curricular and extra-curricular), and to promote and encourage the participation of students in such programs in order to help educate, develop and broaden their training, knowledge and general character. Its principal mission is to solicit and receive contributions from individuals and/or entities and to expend such funds for:

- maintenance and improvement of the school physical plant;
- assistance with school operating expenses, as needed;
- program improvement, development, and expansion;
- financial aid for students; and
- building and maintaining an endowment to support the school into the future.

Past and present board members include alumni, parents of alumni, and former Sacred Heart School personnel. Current board members are: Cynthia Dassel Mackie ('63) /alumni parent; Margaret O'Donnell - alumni parent; Jacklyn Galli Thomas ('68)/alumni parent; Anna Basarich - alumni parent / former staff member; Barbara Mauro - alumni parent; Kathy O'Donnell ('58)/former principal; Ed Moakler - alumni parent; Denise Thome - alumni parent / former staff member; Diane Gibbs - former staff member; and Peter Kovacich ('68).

Foundation funds are managed by the Community Foundation of San Benito County. As of Sept. 30, 2018, the Endowment Fund indicated a balance of \$190,013. Thanks to a generous bequest from Fulton "Bumpy" Picetti, who believed strongly in the value of Catholic education, the Tuition Assistance Fund showed a balance of \$173,575.64. Donations or bequests to the Foundation can be made through the Community Foundation. Donations may also be mailed to Sacred Heart Foundation, P.O. Box 1039, Hollister, CA 95204-1039.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, DR. RACHEL MCKENNA

Walt Disney once said 'You can dream, create, design, and build the most wonderful things in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality.'



Since my arrival at SHPS in 2016, this Disney quote has not been more true for me. One of the many joys of being at Sacred Heart is its longstanding, strong history in the Hollister community. I love hearing the great memories of the past, the stories of the present from our warm and caring community, and the belief and inspiration surrounding the school's future.

I grew up with the mentality that a Catholic education is the foundation for the rest of your life. I grew up in Ventura, CA, attended Catholic schools until college, taught in Catholic schools and now serve as a Catholic School principal. I attended three universities: UC-San Diego for my undergrad degree in Biology; the University of Notre Dame through the Alliance for Catholic Education program for my masters in Education; and the University of San Francisco for my doctorate in Education and Administrative Leadership. I have grown and continue to utilize all my experiences. My teaching experience spans from 3rd - 12th grades and all subject areas, most specifically focused on math, science, STEM and robotics.

The reality is that the learning experiences, activities, and projects that have taken place at SHPS could not have happened without the great deal of commitment, dedication, and support from our staff, parents and students. As a school community, we treasure the many opportunities for us to celebrate our successes and growth. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationships and work together as we embark upon our new school year 2019-2020.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. STEPHEN AKERS

As the Administrator of Sacred Heart and Saint Benedict's Catholic Church it is my great privilege to be part of the community of teachers, staff, students and families here at Sacred Heart School.



During my years of seminary, we spoke often about Pope Saint John Paul II's 1992 Exhortation on priestly formation: *Pastores Dabo Vobis*. The Pope outlined four key dimensions of education that are essential to the formation of priests, and by analogy of anyone receiving a Catholic education.

Catholic education provides a solid human formation, developing in students the emotional maturity and virtues necessary for personal happiness and genuine friendship with others. Catholic education provides spiritual formation, forming the heart and soul –so often undeveloped today – so the light of faith illumines both the student's lives and the subjects they study. Catholic education provides intellectual depth, communicating a love of Truth and helping students to navigate the complexities of contemporary life with a rich tradition of wisdom. Finally Catholic education prepares students for service, opening their hearts to the needs of others and guiding them to serve their neighbors in charity.

I have just begun my involvement with Sacred Heart School but I am excited to see how this school lives out its mission to provide human formation, spiritual formation, intellectual formation, and formation for service. Sacred Heart School has rich tradition and history, started in 1891, that continues now and is needed more than ever.



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