



HEART TO HEART



December 9, 2011

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dario Gutierrez (Grade 7) and Pauline Mainou (Grade 8) who placed first and second, respectively, in the "Letters to the Troops" letter writing contest. The Silver Strand Chapter of Military Officers Association of America sponsored the contest. Our students have written wonderful letters...copies can be found in the last page of the Heart to Heart. We are so proud of our students!



Schoolwide Learning Expectation:

*Sacred Heart Parish School students are:
(2d) ability to work in groups and as individuals.*

Calendar of Events

Dec 9: Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)

Dec 9: Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta

- *Location: Blacktop*
- *Time: noon – 5 p.m.*

Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 12: All School Mass (9 a.m.)

Dec 13: Grandparent Show & Luncheon

- *Location: Church, Parish Hall*
- *Time: 11 a.m.*

Dec 13: Christmas Pageant for Parents

- *Location: Church*
- *Time: 6:30 p.m.*

Dec 16: Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)

NO Extended Day Care

Dec 16: 1st Grade Play 9 a.m.

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)

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Today, we are holding our annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival here on the playground of Sacred Heart Parish School. The story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe in one of the most inspiring of our Catholic faith and traditions. We, here at SHPS, are extremely blessed to have a big part of our school community made up of families with Mexican ancestry. Our Mexican families bring a tradition of deep faith and a strong respect for education, and our school community is enriched and enhanced by their presence. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta is both a time to honor Our Lady, and what she has meant to North Americans, and also to celebrate our school's cultural diversity and positive Mexican influence. The celebration continues on Monday morning at 9:00 AM with a special Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe on Her Feast day. I hope you can join us!

Sincerely in Christ,

Peter Harris
Principal

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.



Associated Student Council (ASC)

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas Friday, December 16 by wearing jeans with a red, white, or green shirt

Christmas Pageant

December 13 is our annual Christmas Pageant.

All of our children perform annually at our Grandparents' Luncheon. Let your child's grandparents know so they may plan to attend on Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 11 a.m. in church, with a "preview presentation" of our Christmas Program. The program will continue with a luncheon served in the parish hall. Please note: because of the size of our hall, this event is for grandparents or adopted grandparents only. Parents may volunteer to help if they wish to participate. **Students are to wear their school uniform (not P.E. uniform) on Tuesday.**

All students are to report to their classrooms by 6:30 p.m. on Dec 13. Students are urged to wear their formal Christmas attire. Girls cannot wear strapless dresses or dresses with spaghetti straps. Please remember that the students will be outdoors while they wait their turn to sing, dress warmly.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

In the United States, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12. The following is the Opening prayer of the memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

God of power and mercy,
you blessed the Americas at Tepeyac
with the presence of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe.
May her prayers help all men and women
to accept each other as brothers and sisters.
Through your justice present in our hearts
may Your peace reign in the world.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen



SPORTS

SOCCER

K-1 Sat. Dec. 10, 2011

2:00 Sacred Heart v. Santa Sophia
@ Santa Sophia School, 9806 San Juan
Street, Spring Valley

Grade 1-2 Sat. Dec 10, 2011

11:00 St. Patrick v. Sacred Heart
@ Nazareth School, 10728 San Diego
Mission Road, San Diego

Grade 3-4 Sat. Dec 10, 2011

1:00 Sacred Heart vs. Santa Sophia Blue
@ Santa Sophia School, 9806 San Juan
Street, Spring Valley

Announcements

- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass:** Monday, Dec. 12 is the All School Mass at 9 a.m. Students are asked to bring a flower for the entrance procession and dress in traditional costumes for the Mass.
- **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 distributed on Friday, December 16. Reports card will be passed out on Jan 27 as scheduled. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress report, please email your classroom teacher. They will be available via email during the Christmas break.



Dear Service Member,

Hello! How are you? I just wanted to say thank you very much for everything. You may be saying to yourself right now, "Thanks kid but it's my job and my duty already to serve the country." Yes, but it takes much courage to complete an audacious feat that few are willing to do. Thanks to you and your fellow companions, we here in America are able to always feel and stay safe. Thanks to your great courage, other people in the world can have the luxury of feeling the same way. I really wish I could be brave like a lion or just have the opportunity to protect the lives of all of my friends and family. I sometimes wonder, "Can I ever grow up to be as great as you and leave everything behind for the sake of my country?" The answer is still in question, but for now I know I can trust on a person like you, a hero, to keep me safe for now and maybe one day I will take your place and defend those in need. Once again thank you for everything, but a special thanks for setting an outstanding example showing kids around the world that want to one day be you that it's worth fighting for what you believe in because I believe that in life that is what counts.

Sincerely,

Dario

Dear Service Member,

I don't know what it is like. I don't know what it is like to have a family member miles or seas away from me, knowing he or she will not come back in weeks or months. I don't know what it is like to sleep worrying of what terrible thing might happen in my sleep. I don't know what it is like not having someone protecting me and taking care of me. Probably as you can see, I don't know many things about what it is like to have someone close to me in the army. But I can tell you that I do know that because of you, I can be sure that nothing terrible will happen to me in my sleep. I know that you will do anything to protect me and my country. And I know that because of you in my life, my family, my community and my country is safe. There are lots of good qualities someone can have. Someone can be nice, loving, admiring, caring, modest, confident and reflective. To me all of these are wonderful qualities, but I think the most valuable of all is courage. Not everyone has courage, and as I read, "Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared (Edward Vernon)." I know that you and all the army sometimes are scared, but that is what makes you have courage. Even though you are scared, just by going there and sacrificing yourself to defend your country that is an outstanding act of courage to do it. I hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Pauline

