Hello Sacred Heart Families and Supporters,

As we welcome October and the lovely fall weather, we also welcome the Our Lady of Fatima festa this weekend. If you have not attended a local Portuguese festa before now would be a wonderful time to participate in this beautiful event. Many of our students will be carrying statues and marching as queens. Also, in October is the Great Shake Out. We will be practicing what to do in case of an earthquake on Friday, October 18th. In addition to safety drills and safety training for our students and staff, we have now taken a few more safety precautions for our school. During student masses on Fridays we will no longer utilize the church restrooms, students will be escorted into the school if they need to use the restroom. We will no longer keep all doors to the church open during Friday mass. One door will remain unlocked and we will have a security guard on duty on Friday mornings while we are in church. We appreciate the support of the parish as we implement these safety measures. Please read the Heartbeat in its entirety as there are many wonderful things happening at our school this month! In October we wear PINK!

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Michelena
Upcoming Events & Reminders:

★ NO SCHOOL – Monday, October 7th due to The Our Lady of Fatima Festa Clean-up ★

Recycling Day is on Tuesday, October 8th. Recyclables will be collected in the staff parking lot. Support our elective programs by bringing in your recyclable aluminum and plastic the 2nd Tuesday of each month! Label your bags with your grade so your class gets credit for our competition. The class who brings in the most recycling by the end of May will earn a pizza party! Don’t forget to pull off your tabs before turning in your recycling!

7th Grade Confirmation NET Retreat- Friday, October 11th 4-9 p.m.

School Picture Retakes are on Thursday, October 17th. If you would like your child/children to have their pictures retaken, please send them to school in their mass attire with their first picture packet(s) (which were sent home on Friday, October 4th). Thank you!

6th -8th Grade “Glow in the Dark” Dance- Friday, October 18th

Sacred Heart Thrift Shop: Pricing Party is on Friday, October 25th, from 5:30-9 p.m. Contact Diana or Ester at the Thrift Shop to reserve a spot to earn your parent participation hours and to help our Thrift Shop get all their new items out before the upcoming Holidays!

COSTUME GUIDELINES FOR SACRED HEART SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL
The following costume guidelines should be adhered to for student safety:
Please do not wear:
- costumes that depict gangs and horror characters or are overly scary (bloody, zombies, gore, guts, etc.)
- weapons of any kind
- costumes that demean race, religion or nationality
- costumes with obstructive masks
- overly revealing costumes

If you have questions about a particular costume or prop please see or email Mrs. Michelena for approval. Parents are invited and encouraged to join us as well (with or without costume).
Come and observe the Harvest Festival, sponsored by the Senior Student Council!
Let’s give a big shout out to our Cross-Country Team!

Congratulations to all our Sacred Heart Cross Country runners who came out and ran so hard at meet #3 in Patterson, September 28th. Way to go to our 10 runners who brought home top ten ribbons! Congratulations to Junior Girl Deborah Becerra on her first-place win! Remember to tell our cross-country team members “Great Job” and give them a high-five, too!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!
Student Council will be selling bracelets and posters to support one of our own. Julia Elam, former Sacred Heart School student and mom of a SHS student is currently battling breast cancer.

All funds raised will be donated to help Julia in her fight!
Bracelets and posters can be purchased before or after school Oct. 1-31. Bracelets may be worn for the month of October with your school uniform. Suggested donation $5 (Give more or give what you can.)

Posters give you an opportunity to memorialize or honor those who have battled cancer. Pictures of students holding their posters will be hung on bulletin boards throughout the school.

ELECTIVES

6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the Agriculture elective have been learning about rabbits! They have studied the different breeds, parts of the rabbit, and important vocabulary terms. Recently, students had the opportunity to interact rabbits from the Central Valley High School FFA Rabbitry. We thank them for generously letting us use six of their rabbits for our class!

Our Culinary Arts class has had an excellent start to our school year! This elective is co-taught by our Food Service Director Miss Amanda and our 8th grade teacher Mrs. Magni. Our 24 6th-8th grade students have learned so much already, including kitchen and knife safety and how to vary recipes to make them their own! Thanks to the grant that we received from Raley’s our student have learned how to prepare veggie steak stir fry, cheesy taco sticks, pico de gallo, caramel apple cookies, and white chicken chili… and we’ve only just begun! Thank you #RaleysRealPurpose
Our Fall Auction is approaching! We are in search of donations, advertisements and volunteers. Below, we provided our Auction invitation, as well as, our $100 raffle prize description. If you are interested in making a donation or may know someone interested in making a donation to our live and/or silent auctions, we have attached our Donation Letter and Donation Form separately from The Heart Beat. Tables of 8 and 10 people are also available for purchase. Please contact the school office regarding any questions.

Let the fun begin and join us Under the Big Top at our 31st Annual Dinner & Auction!

**FUNDRAISING CORNER**

**Rotary Students**

“Ambition, candor, grit, initiative, resourcefulness, integrity and humility. These are the 7-character traits the 7th grade is focusing on for the school year. These are not easy traits to demonstrate daily, but these two students work very hard to do just that.” -Angela Roe, 7th Grade Teacher

**Congratulations to the 2019-2020 7th Grade Rotary Students,**

*Reese Oliveira and Giovanni Tolentino!*

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**LADIES AND GENTS- PLEASE JOIN US**

**Sacred Heart School’s 31st Annual Dinner & Auction**

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

5:00 p.m. Social
6:30 p.m. Dinner Served

Please RSVP by October 28, 2019

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**When you realize that in fact this IS your circus, and these ARE your monkeys, take your show on the road to the happiest place on earth!**

**DISNEYLAND**

$100 donation for chance to win a Disneyland vacation package valued at $6,000

- 4 nights at Grand Californian Hotel
- 4 day hopper passes for family of four
- $1,000 visa gift card