



Sacred Heart Nativity Schools

Newsletter

"Breaking the cycle of poverty through education"

SUMMER 2011 ISSUE

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President

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Upcoming Events...

Save the Date!

4th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, September 26, 2011
San Jose Country Club

If you are interested in event sponsorship, sponsoring a hole, tee prize or drink cart, contact our Development Office at 408.993.1293 ext. 107 or email lblickenstaff@shnativity.org

Fiesta 2012

Saturday, February 25, 2012
Bellarmino College Preparatory

If you are interested in hosting a gift gathering party, making a donation to our live or silent auction or would like to be a sponsor or underwriter, please contact Lisa Blickenstaff at 408.993.1293 ext. 107 or email lblickenstaff@shnativity.org

Thoughts from Father Peter Pabst, S.J. ...

Milestones

God continues to write the script of the life of our little schools and of my own life as well. Twenty-five years ago, I was ordained to the priesthood in San Francisco and there is no way I could have imagined then that today I would be part of Sacred Heart Nativity Schools and work with so many great kids, families and teachers. And now the school is 10 years old and I could not have imagined all the blessings that have come the way of our community over this past decade. We never know what God has in store for us, do we? My heart is filled with gratitude on all accounts. Thank you for playing a role in all of this!

For the past 8 years, Kevin Eagleson has taken a strong leadership role as Principal, first for the boys school and then he enthusiastically supported the opening of the girls school to run as well. I am grateful for all he has done for our students and teachers and look forward to working with him in a new role, as the Director of Graduate Support. Kevin's new role will have him working with our graduates in high school and college to make sure that everyone stays on track. He will also continue to teach both boys and girls. There is no way to match his boundless energy and profound love for the students and parents. I am pleased that he will continue to impact our youth and the entire school.

It will be hard to fill Kevin's shoes but we have come to a creative solution that I like. Bridgit McGarry and Jeff Cunjak, Vice-Principals for the schools, will become Co-Principals and share leadership duties to run both schools collaboratively. I have great confidence that the combined talents of these two gifted educators will keep us on a true course toward achieving our mission of *breaking the cycle of poverty through education* (since 2001)!

Who knows what God has in store for us, but it is with deep faith that I believe that the next decade will find more rich blessings and countless gifts of unimagined satisfaction and joy. Thank you again for being part of this!

Peter Pabst, S.J.
President

Our Lady of Grace Poets

Red

By Mayli Diaz Infante, 6th Grade

It's in our blood,
In our heart,
In our veins, that alternate around
our whole body,
And in our powerful mind.

When I think of that color, it makes
me feel agitated,
Like when you watch a terror movie and your
heart pumps so fast,
You drop the popcorn and splatter your soda
onto the person next to you.
Or when you realize you've won 10,000 dollars!

Red is like our massive sunburns
after you go to the beach,
Our love,
Our feelings.

It is also a fiery sunset,
Or a rose you present to a person you truly love
Or when you consume a watermelon on a
pleasant autumn day.

Without red, there wouldn't be happiness,
Anticipation,
Laughter,
Or generosity.
Without red, we would never have appetizing
and luscious
Fruit punch on warm summer days.

Without red, we wouldn't have this magnificent
life we experience TODAY.

Yellow

By Brisa Rios, 6th Grade

Yellow is the color of the sunshine on my face
early in the morning,
The color of ice cold lemonade,
Waffles, honey, Winnie the Pooh,
Eating lemon heads and corn on the cob.
It is the sound of kids singing
"Ring Around the Rosy,"
The sound of a girl saying, "goodnight"
to her mother,
It is the laugh of friends eating sunflower seeds
on an evening sunset,

Yellow is the color of day that keeps
you up until night.
It is Big Bird saying hi to SpongeBob.
It is a prince meeting a princess,
Yellow is friendship, fun, and joy; it is the
light that leads you through life.
That is yellow.

My Old Shirt

By Sandra Paez, 7th Grade

This faded shirt is mine
Its sleeves are torn
And are more colorful than the shirt
Now it's old and worn

This faded shirt is mine
It is regular and plain
So even a long time ago
It would've been easy to obtain

This faded shirt is mine
The pink Target sign in the middle is the key
That makes it seem less dirty and old,
And reminds me why it belongs to me

I Am

By Arisbeth Gallardo, 7th Grade

I am alive and colorful
I wonder how stars could be so bright
I hear the paintbrush brushing against the
rough paper
I see the wings of a hummingbird flapping
in slow motion
I want to walk on the moon
I am alive and colorful

I feel sparkles inside me
I touch the salty teardrop on my friend's cheek
I worry about messing up
I cry that I can't do anything to change the past
I am alive and colorful

I understand why hyenas are so vicious
I dream of living on a beautiful deserted island
I try to walk in your shoes
I hope it captures someone's eye
I am alive and colorful

Love

By Maraya Hernandez

Lovely hugs...

When you truly care about someone
Without being forced.

It's when you have tears in your eyes
For seeing her for the first time.
Or anticipating seeing her, not caring how she is.

Just knowing that you love them
And would give up or do anything for them.

To have a humongous smile
On your face, tears in your eyes.
Just thinking of this person,
Or catching the slightest glimpse.

It's when you can give someone a hug
Who doesn't necessarily know
What love is.

Sorry

Stephanie Munoz, 8th Grade

Dear Brianna,
Forgive me.
I went out with Oscar.
He was so convincing.
He saw me lonely at the library
and began to read to me.

It was not my fault.
All day we discussed our opinions
about Desmosthenes and Locke.
He wrote me a five-page letter telling me I was
like
Valentine to him.
He took out his Rubik Cube.
It took us four hours to finish
we had to work together

Oh, he is so helpful and patient.
Then we went for lunch,
We shared a coke, with two straws.
I am so sorry.

Then things got on a roll.
Did I mention that we... oh never mind.

Forgive me.
I told him not to play the guitar so late.
I need my sleep.

Your exhausted friend,
Stephanie

Original Quotes of Wisdom from SHNS Graduates

“Leave your legacy in eternity, but take nothing.” ~ Ulises

“If you always do what you always did, you’ll always get what you always got.” ~ Alejandro

“Love changes your life for the better.” ~ Richard

“Family and friends are the people that are able to help you surpass many things in life.” ~ Sergio

“You won’t get out of the tunnel if you don’t keep stepping forward.” ~ Edgar

“There is always a brick wall in front of you, you can choose to let it impede you from walking ahead, or you can knock it down and fulfill your dreams.” ~ Mike

“Make your own future, don’t follow the fortune cookie.” ~ Salvador

“Flesh and blood doesn’t unite us. It’s our hearts, and it doesn’t matter if you are poor, but you are fulfilled with the love of your family.” ~ German

“Love is law...some people break it, others ignore it, and very few people appreciate it.” ~ Miguel

“Life has limits; you decide what those limits are.” ~ Jesús

“The best response to an insult: ‘I would agree with you, but then we would both be lying.’” ~ José

“It is easy to be forgiven, but it is just as easy to forgive.” ~ Jesús

“Sometimes the silence of our voice leads to the loudness of our pain, but the loudness of our voice can lead to the silence of our pains.” ~ Hector

“Perseverance is a virtue that allows us to break through obstacles in life, so that we can succeed.” ~ Jared

“Peace pays for itself.” ~ Oscar

“When your heart is in the right place and you do what you love, everything will turn out for the best.” ~ José

“Our world is not how we look at it, but how we imagine it to be.” ~ Adrian

“In life there are many decisions, you just need to learn to make the right ones.” ~ Ramon

“True friendship is like a treasure that will continue to stay golden, only if you keep adding your own little jewels.” ~ Lupe



Co-principal
Jeff Cunjak,
Valedictorians
Oscar Martinez
and Karyne
Knight,
Co-principal
Bridgit McGarry

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SOMETIMES SOMETHING SO SMALL CAN MEAN SO MUCH!

By leaving just 1% of your estate in your will or trust to Sacred Heart Nativity Schools, you can play a considerable part in “breaking the cycle of poverty through education.”

Following is a listing of those persons and families who have already considered an estate plan gift to SHNS and as such are charter members of the Monsignor Mateo Sheedy Legacy Circle. Charter membership is open until December 31, 2011.

Father Mateo Sheedy – First Bequest

Mari & Manuel Alba
Cathy De Maria
Anthony Geraci

Paul Porrovecchio
Mary Ann & Joe Ramirez
Barbara & Craig Ulrici

If you would like to learn more about how easy it is to make your planned gift, please contact Fr. Peter Pabst, S.J. at (408) 993-1293 ext. 122, email ppabst@shnativity.org or fill out and mail the attached envelope.

Sacred Heart Nativity

Our 8th graders' last days at SHNS were very busy preparing for various graduation activities including a retreat and a beach day for each class. The Baccalaureate Mass, celebrated by President Peter Pabst, S.J., was held on Tuesday, May 31, followed by the graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 2. The 8th graders took an active part in the graduation ceremony. Jocelyn Melendez and Miguel Hernandez

welcomed the guests and delivered the opening prayer. Sergio Escamilla and Delmi Lopez led the flag salute.

Karyne Knight and Oscar Martinez received the Steve Ronco Memorial Valedictorian Awards. Both students exemplify the Jesuit spirit of being people for others and lead by example and kindness. They are academically successful, spiritually active, responsible and respectful. Karyne spoke about bonding as a class.



Olivia Aguilar
Lincoln High School



Iviema Bernal
Notre Dame High School



Brianna Borrayo
Presentation High School



Silvia Chacon
Lincoln High School



Jacqueline Contreras
University Prep Academy



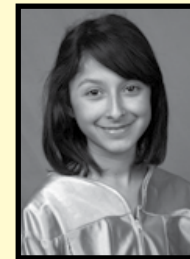
Mayra De Anda
Notre Dame High School



Heidi De la Cruz
Presentation High School



Daisy De la Torre
Notre Dame High School



Gabriela Fajardo
Lincoln High School



Loren Gutierrez
Notre Dame High School



Maraya Hernandez
Lincoln High School



Janet Hurtado
Presentation High School



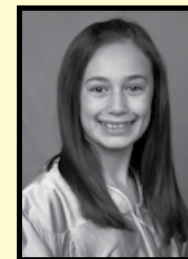
Karyne Knight
Presentation High School



Delmi Lopez
Archbishop Mitty HS



Jocelyn Melendez
Notre Dame High School



Stephanie Muñoz
Presentation High School



America Ortiz
Notre Dame High School



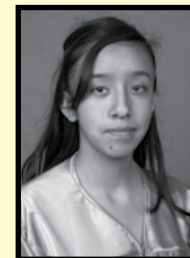
Hideliza Ortiz
Notre Dame High School



Cindy Prado
Archbishop Mitty HS



Nancy Rodriguez
Notre Dame High School



Celia Roldan
Willow Glen HS



Jazzlynn Segovia
Lincoln High School



Ana Barbara Tafolla
Notre Dame High School



Juritzi Torres
Presentation High School

Schools Class of 2011

“We are done, but our experiences here have only made us stronger. Today is just the result of everything we have worked so hard for. Remember that we made it all the way through and never let go, and we’ve done it all TOGETHER.”

Oscar spoke about the spiritual rewards of attending SHNS.

“Going to SHNS has strengthened our relationships with God. We are humble servants who offer God all the fruits of our labor. The more effort we put into things, the more we give to God.”

Following the presentations of diplomas Father Peter Pabst awarded honorary diplomas to Katie Burke and Michael Sheridan, exceptional friends of Sacred Heart Nativity Schools. Kevin Eagleson was also awarded an

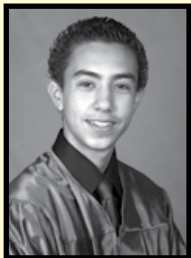
honorary diploma in thanks for his 8 years as principal and welcoming him to his new position as the Director of Graduate Support.

In closing, Kevin shared his thoughts about the Class of 2011 and spoke of their teaching, mentoring and modeling for the 6th and 7th grade students. He encouraged the students to stand up for their beliefs.

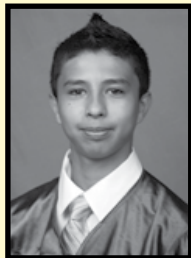
“As you leave us tonight and move into a bigger, faster, more tempting world, what will you stand on? What will you stand for? Are you willing to stand alone? I believe you are.”



Ulises Algarate
Cupertino High School



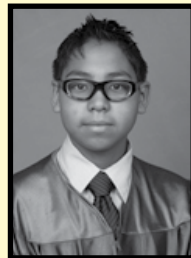
Alejandro Cadena
Bellarmine College Prep



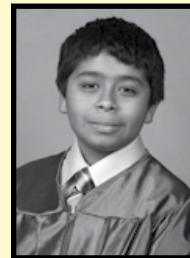
Richard De Anda
Lincoln High School



Sergio Escamilla
Lincoln High School



Edgar Galdamez
Archbishop Mitty HS



Mike Gomez
Bellarmine College Prep



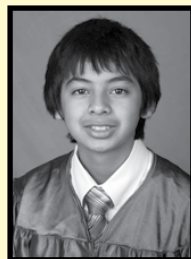
Salvador Gutierrez
Bellarmine College Prep



German Hernandez
Archbishop Mitty HS



Miguel Hernandez
Gunderson High School



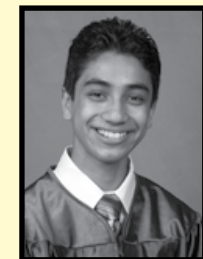
Jesus Jaimes
Los Banos High School



Jose Jurado
Archbishop Mitty HS



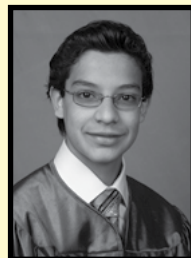
Jesus Limón
Lincoln High School



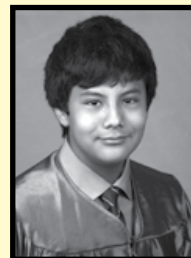
Hector Martinez
Bellarmine College Prep



Jared Martinez
Archbishop Mitty HS



Oscar Martinez
Bellarmine College Prep



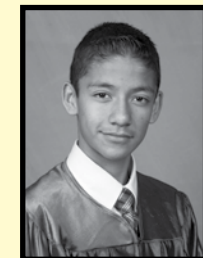
Jose Moreno
Gunderson High School



Adrian Ramirez
Bellarmine College Prep



Ramon Rivera
Archbishop Mitty HS



Jose Guadalupe Rojas
Bellarmine College Prep

Thoughts from our College-Bound Alumni

Class of 2007 College Summary

California Maritime Academy	2
CSU Bakersfield	1
De Anza College	1
Mission College	2
Notre Dame de Namur University	1
San Jose City College	1
San Jose State University	5
St. Joseph's University	1
Undecided	4
Did not graduate	2

Sacred Heart Nativity is not your average school. At first glance, it seems unimpressive standing by itself surrounded by a parking lot and a church. But that school, although small, proved to be a major factor in my growth as a person. A Jesuit education is not just nurturing the mind but the spirit as well. At Sacred Heart Nativity School, I learned the basics of Catholicism. In the 6th grade, I did not have a clear picture of God; I just thought of him as an old man (possibly as old as Mr. Eagleson?).

The transition from Sacred Heart to Bellarmine College Preparatory (BCP) was not easy, but with the support and constant care of Fr. Pabst and his staff, I was always in good hands. Going into BCP, I experienced the Jesuit tradition firsthand, not only in the classroom, but on the track and during service. The motto "men for others" is knowing that you have been blessed with good fortune and must use that success to help others who have not.

Sacred Heart Nativity School kindled my love and desire for social justice in

the world and it grew and was nurtured at BCP where I was involved in a Micro Finance club. Micro finance involves lending money to third world small businesses so the owners can become successful and lift themselves out of poverty. Because of what I learned in this club, I have decided to study international business in college to better understand how different economies work and interact.

Now as I stand at the end of my high school years, I am ready for new challenges at St. Joseph's University (Philadelphia), which I am prepared to face.

- Anselmo Sandoval

My time at Bellarmine College Preparatory (BCP) was definitely a great high school experience as well as a very complete and maturing time. I enjoyed BCP very much because of all the teachers I met, friends I made, challenges I coped with and the knowledge I gained. These years helped determine the type of man I will be. I believe going through BCP has given me an advantage. I will never forget my high school activities and the friendships I have built, especially with my teachers and coaches. They believed in me even when I didn't.

The biggest challenge I faced was during my freshmen year. I wanted to leave BCP because I was unmotivated, uninterested and didn't see myself following through. The person who motivated me the most to stay at BCP and to attend college was my teacher, Mrs. Sonya Arriola. She knew how I was feeling and she confronted me face to face. We talked about the con-

sequences of not going to college and how it would affect my parents and my brother's future. I really thought about what she said and I slowly but surely started to change my thinking. I decided it was very important to finish high school and attend college.

During my four years at BCP, I wrestled, played JV football, and was part of the Latino Student Union club. My best experiences happened to me with varsity wrestling. I began wrestling my sophomore year on the JV team, but due to an injury I couldn't complete the season. I improved as a junior but I was determined to do even better. The summer before my senior year I went to the summer practices and three camps to improve my technique. My hard work paid off. I made the varsity team my senior year and had a 35-10 record. I was also a CCS Finalist and a state qualifier.

I am eager to attend college because I will be the first person in my family to go to college. My parents are really proud. I want to get an education I can count on and expand my opportunities in life. My parents never had the chance to receive an education like I have. Also, I would like to be a good role model for my brother to follow. If he sees that I went to college he is going to want to go too. He will have the same expectation for himself. My career goals have to do with the field of political science; I want to learn how the modern world actually works. I have also considered investigative journalism and law enforcement. I look forward to exploring these options and many more at California State University Bakersfield.

- Daniel Cerrillo

Fiesta 2011

Our 9th Annual Fiesta fundraiser held February 26 boasted over 400 guests, who were enthusiastically welcomed to the Liccardo Center on the Campus of Bellarmine College Preparatory by our 8th graders! The evening was filled with a variety of fun events, including student entertainment, silent auction, a piñata raffle, *una comida Mexicana deliciosa* and an exciting live auction with its successful “Last Person Standing” – to benefit our student scholarship fund.



Tia and Dodd Portman, Tony and Rouchand Bush

Our evening began with lots of conversation and schmoozing as guests visited with one other, enjoying their beverages and delicious appetizers while bidding on the myriad of wonderful silent auction items. At the same time, our students were busy selling the 100 unique starfish piñatas, handmade just for our Fiesta by a talented group of Sacred Heart Nativity School mothers led by Josefina Madrigal, our expert piñata maker! *¡Gracias a todos!* We sold the raffle piñatas @ \$100 each with the lucky person winning a one-week stay at the luxurious Villa La Estancia in beautiful Cabo San Lucas. This endeavor alone raised \$10,000 for our schools!

Our program overflowed with our talented students - our 8th grade choir serenaded the sold-out room and Lupe Rojas and Jazzlyn Segovia, both 8th graders, dazzled us with solo performances on their tin whistles. Oscar Martinez and Juritzi Torres, also 8th graders, shared their thoughts and insights on what their matriculation at the Nativity Schools provided them, how this Catholic, Jesuit education changed their lives and how they envision their future academic career and personal community involvement. Both delivered their message with eloquence, poise, humor and sincerity, evoking an emotional and thunderous applause from the rapt listeners.



Ann Bertram, Joanne Moul, Linda Herschbach, Barbara Gentzkow

While still savoring the bountiful Mexican feast, Frank Sunseri, our Live Auctioneer Extraordinaire, got the crowd rolling. Guests were outbidding one another for outstanding dinners – including a gourmet meal with Father Peter Pabst, S.J.; amazing trips - like a weekend stay at an elegant home in Carmel; and fun sport packages – such as a night of Bocce Ball with Sacred Heart Nativity School Principal Kevin Eagleson. This year’s

Live Auction garnished \$42,500 – thanks to all the generous bidders!



Students greeting guests

And that wasn’t the end of our fund raising efforts - Frank also led the crowd through our Last Person Standing, raising an additional \$64,000 for our Schools!

Each year we count on numerous volunteers to ensure the success of our Fiesta. This year, we extend a very special thanks to:

Willy Brown – Silent Auction
Xochitl Castillo – Set-up
Fred Brown – Premium Wine Bar and Wine Silent Auction Table
Joan Pinder – Reservations
Megan Polhemus –
Check-in/Check-out

These Committee Chairs, along with a talented group of supporting volunteers, worked tirelessly for months to ensure all would enjoy a wonderful event. In addition, we extend our most sincere gratitude to our event sponsors, donors, gift gathering party hosts and all of our Fiesta guests.

Because of all of you and your generous support, we once again raised over \$300,000 for our schools! *¡Muchisimas Gracias!*



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Celebrating Fiesta 2011



Susan Almon, Sheila Quinn, and Joan McSweeney



Eighth Grade Singers



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