



Sacred Heart Spartans' Scoop



Happy August, Families!

Let us pray.

*Dear God,
As we send our children back to
school, we pray for Your protection
and guidance. Keep them safe from
harm, both physically and
emotionally. Help them to find friends
who will support and encourage them.
Give them wisdom as they face
challenging situations. And help them
to always remember that You are with
them, no matter what.*

We are so excited to welcome our students back on Monday, August 10th! As always, families are invited to join us for AM assembly beginning at 8AM. Please be sure to read the newsletter in its entirety to stay up to date with our new drop-off & pick-up procedure.

Please note that we will dismiss at NOON on 8/10 and invite everyone to return for our Annual Back to School Night beginning with preschool visits at 4:30 PM.

From the Office

Hi, Families,

We are excited to share that Mrs. Nunes has a new protected space within the office. She will continue to collect and process payments in this area. Stop by the office to check it out!



August 14th 6th Grade Class Saint

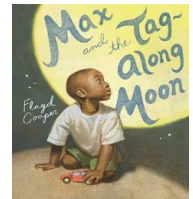
O God, who filled the Priest and Martyr Saint Maximilian Kolbe with a burning love for the Immaculate Virgin Mary and with zeal for souls and love of neighbor, graciously grant, through his intercession, that striving for your glory by eagerly serving others, we may be conformed, even until death, to your Son.

Save the Date!

8/1 Beautification Day
8/10 Back to School Night
8/10 First Day of School
(Noon dismissal for K-8)
8/14 Mass @ Church
Noon dismissal K-8
8/19 Noon Dismiss/Kona
Ice/SPIRITWEAR
8/28 Free dress for a Cause!
8/31 Bookfair/Bon Hall

Virtue of the Month:

Trustworthiness: Acting in a way that inspires confidence and trust; being reliable.



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Stewards of God's
Earth



As we begin a new school year, we welcomed our teachers back with a meaningful celebration of the Holy Mass, followed by a special blessing and a retreat anchored in Psalm 23:1

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

As we gathered in prayer and reflection, we were reminded that Christ, the Good Shepherd, lovingly guides, protects, and strengthens us in every season of our vocation. Before classrooms are filled and lessons begin, we first entrusted ourselves and the coming school year to His care.

May our team continue to reflect the heart of the Good Shepherd—leading with compassion, serving with humility, and inspiring every learner to grow in faith, wisdom, and love.

Together, we begin this new chapter rooted in prayer, united in mission, and committed to forming minds, hearts, and spirits.

Here's to a blessed, grace-filled, and fruitful school year ahead!



Parent Association News

Thank you to Mrs. Schmidt, Mr. Engstrume, and our Beautification Day volunteers! Your hardwork over the weekend left our school ready to welcome our school community back!

Save the Date:

Donuts with Grownups 9/11

Linguica Dinner Drive-Thru 9/18

CYO Information from Mr. Lopez

Cross country season will start on 9/12/26. Practices will begin on 8/18. Check your email this week for the sign-up sheet! Registration cost is \$100.

Grown-up Corner

Our mission is that we partner with our families. If you have an idea or article to share about faith formation or parenting, please share it with me for next month's newsletter! The vision is that this protected space can allow us to share ideas and strengthen our school community.

From our Church & Diocese

Keep up with this year's Mass & Prayer Service schedule [here](#).

Parent Association (PA)

PA President: Elisa Barrera

Vice President: Heidi Costa

Treasurer: Val Garner

Secretary: Maria Sapone

Spanish Liaison: Dana Sandoval

Preschool Liaison: Maria Martinez

Meetings are held once a trimester.

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SIDELINE STORE



SHCS Mission

Rooted in the Vincentian spirit, the Sacred Heart Catholic School community, partners with its families to provide strong academic, spiritual, and moral foundations. Nurtured in a safe and caring environment, all are called to be faithful stewards leading with a heart of service and charity.

School Advisory Board (SAB)

Ali Wright Joel Maring
Angela Melero Heston Nunes
Rebecca Bays Tricia Kaiser

2026-2027 Meetings

September 9 3:30 PM

November 18 3 PM

January 13 3:30 PM

March 17 3 PM

June 1 9-11 AM

Previous Meeting [Minutes](#).



It is our vision as Daughters of Charity Schools that our students become people of service who see the face of God in everyone, committed to living their Vincentian Catholic values.

Holistic
Integrated
Creative
Flexible
Excellent
Person Oriented
Collaborative
Focused

**Sacred Heart
Catholic School**

WE ARE

Stewards of God's Earth

People of Prayer and Service

Imaginative, Enthusiastic & Creative

Respectful, Loving & Kind

Involved, Inquisitive Learners

Traveling the Path of Jesus

Resources

Westside Food Pantry 40 South 5th Street Patterson, California [CA Support for Working Families](#)
[New Beginnings: Child, Family, Adolescent, & Family](#)

2026-2027 Need to Knows

Grade	PE Day
K	Tuesday
1	Wednesday
2	Wednesday
3	Tuesday
4	Tuesday
5	Monday
6	Monday
7	Friday
8	Friday

What do I need for the first day of school?

- *Backpack (labeled)*
- *Lunch box (labeled)*
- *Pencil box (labeled)*
- *Reusable water bottle (labeled)*

All other supplies have been covered in your registration fee!

PE BEGINS ON TUESDAY, 8/12

HOT LUNCH TBD

Kindergarten will be dismissed at NOON 8/10-8/14. Extended Care will be available. 1st-8th will be dismissed at NOON on 8/10 & 8/14 ONLY. Extended Care will be available.

2026-2027 Need to Knows

Drop off & pick up zones!

K-4 will continue to be dropped off and picked up in the Bon Hall parking lot.
5-8 will be dropped off and picked up in the Preschool parking lot.

THINGS TO NOTE:

- AM drop-off is a constant flow. Please do not park in either parking lot for drop-off. Preschool will be utilizing their parking lot for drop off, so please be mindful of the shared space.
- Please be sure to adhere to the 5 MPH speed limit.
- No cars may be parked in either parking lot (unless dropping off for Preschool)
- Older siblings/family members will be dismissed with younger siblings/family members



Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us for AM Assembly on
Monday, August 10th at 8AM for our
Blessing of the Backpacks with Fr. Raju!

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Join us on August 10 2026



505 M Street
Patterson 95363
209-892-3544



Instagram



Website

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

SCHEDULE

4:30 PM-
5:30 PM

VISIT THE PRESCHOOL

5 PM-
6 PM

**NEW FAMILY TOURS
& FOOD TRUCKS**

6 PM-
6:30 PM

**WELCOME ADDRESS
IN LOPES**

6:30 PM-
7:30 PM

K-8 CLASSROOM VISITS
• 6:30-7 INCOMING 8TH*
• 7-7:30 INCOMING 7TH*

*meet in 8th Grade Classroom

Meet our SHCS School Advisory Board Members



**Ali
Wright**
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Chairperson
Institutional
Advancement



**Joel
Maring**
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**Vice
Chairperson**
Finance



**Rebecca
Bays**
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Member
Finance



**Heston
Nunes**
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Member
Fundraising



**Angela
Melero**
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Member
Institutional
Advancement



**Tricia
Kaiser**
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Member
Finance

Ali Wright

We are grateful to Ali for her dedicated service on the School Advisory Board, where she has completed three terms. A proud alumna of SHCS, Ali has been a valued member of our school community for many years. Her children, currently in Kindergarten, fifth, and seventh grades, have been part of our school since Preschool. Throughout her tenure, Ali has brought strong leadership skills and valuable expertise in financial analysis, contributing meaningfully to the board's work and the school's ongoing success.

Joel Maring

We extend our sincere gratitude to Joel for his dedicated service on the School Advisory Board, where he has completed more than three terms. As a committed member of our school community, Joel has children in second, sixth, and eighth grades, all of whom have been part of our school since Preschool.

Joel brings a wealth of experience and practical knowledge to the board. His ability to analyze the school's financial condition and make strategic recommendations has been instrumental in supporting long-term financial planning. In addition, he has played a key role in several capital projects and offers valuable insight into business operations, as well as the care and maintenance of our campus.



Tricia Kaiser

We are pleased to welcome Tricia Kaiser to the School Advisory Board. Tricia brings valuable expertise in Human Resources and financial management, offering a well-rounded perspective to support the strategic goals of the board.

She is a dedicated member of our school community, with children currently in first and seventh grades, both of whom have been part of our school family for several years. Though she is early in her first term on the board, Tricia has already contributed meaningfully, and we look forward to the continued benefit of her insight and experience.



Heston Nunes

We are pleased to welcome Heston Nunes to the School Advisory Board. Heston is a committed member of our school community, with children currently in first and fourth grades, as well as an incoming kindergartner—all of whom have been enrolled at our school since Preschool.

Now in his first term on the board, Heston brings a strong focus on fundraising and a wealth of knowledge gained from having family members enrolled in schools across the diocese. His broad perspective and dedication to Catholic education are valuable assets to the board, and we look forward to the impact of his contributions in the years ahead.



Rebecca Bays

We are pleased to welcome Rebecca Bays to the School Advisory Board. Rebecca holds a B.S. in Business and brings over 13 years of experience in the finance industry. Her strong background in financial analysis and business operations is a valuable addition to the board.

Rebecca is a dedicated member of our school community, with a current first grader and an incoming kindergartner—both of whom have been enrolled at our school since Preschool—and two future Spartans! Although she is early in her tenure, Rebecca has already demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting the mission and continued growth of our school.



Angela Melero

We are excited to welcome Angela Melero to the School Advisory Board. Angela brings 25 years of experience in Higher Education, having served in a variety of departments and currently working in Information Technology. In addition to her administrative roles, she has spent the past nine years as an Adjunct Faculty member, further deepening her expertise in the field of education.

Angela offers a strong background in accreditation, educational practices, customer service, and technology—making her a well-rounded and valuable addition to the board. She has a child in eighth grade who has been enrolled at our school since Preschool and is currently serving her first term on the board.

Though early in her tenure, Angela has already made meaningful contributions, and we look forward to the continued impact of her experience and insight.

Meet our SHCS Parent Association Members



**Elisa
Barrera**
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President



**Heidi
Costa**
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Vice
President



**Maria
Sapone**
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Secretary



**Valerie
Garner**
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Treasurer



**Maria
Martinez**
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Preschool
Liason



**Dana
Sandoval**
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Spanish
Liason

Elisa Barrera

Hello Spartan Families! My name is Elisa Barrera, and I am excited to introduce myself as your President of the Parent Association. My husband, Humberto (Tito), and I are proud parents to our 4 children: Humberto, 8th grade, Paula, 6th grade, Leonardo, 4th grade, and Rayla, preschool. We're also owners of our dog Junior and cat Luna. Our family is excited to have all our kids this year at Sacred Heart. We have been a part of the SHCS community since 2021.

Professionally, I work full-time in the construction industry as a coordinator for a local general contractor. Outside of work, you'll likely find us cheering our kids on at one of their sporting events, attending church on Sundays, where you can find my kids altar serving, and spending time with family.

I remember my family always being involved in something at my school growing up, where I am an alumnus at St. Bernard's Catholic School in Tracy, CA. It always put a smile on my face when I would see one of them involved. I wanted that for my kids. It is important for me to be involved with them, volunteering in any way I can, such as field trips, coaching a sport, which brings me much joy and allows me to connect with the SHCS community. I want to help create the same sense of connection, joy, and community for our children and families. I look forward to working with the incredible and committed community of parents, faculty, and staff this year.

Heidi Costa

Hello Sacred Heart families! My name is Heidi Costa, and I'm excited to serve as the new Vice President of the Parent Association. I'm a proud alumna of Sacred Heart, Class of 2005, and it's such a joy to see my daughter now thriving here in 4th grade. Life is busy with her and our one-year-old son, but in the best way! I work for Stewart & Jasper Orchards, and in my spare time I enjoy reading and exploring national parks with my family. Sacred Heart has always held a special place in my heart, and I'm looking forward to giving back and working alongside all of you this year.

Maria Sapone

Hi! My name is Maria Sapone, and I'm excited to serve as your new Parent Association Secretary. I'm a proud Sacred Heart alumna and continued my education at Central Catholic High School and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. My husband and I have two children at the school, a second grader and a fourth grader, and we love being part of this amazing community. Over the years, I've enjoyed volunteering in classrooms, chaperoning field trips, and supporting school events. I've also served as co-chair of the Bingo Night fundraiser for the past three years. I'm currently in my fourth year as a substitute teacher, and I look forward to staying involved and contributing even more this year. I'm excited to work alongside all of you to support our students, staff, and families.

Valerie Garner

Hi! I'm Val Garner, and I'm excited to serve as Treasurer for the Sacred Heart Parent Association. My husband and I have two children at Sacred Heart — Braven, who's entering 2nd grade, and Evan, who's just starting his SH journey as a kindergartner.

Though originally from California, I spent most of my adult life in Texas before moving back about four years ago with my husband and kids to be closer to family. We've made our home here in Patterson and feel truly blessed to be part of such a welcoming and close-knit school community. I'm a big fan of all things sports — I played collegiate soccer at Stanislaus State while studying Psychology. You'll often find me cheering from the sidelines as my boys play sports both for Sacred Heart and the city of Patterson. And yes, I'm a Houston Astros fan. I know, not the most popular team around here — but someone has to represent!

Professionally, I work at an investment firm that focuses on multifamily properties. When I'm not working or cheering for the boys at one of their many sports events, I love spending time at the lake with my family or watching a good movie.

I'm looking forward to giving back to the Sacred Heart community and supporting our students, families, and staff through my treasurer role.

Maria Martinez

Hi! My name is Maria Martinez and I'm very excited and grateful to be part of the 2025-2027 SHCS PA. I'm married to a wonderful man and have three beautiful children Mateo 3rd grade and my twins Sophia & Santiago starting kindergarten this year. Growing up in the Bay, I was involved in church activities such as choir, retreats, dance groups, sports, youth groups, Praying & Healing group and many others activities. I proudly say I'm a Catholic that loves to serve her community. My family and I move to Patterson 4 years ago, and since then we have met incredible people throughout the years. Being part of the SHCS family has been a blessing, looking forward to continue working together.

Dana Sandoval

My name is Dana Sandoval. I am originally from Mexico, and I have been living in Patterson for the past 12 years with my husband and our two children, Kiana and Alejandro, who attend Sacred Heart Catholic School.

I consider myself a kind, caring, and dedicated person. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve our school community as the Spanish Liaison, and I look forward to getting to know, supporting, and welcoming many families throughout the school year.

My nombre es Dana Sandoval. Soy originaria de México y desde hace 12 años vivo en Patterson junto con mi esposo y nuestros dos hijos, Kiana y Alejandro, quienes asisten a Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Me considero una persona amable, servicial y comprometida. Me siento muy agradecida por la oportunidad de servir a nuestra comunidad escolar como Madrina de la Comunidad y espero poder conocer, apoyar y acompañar a muchas familias durante este año.