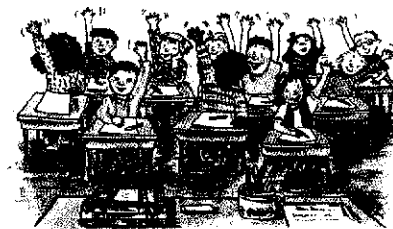


Fr. Connors Endowment Trust Fund



The Newsletter for the Endowment Trust Fund

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220 CHILDREN ON CAMPUS AT SHCS & PRE-SCHOOL!

From the Principal

Dear Supporters,

Our school year is in full swing! We have welcomed 184 students in grades K-8 and 36 preschoolers so far this school year. We are so blessed to remain fully open and enjoy Faith Families and buddies again after last year's hiatus. Our summer was filled with transitions as we welcomed several new teachers, Mrs. McClearn in Kindergarten and her aide, Mrs. Hansen, Mr. Lopez, our 7/8 Math & Science & 7th grade religion teacher, and Mr. Toth, in 5th grade. We also welcomed parishioner, Mrs. Moreira to teach Spanish for grades K-8. We are blessed to have them join our team. Ms. Porter transitioned to 8th grade homeroom, while Ms. Neky to 6th grade.

In addition to teacher transitions, we had several "summer moves". As two classrooms received new carpets, several teachers moved into new classrooms. Our 4th & 5th grade classrooms are no longer in the portables; they are now occupying our previous library space and kindergarten room. Over the summer we were incredibly blessed to build a new classroom for our Kindergartners as well as a STEAM classroom. Mr. Vlha is looking forward to using this space for Engineering Club and Mrs. Hoxie has been using this room daily for art class!

Our after-school clubs have started back and we are so excited! This year we are offering cooking, guitar, choir, fitness, engineering, and book club! Our Vincentian Marian Youth (VMY) has already begun planning their service project for the trimester. Additionally, we hit the ground *running* with Cross-Country! We are looking forward to hosting our first meet in Diablo Grande on 10/2!

This month we hosted our first fundraiser of the year, our 7th Annual Back to School BASH. Our Parent Association put together a delicious sit down dinner, raffle, silent and live auction. The event was a huge success and we are grateful for the support of our community and school family.

On behalf of our entire staff and faculty, thank you for your continued support and generous donations. Please keep our school in your prayers as we continue through our school year.

Blessings, *Mrs. Theresa Rothstein*

Mrs. Paiva & Mrs. Poveda Retire

With almost three decades of service each to SHCS under their belts, Susan Paiva and Gail Poveda have bid farewell to our beloved campus. Their compassion and dedication will be greatly missed and will remain in the hearts of many with appreciation.

Mrs. Paiva started teaching at SHCS in 1993. Over the years, she primarily taught 6th-8th Language Arts, Social Studies and Religion. Her love of music made her perfect for the role of teaching K-8 music. She could be seen playing her guitar at the monthly masses that she helped to prepare as well as all the Christmas plays she wrote and directed over the years. She graciously accepted the role of Co-Principal for two years and acted as SHCS's tech advisor.

Upon her retirement, her students commented that they were thankful for: "her humor, kindness, great jokes, singing and stories, and believing in them and not giving up when they struggled". Mrs. Paiva had a way of making the classwork that was difficult, fun. She now happily lives in Washington with her husband, John, near her daughters and especially loves caring for and spending time with her two grandchildren.

Mrs. Poveda began at SHCS in 1995, teaching Spanish and Art two days a week for the upper grades and had an after-school Spanish Club for the lower grades. Recently, Mrs. Poveda increased her Spanish classes to include all grades K-8. Her creative nature added to her ease in teaching art and creating games for Spanish activities. When not teaching on her regular days, Mrs. Poveda was often seen at school substituting for other teachers. Mrs. Poveda's students were always thankful for the way she made Spanish easier to understand, often with the use of games and songs. They commented that she offered extra help when needed and always knew that she cared and wanted them to succeed. Mrs. Poveda now lives in Newman with her husband, Amilcar, enjoys visits with her son and daughter, and continues to substitute at the local schools.

Requests for Memorials & Tributes

Father Connors Endowment Trust Fund
P.O. Box 1174 - Patterson, CA 95363

(An acknowledgement will be sent to the family of intended, or person honored)

Thank you to our Supporters

\$\$ Supported 15 families with tuition assistance

\$\$ Purchased four 70" plasma TVs to replace our outdated Smartboards

\$\$ Purchased four TV stands

\$\$ Purchased 25 new chrome books for students in grades K-4

Wish list:

Raising the remaining funds needed to paint the school

Replacing cracked and uneven concrete across campus

Please join us to Celebrate Catholic School's Week 2022

The annual *check presentation* of donated funds from FCETF will be presented to the Principal of Sacred Heart School on January 30th at the 11 am mass. Join the students in thanksgiving and prayer as they kick off Catholic School's week.

Our supporters and their families are invited to an *Appreciation Reception* on Tuesday, February 1st from 5:30 -7:30 pm at Sacred Heart School. We hope you will join the school staff and FCETF trustees as they warmly gather with you, their supporters, with hospitality and appreciation for your unwavering efforts. A postcard with the details will be mailed in January

Annual Distribution to be Determined

Because of the generous donations by benefactors, memorial contributions and prior fundraisers, the assets of the FCETF have grown sizably over the last 20 years. The annual disbursement of income generated by the monies invested will be determined by the FCETF Trustees at the November meeting.



"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them: for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt 19:14)

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The FCETF gratefully accepts donations made in memory of deceased friends or family members. Acknowledgments are sent both to the donor and the next of kin in a timely manner. These memorials are listed in a memorial book that is presented with the offertory gifts at the 9 a.m. first Friday school children's Mass held at Sacred Heart Church. The names of those remembered are read with the prayers of the faithful. We have been blessed to receive many generous donations in memory of special people who have passed to eternal life.