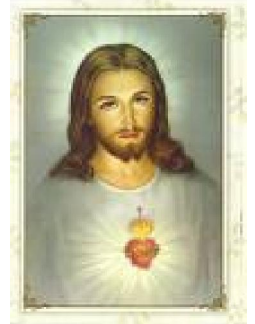


# Sacred Heart School

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Where faith and knowledge meet...



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Heart  
of  
Jesus,  
we put  
our  
trust  
in You!

Father  
O'Sullivan,  
Pastor

Mrs. Laura  
Tellez,  
Principal

Mr. Ron Halt,  
School Board  
President

Mr. Greg  
Ramirez,  
PTC President

## ITBS Scores

As you may remember, your children in grades 2 – 8 participated in ITBS testing at the beginning of October.

In contrast to public schools, the purpose of these Archdiocesan-wide tests is diagnostic in nature. Specifically, we test our students at the start of the school year, so we can analyze their scores and plan our instruction accordingly.

The faculty spends a great deal of time and effort disaggregating the scores of individual subjects and strands within these subjects in order to devise and implement action plans which will benefit our students.

Next week, we will send home a "Profile Narrative" for each student. This report is a summary of the student's performance.

There are three items that I would like to draw your attention to on this report. First, is the National Stanine (NS) score. Stanine scores are distributed on a scale of one to nine. Most students score in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> stanines. Nine marks a high score and one denotes a low score.

Secondly, the report contains the National Percentile Rank (NPR) score. The interpretation of the NPR score is the percentage of people in the norm group that your child did better than. For example, if your child received an NPR score of 89 in math computation, this indicates that your child performed better than 89% of the students in the norm group.

Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to the composite scores. The composite scores (both NS and NPR) are a summary of your child's overall performance on the ITBS test.

One helpful component of the score sheet you will receive is the Lexile Framework for Reading. This helpful score indicates the reading level most beneficial to your child. You can go to [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com) to find books at your child's reading level.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's scores, please feel free to ask your child's teacher at parent-teacher conferences.

## Upcoming Events

- November 21<sup>st</sup> – 'School Families' Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- November 21<sup>st</sup> – Donut Sale to benefit Adopt-a-Family
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting
- November 24<sup>th</sup> – Sports Banquet
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – Grades K,1,2 Field Trip to Arroyo Verde Park
- November 26<sup>th</sup> – Noon Dismissal, Thanksgiving Break
- December 1<sup>st</sup> – School Resumes



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## Welcome, Mrs. Wipper!

Mrs. Margaret Wipper is the new classroom aide for grades 1 and 2. Mrs. Wipper was the first grade aide last year and has spent much of this year as a volunteer in the classrooms. We are blessed and excited to have Mrs. Wipper as part of the Sacred Heart School staff!

## Parent Fingerprinting, Here at Sacred Heart!

In order to safeguard our children, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is requesting that all adults who work with children be fingerprinted through the LiveScan system. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has provided a fingerprinting schedule of the sites at which the free fingerprinting will be taking place. This list is available in our office.

Sacred Heart is on the list for December 13<sup>th</sup>. To make an appointment, please call (805) 647-6260.

## Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Madrigal!

Mr. and Mrs. Madrigal have donated an LCD projector to our school. We thank them for this generous donation!

## Lunch Supervision Update

We are still in need of parent volunteers to supervise lunch. Thus far, three parents have volunteered their time on one day of the week. If you, or even a grandparent, is able to commit to supervising lunch, the teachers and I would greatly appreciate it!

## Thanksgiving Turkey Feathers

We are excited to continue the tradition of the Sacred Heart School wooden thanksgiving turkey. The students will decorate a feather and list things for which they are thankful. The turkey will be displayed at our school Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. The feathers are due by Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please, if you volunteer at our school, or wish to volunteer (including driving on field trips), call and make an appointment to be fingerprinted. Mrs. Hahn has the form that you will need to take with you to the fingerprinting location. There will be more opportunities and locations in the future. Thank you for helping to ensure the safety of our children!

## Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul!

Saint Vincent de Paul members would like to thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable items!