



SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL HEART TO HOME NEWSLETTER

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Getting To Know Mrs. Abbie Detloff

Abbie is the 2nd grade teacher at SHAS. Here are a few things about her.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM: Staples

HOBBIES: I enjoy playing volleyball, reading, spending time with my family and watching cooking competitions.

FAVORITE MOVIE: I love Harry Potter and Disney movies!

ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: My husband Cory and I have three little ones, Isaiah, Lydia and Lucy. My parents are Scott and Sheila Becker. I have five brothers (Steve, Joe, Jason, Andrew and Josh) and three sisters (Angie, Kerrie and Kaylene).

WHERE DO YOU FALL IN YOUR FAMILY (OLDEST, MIDDLE, YOUNGEST, ONLY): I am the second youngest

PETS: We have two cats. Their names are Dashy (Isaiah's) and Shadow (Lydia's).

FAVORITE FOOD: I like pizza and pasta

FAVORITE BEVERAGE: Cold coffee, lemonade and Mt. Dew.

FAVORITE CANDY AND DESSERT: Milky ways and my Mom's Bonnie Butter Cake.

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE STORY: "The Lord is My Shepard"

FAVORITE JOKE: What do you call a cow with two legs? Lean beef

Christmas Story: For the Man Who Hated Christmas By: Nancy W. Gavin

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past ten years.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas. Oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it— overspending and the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma—the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son Kevin, who was 12 that year, was on the wrestling team at the school he attended. Shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes.

As the match began. I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously couldn't afford.

Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." Mike loved kids— all kids. He so enjoyed coaching little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came.

That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes, and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed a small, white envelope on the tree. The note inside telling Mike what I had done, and that this was his gift from me.

Mike's smile was the brightest things about Christmas that year. And that same bright smile lit up succeeding years. For each Christmas, I followed the tradition- one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on.

The white envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning, and our children— ignoring their new toys— would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents. As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the small, white envelope never lost its allure.

The Story doesn't end there. You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped up in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree. And the next morning, I found it was magically joined by three more. Unbeknownst to the others, each of our three children had for the first time placed a white envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing to take down that special envelope.

Mike's spirit, like Christmas spirit will always be with us.



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Upcoming EVENTS

- Dec 7 Mid-Quarter 2
- Dec 14 2 Hour Early Out— NO AFTER CARE
- Dec 19 SHAS Christmas Program 1:30 & 6:30 @ SHAS
- Dec 21 Last day of school before Christmas break
- Dec 24-Jan 2 No School— Christmas break
- Jan 3 School resumes
- Jan 11 2 Hour Early Out
- Jan 18 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 21 No School— PLC



Mission Statement

In sharing our Catholic faith in Christ, we foster spiritual and academic formation in a positive and welcoming atmosphere that reflects love and respect for all.

Hello Parents!

I am so excited to be back! We have had a very good week! The students have been working very hard.

This week we have been working on the long e sound in reading. We have started our third reading unit and are talking about creative ideas. The students had fun reading a story about two friends who created a robot together! In math we continued to work on subtraction and we also talked about how to decide when to add and when to subtract.

The students are working on their Christmas songs in music class and are excited to start Christmas program practice next week!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas Season!

Mrs. Detloff



REMINDERS/MEMOS

- All students need to have winter gear every day. At recess time it will be determined what is necessary to wear based on the weather that day.
- Please call right away in the morning if your child is ill and will not be in school. Please leave a voicemail if no one answers. The voicemail is checked first thing every morning.
- Please pick up your child/ren by 3:30pm. If they are not picked up by then they will be sent to after school care.
- The Preschool is at its maximum # of students for Tuesdays & Thursdays.



Save the date

**2019 Catholic Schools Week
Dance and Fun night
Friday, February 8th**



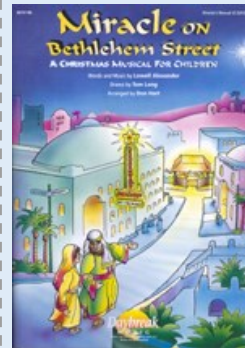
**NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
SCHOOL IS OUT 2 HOURS
EARLY THIS DAY**



Christmas is only 19 days away. You can get almost any gift card you can imagine right here at Sacred Heart School. You are helping our school and getting your Christmas shopping done! Stop in the office and ask Jessi about what cards we have on hand. The next Scrip order will be placed TOMORROW.

Grandparent Volunteer Hours

It was decided at the recent advisory board meeting that Grandparents will be allowed to contribute up to 4 hours of the volunteer time required for each student.



**SHAS Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 19th
@ SH School
1st grade- 5th grade
performances @ 1:30pm &
7:00pm
Preschool & Kindergarten performance
@ 6:30 only**

SPRING BLAST 2019



The Spring Blast committee is already beginning to plan for the 2019 Spring Blast. It will be on May 4th, 2019 and the theme is Stars Wars. Please consider joining this committee, this all counts towards your mandatory 12 volunteer hours. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15th, 5:30pm at the school. The Spring Blast is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and it is such a fun event! If you have any questions or want more information on this event please contact Aimee Brichacek- Spring Blast Chair. tabric2001@gmail.com or 218-296-1371.

SHAS is looking for an "ex officio" member for the Advisory Board. This position is for a non-Catholic parent that can provide additional perspective to the business of running the school. This person would attend the monthly advisory board meetings, but serve in a non-voting capacity. If you are interested or would like more information, please feel free to contact Mr. Durham.

