

# Sacred Heart Area School

Alumni & Friends Newsletter

October 2013

## 100 Years of Loving and Learning

Sacred Heart Area School is off to yet another great start this year. Students and staff are especially focusing on school wide discipline, loving and respecting God, each other, and all His creations.

Together with our wonderfully supportive SHAS parents, we will certainly make great strides. The year 2014 will be Sacred Heart Area School's "Centennial Year", which is tentatively scheduled to be celebrated on the anniversary weekend of September 14, 2014.

Planning is already underway to highlight this special anniversary throughout 2014. Keep updated on this exciting upcoming year at [sacredheartareaschool.org](http://sacredheartareaschool.org) and in the enclosed insert.

Jim Opelia Principal Sacred Heart Area School



## New Faces & New School Face

Sacred Heart Area School started this school year blessed with two new teachers, Mrs. Erica Meyers [1<sup>st</sup> grade] from Browerville and Mrs. Kaia Ploof [5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades] from Cushing and new preschool aide, Mrs. Jennifer Reihman. We will also be hosting a student teacher from Spain, in Mrs. Trout's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom later this year. SHAS has also seen an increase in enrollment with a class of 15 kindergarten students and several families new to the school. Efforts to reach out to area families in the past year have been fruitful. Our updated school web site and the work that the PR committee provides are great references for new families.

This summer the school itself received a new face with the replacement of the front exterior doors and modified interior doors, creating a more attractive, larger entrance and most importantly, a safer environment for our children. This was made possible due to the generosity of members of the community, most of who stood up at our annual Spring Blast event to make a \$100.00 pledge to the project. Our new secured entrance is serving our school as intended.



Students pose in front of new school entrance

## Grandparents Day

Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, was Grandparents Day at SHAS. Grandparents enjoyed celebrating Mass at church, a short program, along with coffee, milk, and muffins at the school with the children. The book fair was also available for grandparents to shop at with the kids. We are so blessed with the presence of our grandparents in our lives, watching over us, guiding our families, and so often helping us in many different ways. Thank you for all you do and all your love! Thank you staff, Home and School officers, and parents for all your hard work, making this a special event

## *From the Pastor,*



After a 15 month wait, Pope Francis has named the new bishop for the Diocese of St. Cloud. Bishop-designate Donald Kettler. The appointment of a new bishop for the Diocese and therefore for us was something we anxiously looked forward to. Bishop-designate Kettler will now be the shepherd that leads us in our journey of faith for the next 7 plus years. It is our hope that he will be with us next fall to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sacred Heart School.

Bishop Kettler comes to us from the Diocese of Fairbanks in Alaska. That particular diocese is the only diocese in the United States that is still looked upon by the Vatican as a Mission Diocese. The challenges that Bishop Kettler had in serving this diocese were immense not only in size but in terms of isolation. The Diocese stretched east to west from the Canadian border to within four miles of Russia. From south to north it stretched from about the middle of Alaska to beyond the Arctic Circle. Most of the parishes he was responsible for could be accessed by boat, snowmobile or by flying to them. Less than a third of them he could drive to. There are two catholic schools in that Diocese.

So what am I getting at by sharing this information with you? For many of us we take for granted our

faith. A faith that was enriched by the education you received here at Sacred Heart Area School.

Unfortunately, for many this faith has gone into hibernation in our lives. We say we are Catholic yet our practice of our faith is at times best described as being minimal. When we are challenged to witness to our faith in word and deed we “hide” who we are. To accept the challenge of witnessing to our faith is something we shy away from. If it is inconvenient to attend Mass we pass it off as if it was not an essential part of our faith journey.

Bishop Kettler and the people of the Diocese of Fairbanks had many reasons to “hide” from witnessing to their faith but they accepted the challenge of saying **here we are and our faith makes us strong**. It is my hope that Bishop-designate Kettler will help us who have been enriched in our faith through the efforts of Sacred Heart Area School to regain some of that courage to witness to our faith despite the “so called difficulties” we face.

As we look forward to celebrating the 100 years of Sacred Heart school, may our faith journey be one that people can truly say about us **“They live the faith that they were taught.”**

Yours in Christ, Fr. Joseph Korf

## **Foster Grandparents...Rock!!**



**Lucille Koval & Mona Weber**

## From Books to Technology.. We appreciate all our Volunteers and Alumni

Sacred Heart Area School staff and students continue to utilize technological advancements that have been obtained and implemented throughout the past few years, including interactive whiteboards, digital projectors, and wireless laptop computers, for student and teacher use. These devices have enhanced our learning and instruction, while expanding our possibilities. SHAS has recently received a freshly updated computer lab donated anonymously by one of its school families. This donation consisted of 20 computers (approx. 3 yrs. old) with 22 inch flat screen monitors. The lab located in the school's library is accessible to all students for research, presentations, reports, keyboarding, Accelerated Reader quizzes, educational games, and NWEA and MCA testing. Many thanks to Steve Benson for volunteering the many hours needed to configure and set up this lab for use! Our library has also received new updates thanks to wonderful donations and volunteers. Mary Murray, along with others who volunteer at our school, has digitally automated our library. They have spent countless hours reorganizing the library,

barcoding books for scanning, getting rid of old books and ordering new books. We are so grateful for the time and effort that Mary, Steve and all our volunteers give. We also need to recognize that these library projects come at a cost. Because of Alumni like you and your donations, our library updates could be funded. We continue the use of the Accelerated Reading program. AR allows students access to 150,000 on-line quizzes of books they read, giving teachers an effective measure for student reading comprehension. We would like to say a special THANK YOU for the donation of \$1,800 from an alumnus, which went to the purchase of new library books and classroom items.



*Abraham Lincoln 1863* "Those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord...We know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisement in this world...We have been recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own"

### We Collect

Campbells Soup Labels

Ernies Grocery Receipts (thru March)

Milk Caps

INK CARTRIDGES

Cell Phones

These items bring in cash & can be turned in for equipment and school supplies



### Marathon 2013

Thank You everyone who pledged so generously to our students for this year's Marathon. We raised \$10,000! The students made the journey to the Lincoln School Park and to the Northern Pacific Railroad Park. We are planning a service/work-a-thon for next years Marathon.

*Sacred Heart Area School*

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*324 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE Staples, MN 56479*

*Sacred Heart Area School*

*Calendar of Events*

**November 11 Veterans Day Program** 



**December 18 Christmas Program**

**February 2 Carnival** 

**May 3 Spring Blast**

Sacred Heart School is truly blest to be able to share and teach our Catholic faith in our school. Over the past several years, more financial burden has been placed on the parents with higher tuition rates and higher expectations on all fund raising. We ask that you pray for our school that we can continue to spread the word of God for the next 100 years.

Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends of Sacred Heart Area School,

Sacred Heart Area School will be celebrating 100 years in existence in the 2014-2015 school years. A rich heritage is vivid here in Staples. Sacred Heart Area School (SHAS) is preparing a taste-tempting cookbook featuring recipes from members of our community. Our cookbook will be beautifully illustrated and bound and is sure to be treasured for years.

We would like you to submit 4 to 5 recipes so you can be represented in our memorable collection. Follow the instructions below. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes.

Each cookbook will contain helpful cooking hints, recipe category dividers, and a table of contents, an index, and special pages of interest to our community. The cookbook will be typeset in an easy-to-read format and professionally printed and bound.

Proceeds from our cookbook sales will help fund future projects at SHAS. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain we order enough. The cost of the cookbook is \$10.00 each. You can reserve one or more copies for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ cookbook(s) for me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Rita Stracek at (320) 594-2960

Please return recipes to Sacred Heart Area School, 324 4th St. NE. Staples, MN 56479 by February 1, 2014  
To electronically submit your recipe, go to [sacredheartareaschool.org](http://sacredheartareaschool.org) to download recipe form, complete and submit to [sacredheartcookbook100@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartcookbook100@gmail.com)

**Directions:**

- Type or print clearly in ink, not pencil, and place only one recipe per form
- If more room is needed, use another sheet and staple together
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions
- Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz. pkg., 24-oz. can
- Keep directions in paragraph form, not in steps
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "combine flour and sugar"
- Do not use statements like, "combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Your recipes should fit into the following categories:

**Appetizers & Beverages**  
**Soups & Salads**  
**Vegetables & Side Dishes**  
**Main Dishes**

**Breads and Rolls**  
**Desserts**  
**Cookies & Candy**  
**This & That**

Recipe Sheet



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# Sacred Heart Area School

## Centennial Celebration

### *Building our Future by Honoring Our Past*

As the centennial year here at Sacred Heart Area School approaches we want to take a minute to reflect on how we got here. As fellow alumni we have the knowledge that catholic education has the power to build a strong society. A strong global society starts here, home, in the (sacred) HEART of a small mid-western town, in the center of a community. Who unlike many others just the same, have seen their faith based, values based, character developing private school disappear. Here we are 100 years later school and family united in Christ. Without each and every past Sister, Father, Teacher, Volunteer, Student, Neighbor or Family many of us would not be where or who we are today. Seeing this rich tradition continue is the forefront of the centennial committee objective and identity. We know how much your roots here at Sacred Heart mean to you and we feel it is time to celebrate, and preserve that. Many events are being planned to help commemorate this historic accomplishment.

\*Alumni cookbook

\*Opening Mass (celebrating the centennial)

\*Railroad Days 100 Alumni March (during the annual RR day's parade)

\*Reunions

\*Special Christmas Program

\*spotlight on Sacred Heart School in the Staples World Newspaper

\*Plus all of our annual fundraisers and special events including the marathon, carnival, and spring blast

\*New in time for the centennial, Knights of Columbus Raffle tickets, Lenten Friday Fish Fry, and a Dollar a Day bucket drive (starting January 2014 to January 2016)

\*A calendar of events will be in the next newsletter or you may find it on our school website [www.sacredheartareaschool.org](http://www.sacredheartareaschool.org) plus you can now like us on Facebook at: Sacred Heart Area School Alumni.

\*We welcome any alumni who feels "the calling" to please get involved, whether it be with a testimonial for the paper, a recipe for the cookbook or maybe a beautiful voice for the opening Mass.