

Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ Picture Day
- ◆ Grandparent's Day
- ◆ Evacuation Drill
- ◆ Marathon

Principal's News

A Special Year

Dear families and friends of Sacred Heart Area School. We are already into our 2nd week of our 100th school year at SHAS. 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. Watch for more details in the weeks to follow.

Ingredients for a Great Year!

As we begin this year, we strive to make it the best year our school has had yet. Students and staff have been asked to especially focus this year on school-wide discipline, in loving and respecting God, each other, and all His creations. We will strive to serve our community, our environment, and our God, like never before. As teachers, we will work together to provide the most beneficial classroom management and discipline practices at every grade level, for happy, safe, highly productive learning environments. To be successful, we need parents to play their important role in this objective. We are fortunate to have very caring, engaged, and supportive parents in our school family. SHAS encourages families to take time each day, working, playing, and praying together. Checking up on our children's homework, having a little fun time, and a dinner and/or before bedtime prayer with your child each day, will go a long way in developing them spiritually, academically, and emotionally for a happy successful life. Be sure to reinforce community and school laws and policies. Go over the school handbook with them, especially the anti-bullying, school dress code, and phone use policy (new this year), which are the most common concerns at school. Encourage the recycling of aluminum,

Jim Opelia, Principal

paper, and plastic in your home. Communicate often with your child's classroom teacher regarding your child's education or with the principal if you have a teacher or school-wide concern. We can never strive to improve if we don't see the shortcomings.

Safe and Secure

Our new secured entranceway is serving our school as intended. The doors are secured at 8:10 am after the last bus drops off students. When visiting the school during the school day, simply check in with Sandy at the entrance office window where she will remotely unlock the secured entrance door for you. If she is momentarily out of the office, please use the door bell for service. Doors are reopened at 3pm for parents arriving.

Represented

Sacred Heart Area School Families are represented by the SHAS School Advisory Board. This advisory board works with the principal and pastor in developing school policies, problem solving, and decision making. Board members serve 3 year terms.

This year's board members (pictured left to right) are; Linus Koval, Elizabeth Mathews, Katie Noska, Tracey Kloekl-Jimenez, Bryan Winkels, and John Reese.



Website

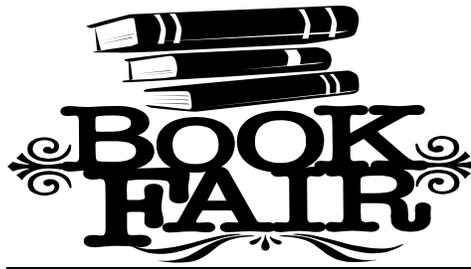
Be sure to follow us throughout the year on sacredheartareaschool.org for the latest in classroom and school-wide news and helpful links. We are also looking for a computer savvy parent, interested in assisting staff to make our website the best it can be for our school and greater community. Contact Jim Opelia if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.



- Sept 18 Fall Picture Day
- Sept 23 Book Fair Starts
- Sept 26 Grandparents Day Mass
- Sept 27 District Wide Evacuation Drill
- Sept 30 Diocesan Ministry Day
NO SCHOOL at SHAS
- Oct 1 Mid-Quarter 1
- Oct 4 2 Hour Early Out
- Oct 16 School in session for SHAS no school at SE



When sending cold lunch to school, it needs to be a **COLD** lunch. The staff does not have time to warm up lunches. Thank you!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! It will be open September 23 – September 27 before and after school for you to shop and help earn books for our school. Our school receives 40% of the total book fair sales to get more AR books for the classrooms and library. Look for the teachers' classroom wish baskets filled with books that they would love to have in their classroom. Feel free to take one out if you would like to buy it and donate it to your child's classroom. Happy Reading!



We are off and running in preschool! The preschool class would like to welcome Ms. Jenny to our classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Last week in preschool we learned new routines and met new friends. We read the story *The Kissing Hand* and made some great projects! This week we have been learning all about Apples! We found the star hidden in the center of the apple and we have done some taste testing! We are excited to continue learning and exploring this year!



Do not forget small kindnesses and do not remember small faults.



Mission Statement

As believers in God, and moved by the power of the Holy Spirit, we foster spiritual and academic formation of our students in a positive, welcoming atmosphere that reflects a respect for all people.



Please return all forms that have been sent home in the last week, it is important that we have all of our information up to date.

Life touch



Fall picture day is September 18th!
Picture envelopes were sent home today!