

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

### We are Grateful!

Today we had a great opportunity to teach our children gratitude as we had our luncheon for our volunteers who are not parents of students at SHAS, but help us out in so many ways. We did a great job of showing our appreciation for them. Thank you for however you contributed to this event. You may have brought a gallon of milk, an entrée or a dessert, served the honored guests, or just talked to your children about being grateful for the help of others. Remember, one of the keys to living a happy, fulfilled life is in being grateful for all you have. Thank you God for all we have, especially your people!

### Happiness:

***"It's not having what you want  
It's wanting what you've got"***

SHERYL CROW Soak Up the Sun

### Learning to Help

At SHAS we encourage community service from all of our students. This year, the

second and third graders are sponsoring "The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive" through Scholastic. This program provides new pajamas and books to children in need, especially those living in group homes, shelters, foster care, and orphanages. As we donate pajamas, scholastic donates the books. Thanks boys and girls for giving us this opportunity to care and show our love, and most of all building the Kingdom of God.

### Sacred Heart Area School Scholarship Campaign

Dear Friends of Sacred Heart Area School,

We need your help! Our goal is to make our school available to all children in our parish communities that want a faith-based education, regardless of financial status. The two ways you can help are to either become a sponsor and / or spread the word, sharing our need with others. Thank you!

Happy



Thanksgiving



## RAFFLE CALENDARS

All money, stubs, and unsold  
calendars are due back on  
Monday, December 2.

We encourage you to sell as many calendars as you can. If there are calendars that you know you aren't going to be able to sell, please return them to the school so that we can try to get them sold. Thank you!!



Last year the parents of Sacred Heart School children donated \$800.00 for the top raffle prize for the carnival and as of today parents have donated \$165.00. Having a big top prize helped the students sell more tickets. People were glad to see the top prize coming from the parents whose children went to Sacred Heart. If we can get every family to participate we can easily make this goal. Thank you for all of your help once again!!!!



- Nov 28 NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 29 NO SCHOOL
- Dec 6 Mid-Quarter 2
- Dec 6 2 Hour Early Out
- Dec 7 Craft Fair
- Dec 18 SHAS Christmas Program
- Dec 20 Apple Pie Day
- Dec 21- Christmas Break  
Jan 5
- Jan 6 School Resumes



We need your help with items for the bake sale that we will be sponsoring on December 7, 2013. The bake sale will be in conjunction with the Christmas craft sale that is sponsored by Sacred Heart School and our profits from the sale will be donated to the school. Some ideas for the bake sale would be cookies, brownies, pies, cupcakes, breads, caramel rolls, and pints or quarts of items you have canned over the fall. We will price these items for you and would love if you could drop them off at Sacred Heart School by Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, before 5:00 p.m., or Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> by 9:00 a.m. A sheet will be sent home next week with more information. We cannot accept canned, fruit, vegetables, or meat! Last year the bake sale was 50% of our profit, so please volunteer to chip in!



Here we are, our last full week before Thanksgiving break. What a busy week it is too! First in spelling we are focusing on words with the long "o" and the silent "e". In reading we are reading a story about how dinosaur herds would form circles to protect their young. In math we are learning to read and create graphs, boy is that tricky, when they use tally marks and pictures. Social is just as challenging with us learning to read maps. Next week's break on Thursday and Friday will be needed rest time for our brains after this crazy week!



**Thanksgiving is a daily experience, not just a holiday.**

*"You are my God, and I will give you thanks."  
Psalm 118:28*



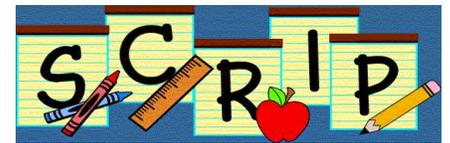
**Mission Statement**

*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.*



Sacred Heart Area School will be celebrating 100 years in existence in the 2014-2015 school year. 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. Please return your recipes with the form that was sent home last week, as soon as possible.



As you are thinking about your Christmas list please keep Sacred Heart Scrip in mind. You can get almost any gift card you can imagine right here at Sacred Heart School. You are helping Sacred Heart out and getting your Christmas shopping done. For example, if you buy someone a \$100.00 gift card to Target, Sacred Heart would get 2.00 or if you bought someone a \$25.00 gift card to Old Navy, Sacred Heart would get \$3.50. It doesn't sound like a lot but it sure would add up fast and at no extra cost to you!! All you have to do is fill out the order form that is attached to the newsletter and send it back with your payment and leave the rest to us!!

An order will be going in on November 27<sup>th</sup> and also one more before Christmas!!