

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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We are Excited

The Sacred Heart Area School teachers continue their work on the theories and practices of Dr. Robert J. Marzano's "Art and Science of Teaching". Classroom teachers are now posting daily learning targets in grades 1-5 in classrooms, discussing with them what their objective for the day is. In the next week we will expand to posting scales for students to reflect on what level of learning they are at. Teachers will refer to the scales throughout the day, continually making them self-aware of their learning, and encouraging higher level thinking. The Marzano training and implementation will provide a great deal of accountability for teachers and students to perform at higher levels and continually grow as individuals and a school. We're excited!



We are Grateful!

Tomorrow we have a great opportunity to teach our children gratitude as we have our luncheon for our volunteers. They are not parents of students at SHAS, but help us out in so many ways. Thank you parents of fifth graders and Home and School officers for the great job of showing our appreciation for them! 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. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving next week! 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

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!

Dollar a Day

The "Dollar a Day" Centennial fund drive is still going strong. The drive will be ending in January, when participants will be asked to turn in their cans/boxes to the school. This money will be used to improve our school playgrounds. Thank you for your participation and keep collecting! If you want to learn more or participate in this drive, call the school at 894-2077.

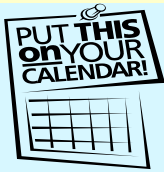
Happy



Thanksgiving



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 \$160.00. 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 20 Carnival Meeting 5:30
- Nov 21 Volunteer Appreciation
- Nov 27 NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 NO SCHOOL
- Dec 5 Mid-Quarter 2
- Dec 5 2 Hour Early Out
- Dec 6 Craft Fair
- Dec 17 SHAS Christmas Program
- Dec 19 Apple Pies
- Dec 20- Christmas Break
Jan 4
- Jan 5 School Resumes



We need your help with items for the bake sale that we will be sponsoring on December 6, 2014. 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 5th, before 5:00 p.m., or Saturday, December 6th 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!



It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is already next week! In first grade we are learning about plane and solid shapes in math. First graders are learning how to identify, describe, and compare the solid and plane shapes. We are also working on identifying the faces on solid shapes.

For reading we are working on Long u and Long e and how the words change when the e is added to the word. Along with adding -ed to words and changing the end sound of the word. Our last few weekly stories have been about animals which all the students having been enjoying to read.

First graders have been learning about the seven continents by each making an individual globe plate craft. Turkeys also have been made to show what each student is thankful for. Each feather represents one thing students are thankful for!



Mission Statement

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



Your One Stop Christmas Shop

One Day Only
Christmas Sale

Saturday, December 6th

324 4th St NE, Staples, MN

**Crafters – Artisans – Baked Goods –
Home Business Vendors –
Concessions**

Limited vendor space still available, call 218-894-2077 for information.

Only one representative per company allowed.



Support our School!

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!! An order will be going in on December 1st!