

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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**There will be NO after school care on December 22<sup>nd</sup>!! School is released at 12:10 that day so please make arrangements!! Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause!!**

### Preparing for Christmas at SHAS



The students and staff at SHAS continue to celebrate Advent this month in preparation for Christmas, in their classrooms and as a school. Each class has a Jesse Trees on their classroom doors, putting new ornaments up weekly, which remind us of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. As with most of the Church holidays, Advent is a time for us to grow closer in our relationship with God. Save the date of December 21st, as the students of SHAS will have two performances of their annual Christmas program at 1:30pm, "Twinkle and the All-Star Band" (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades), and 6:30pm "Lead the Way" (preschool-Kindergarten) followed by the evening showing of "Twinkle and the All-Star Band". We will have a cookie and hot cocoa social after these programs. On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, SHAS will once again be treated with a visit hosted by Dianne Japke, of our districts foreign exchange students, for lessons of Christmas celebrations around the world. Last year's visit was greatly enjoyed by students and staff as we learned a great deal about our friendly neighbors from various corners of the world.

### OLPA Testing

Students in grades 3-5 are taking the OLPA (optional local purpose assessment) tests this week and next. These tests, in reading and math, are basically MCA tests that will measure where the students are today and where they need to go before MCA testing in April.

### No Afterschool Care

We have two school days coming up where we will not have afterschool care. Both of these days are half days of school leading up to major school vacation/holiday. On December 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, the school day will end at 12:10pm, starting the beginning of the Christmas break and summer vacation. Most afterschool care families pick up early on these days. It is not practical for our staff or the few students to spend 5 ½ hours in afterschool care on these days. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

### A Huge Opportunity

As the holidays are approaching, take advantage of our SCRIP program. Your purchase of gift cards to area businesses at face value, through our office, benefits our school tremendously. Through the Scrip program, businesses pay our school a percentage of our gift card purchases, ranging from 2-16%. You lose nothing by doing this. Your \$25 gift card you purchase is worth \$25 in the store. These cards are available in our office from many of your favorite stores, such as; Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's and Home Depot. This holiday season remember Scrip and what it can do for your school.





- Dec 21 SHAS Christmas Program  
1:30 and 6:30 @ Sacred Heart Church
- Dec 22 Last Day of School Before Christmas Break ½ Day
- Dec 22 No After School Care
- Jan 3 No School at Sacred Heart Only
- Jan 4 School Resumes
- Jan 13 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- Jan 16 No School-PLC
- Jan 28 Catholic Schools Kick Off Mass at Sacred Heart Church 5:00pm
- Jan 29 Catholic Schools Kick Off Mass at St. Michaels Church 10:30am
- Jan 30- Catholic Schools Week  
Feb 2

for eating...shopping...or filling your tank  
**Order Scrip Gift Cards!**



We will put one last Scrip order in before Christmas. The order will need to go in on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to ensure it is here by the students' last day before Christmas break. Get all of your Christmas shopping done in one place!!

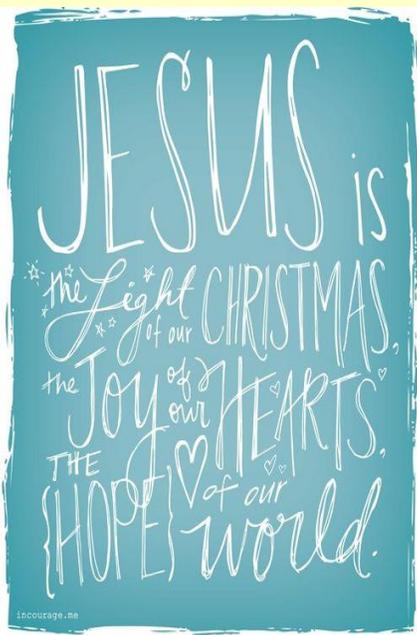


*at Sacred Heart School*

The preschool service project this year is a December Food Drive. We want to show the children that it is better to give than receive. We are asking students to bring in food items or money to donate to the local food shelf. For each ten items (or \$10) brought in, the class will receive an ornament to place on their class tree. Paper trees will be placed in the gym to represent each class. This will allow the students to watch the progress. Gift wrapped boxes will be placed under the trees for the students to place their donations in. The class that has the most ornaments on their tree by the Christmas Concert on December 21<sup>st</sup> will win an ice cream party.



We have been working hard in first grade! We are learning about contractions in reading. We are adding and subtracting up to the number 20, learning the order of the numbers from 0-120 and how to write those bigger numbers. This week our story is about dinosaurs, so we are learning about how they protected their babies and what food they eat. We have started working on our songs for the Christmas program and they are loving it! We have been counting the days and can you believe we have been in school for 53 days already. We are over half way to one hundred! We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas from all of us in First Grade!



**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.*



Last year the parents of Sacred Heart School children donated \$500.00 for the top raffle prize for the carnival, as of today we have received \$320.00. This \$320.00 has come from 12 out of the 58 families we have at Sacred Heart School. If you have not yet donated please consider a small donation to help us reach our \$500.00 goal. Having a large top prize helps students sell more tickets. People are always glad to see the top prize coming from the parents whose children go to Sacred Heart. If we can get every family to participate we can easily make this goal. Tickets go to print on December 5<sup>th</sup>, so please get your donation in this week! Thank you for all you do!!