

Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ Picture Day
- ◆ Grandparent's Day
- ◆ Evacuation Drill
- ◆ Work-a-thon

Principal's News

A New Year!

Welcome families to another year at Sacred Heart Area School! We are off to a great start with new and seasoned teachers. Our staff is working together to ensure the best possible year of learning and growing in God and in knowledge of the world. Seasoned teachers are mentoring our new teachers, as new teachers bring a lot to the table with new, fresh ideas. We hope this school year is blessed for you and your family at SHAS.

Our Place and Time

Sacred Heart Area School first opened its doors for students in the community, September 14, 1914, with classes held in the church building. In 1924 construction of the existing school building started and was completed in 1925. Throughout its history, the role of Sacred Heart Area School in the community has been to be an extension of the Church's mission. We continually strive to accomplish this mission in a world that continues to change rapidly, as do its values. Our school's objectives are to teach its students, as well as its family, how to live with each other as Christ wants us to live, learning the faith and old fashioned family values, with love and respect for each other, while striving to prepare students with the most up to date education for a successful future as possible. Parent involvement is key. As long as families continue to believe in its mission and want to be a part of it, Sacred Heart Area School will likely flourish for many years to come.

As a graduate of Christ the King School in Browerville, and now working for 17 years at SHAS, I have seen some changes and constants in Catholic schools. One change is the absence of the nuns in the buildings, dedicating their whole life to the service of God and His people. What an example shared! A second is technology. Catholic schools, like other schools across the nation, are filled with technology. They have computers, interactive boards, ipads, and the whole world at the "click of mouse" with the internet. Something that never changed is the same warm, loving, spirit-filled feel I got as a Catholic school student back in the 70's. Values, Faith, and Love are constant.

Let's Celebrate

This year is special as it is our centennial year. We have been blessed with our school for 100 years. In gratitude for our blessings and pride for what our school

Jim Opelia, Principal

has meant to our community, we have an exciting centennial anniversary weekend planned. We hope you can join us!



Sacred Heart Area School circa 1920's

Friday, September 12th

10 a.m. Special Mass & Luncheon Reception with the Bishop

Recognition of past and present principals, teachers and staff

1:00pm Centennial Dance for SHAS Students

8 p.m. Alumni and Friends of SHAS Dance/Social

Held in the school gym refreshments and popcorn provided.

Saturday, September 13th

12-3 p.m. Petting Zoo, Pony Rides and Bouncy Houses

Join us on the school's large playground.

•Bingo called by The Knights of Columbus

2-4 p.m. Alumni Bean Bag Tournament (held at Lefty's)

To register contact Susan Hansen Storry at 218-296-0976

7 p.m. An Evening with Dr. Kenneth W. Andersen

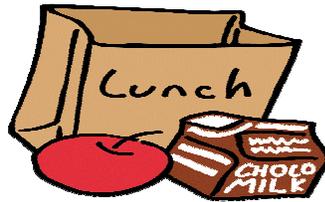
Accomplished SHAS Alumni and Fulbright Scholar.

Sunday, September 14th

8:30 a.m. Closing Mass. KC's Pancake Breakfast following.



- Sept 12 Mass at 10am with Bishop Kettler
- Sept 14 Centennial Anniversary
- Sept 17 Fall Picture Day
- Sept 19 District Wide Evacuation Drill
- Sept 22 Book Fair Starts
- Sept 25 Grandparents Day Mass
- Sept 30 Mid-Quarter 1
- Oct 3 2 Hour Early Out



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 preschool class is off and running! This year we have two sections of preschool. Ms. Kelly is our teacher assistant on Wednesday and Friday, while Ms. Jenny gets to spend her days helping Miss Rinke. The first week of school we read the story Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom and made lots of fun projects to go with our story. We also met many new friends and learned the rules and routines of preschool. So far we are off to a great start! I look forward to seeing where the year takes us.

KIDS ARE COOL



Before School Care
Hours: 7:00-7:40 a.m.

All student arriving to school before 7:40 will need to report to BEFORE SCHOOL CARE held in the second preschool classroom. All BEFORE SCHOOL CARE students will go to breakfast at 7:40 and then will return to their classroom after.



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



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.



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.

LifeTouch



Fall picture day is September 17th!
Picture envelopes were sent home this week!