

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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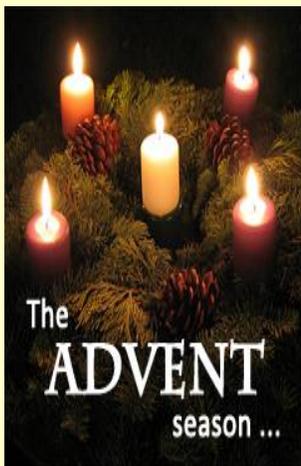
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**Carnival meeting  
tonight 6:00 at  
the school!!**

## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

### Learning about Community Service

At SHAS we encourage community service to all our students. This year, the second and third graders are sponsoring "Packages from Home - Supporting our Troops". Their mission is to send care and comfort packages to our American Military heroes who are stationed around the world. Please see the attached sheet for details on what is being done, and how you can participate. We are so grateful to our troops. Thanks boys and girls for giving us this opportunity!

### Four Generations at SHAS

The Roy and Mary Lou Olander family have attended Sacred Heart Area School for four generations. Roy is an alumnus from SHAS. Mary Lou, has graciously agreed to share her experience with the school. Here is her story. All of our eleven children have had the privilege of attending and graduating from Sacred Heart School. I know through monetary help and prayers from others that this was made possible. Now we have grandchildren and also great grandchildren attending this school. This school is not only blessed by God but also by our Ladies Church circles, devoted teachers, and the Knights of Columbus as well as many other organizations in our community. The public

school system shares music teachers, swimming lessons, and other activities that our students can share in. And, what a great 'grandmother's program' we have in our school, where a child can get individual help in the course of a school day, or just share his/her story with our grandmothers- just to have someone who takes the time to listen to them. In our busy world today, mothers and fathers are busy working to keep their children clothed, fed, and provide shelter for them. Many have forgotten the important supertime at the table where all can discuss and share their problems of the day or just look for support. Sacred Heart is a place where our children's conscience is formed by the Word of God. Students are taught to respect each other as fellow children of God. Bullying is not allowed to be part of their school day because teachers themselves love God and want these children to also show their love to each other. The Christmas programs are always based on the true meaning of Christmas. I remember the conversation at home was which one of the girls would be picked to be Mary for the Christmas play. And, one time one of our grandsons was Joseph holding sleepily to the side of the crib where he and Mary were kneeling. Mary gave him a good nudge that brought him back to life.

The world pulls hard to take away our faith but the "good seed" planted here at Sacred Heart will always remain in their heart, soul and conscience. Then there is the "proof of the pudding" when our children are leaving high school. Take notice of how many of them are the honor students. They become successful in life, not always in material ways but are the workers, honest business people and a real tribute to the communities where they live. This is my feeling of how this Catholic School has helped us to raise our family. It will always be a beacon in our community as long as we give it our support and remain solidly behind God's word. The support is out there for this school. But as God said, "Ask and it shall be given unto you." Thank you to all who support this wonderful institution. God Bless!



**The second and third graders at Sacred Heart School need your help. Please see the attached sheet to see how you can help support the troops this holiday season.**



Nov 29 Carnival meeting 6:00

Dec 1 SHAS Craft Fair

Dec 7 2 Hour Early Out

Dec 11 Mid Quarter 2

Dec 19 SHAS Christmas Program  
1:30 & 6:30 SH Church

Dec 22- No School  
Jan 1

Jan 2 School Resumes

Jan 11 2 Hour Early Out

Jan 18 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter



*Look at the good that you can do, and praise God with deeds of kindness.*

*"If anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."  
Philippians 4:8*



### 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.*

# Christmas Craft Fair

Don't forget to stop by the school this Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> to check out our Craft – Bake – Vendor sale. Now is the time to get those special Christmas gifts for everyone on your list. The event will be from 9 am – 2 pm in the school gym. Please help spread the word. The school will be hosting a bake sale as well as a concession stand. A Schwan's representative will also be having a truck sale right outside the school. Schwan's will be donating a portion of the sales to our school.



**ATTENTION PARENTS:  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**Sacred Heart is hosting a bake sale on Saturday during the craft fair. Please consider baking something and dropping it off at the school by 9 am Saturday morning. Thank you!**

# Second Grade News

Greetings from the Second Grade!!!

The second grade students are busy planning our community service project called Packages From Home. We are all excited to send the troops some comforts from home!!! Please be sure to read the information attached to this week's newsletter.

We are also busy learning about the Sacraments and Ten Commandments, and how they will help us when making our First Reconciliation.

Soon we will be learning double-digit addition in math with and without regrouping; in Language Arts we have been learning about the different types of nouns such as proper nouns, singular, and plural. In Science we are learning about plant parts and how they adapt to changes around them. In Reading we are learning about sharing and working together as a team.

Have a great rest of November!!!

# It's Carnival time!

If you have not yet donated to the top prize, please consider sending in a donation by Friday, November 30th. The higher our top prize on the raffle ticket is, the better chance the students have selling tickets. So far we have collected just under \$500.00 and last year we were able to have a top prize of \$900.00!!