

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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Pampered Chef orders for the fundraiser are due tomorrow!! 15% of all sales will go to Sacred Heart and \$5.00 for every party that is booked! Thank you for your support!!

Preparing for Christmas at SHAS

The students and staff at SHAS continue to celebrate Advent this month in preparation for Christmas. All students meet each Monday morning in the gym for a weekly advent reflection. Each week of Advent we add another lit candle to the advent wreath, each with its own significance in our preparation for Christmas. Students are also being prepared for the upcoming programs. Save the date of December 16th, as the students in grades 1-5 will have two performances of their annual Christmas program called "Christmas Chronicles". One is at 1:30pm and the other will follow the PreK-K program at 6:30pm called "Let's Dress Up for Christmas".

OLPA Testing

Students in grades 3-5, will be taking the OLPA tests next week, which are basically MCA tests that will measure where the students are today and need to go before MCA testing in April. Be sure to know what days your child is testing and make sure they get plenty of sleep for them to do their best.

Marzano Practice Continues

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 classrooms and discussing 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

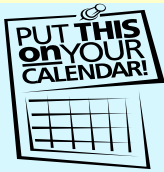
teachers and students to perform at higher levels and continually grow as individuals and a school.

SHAS Scholarship Campaign Fund

Consider a gift of a scholarship for a parish student this Christmas season. 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 or spread the word, sharing our need with others.** Thank you for your consideration and have a blessed Advent.



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



Dec 4 2 Hour Early Out

Dec 10 Mid-Quarter 2

Dec 16 SHAS Christmas Program
1:30 & 6:30 @ SH Church

Dec 22 Last Day of School Before
Christmas Break ½ Day
School Releases at 12:10

Jan 4 School Resumes

Jan 8 2 Hour Early Out

Jan 21 End of 2nd Quarter

Jan 22 No School- Teacher
Workshop

Jan 30 Catholic Schools Week Kick
off Mass 5:00 Staples

Jan 31 Catholic Schools Week Kick
off Mass 10:30 Motley

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 by Monday, December 14th to ensure it is here by the student's last day before Christmas break. Get all of your Christmas shopping done in one place!!



The Sacred Heart Area School Christmas program will be held Wednesday, December 16th at Sacred Heart Church. Performances will be at 1:30 and 7:00. **There will only be one Pre-K and K performance and that will be at 6:30 p.m.** Hope to see you all there!



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

- K - Brooklyn Winter
- 1 - Suhaila Mikhaeil
- 2 - Ava Birkholtz
- 3 - Naila Mikhaeil
- 4 - Emali Jimenez
- 5 - Kierston Wheat



The countdown to Christmas has begun in First Grade! We have been keeping track of how many days we have been in school, 58 days on Friday! It has gone by fast. We have been learning about classifying, attributes, comparing and contrasting and identifying. We have started Advent this week and will be adding to our evidence bag each week as we search for Jesus. We are working on shapes in math, learning about nouns and verbs in writing, and this week we are reading about dinosaurs. In social studies we are learning about jobs that are in our community. We made a "Who will I be?" poster and the kids shared different jobs that they want when they grow up. Our most current adventure in First Grade is working hard to learn our songs for the Christmas Program, which is only 2 weeks away. Hope to see you all there!

Mrs. DiGiovanni



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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.