

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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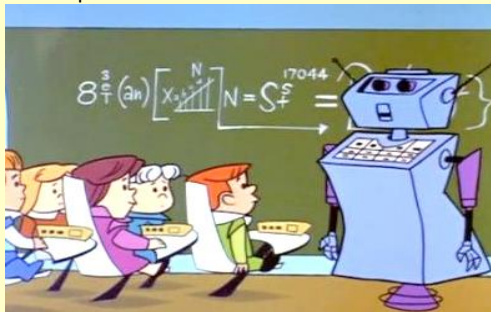


The last Scrip order before Christmas will be going in on **Monday, December 12th** and will be back and ready to go home Wednesday, December 21st. Get all of your Christmas shopping done in one place while supporting your school!

Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

Planning for the Future

This year, SHAS is working on a 7-year school strategic plan (SSP) as part of our MNSAA (Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association) accreditation renewal. SHAS is now on its 7th year of its 7-year accreditation cycle, where we are tasked to develop a new 7-year SSP. As part of their October professional development, the staff developed their first objective regarding technology. So far, the main plan for this objective is to obtain the best choice of technological devices for the students in the classroom. Research will play a large part in carrying out this objective as there are many options available. As the staff and school advisory board continue with this objective and other objectives to come, **we invite all stakeholders to share their input for the future advancements of SHAS.** Objectives being worked on apply to; curriculum improvements, increasing enrollment, and enhancing the school's Catholic Identity. A MNSSA onsite visitation team will visit us on April 11 and 12 to evaluate our status.



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 Jessie Tree 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** for Sacred Heart Schools annual Christmas programs! The 1st - 5th grade students will have two performances of their annual Christmas program. This year's production is "Twinkle and the All Star Band" which will be performed at 1:30 and 7:00 in the church. The Preschool and Kindergarten class will have **only one** performance of "Lead the Way" which will be at 6:30 right before the 1st - 5th program. Please try to stay for both shows. We will have a cookie and hot cocoa social after the final 1st - 5th grade program.

Looking Ahead

Every year, we ask **all parents of grades K-5 students to help with our annual carnival and one of the Lenten fish fry dinners assigned by grade level of your oldest student.** These fundraising events subsidize our children's K-5 tuition significantly. These events are as follows:

Carnival (All K-5)	February 5 th
Fish Fry (Grades 2&5)	March 3 rd
Fish Fry (Grade 4)	March 10 th
Fish Fish (K of C)	March 17 th
Fish Fry (Grade 3)	March 24 th
Fish Fry (Grade 1)	March 31 st
Fish Fry (Kindergarten)	April 7 th

A Sharing of the Season

Next Thursday our district's foreign exchange students will share the experience of Christmas celebrations in their homeland's. Last year's visits were greatly enjoyed by students and staff as we learned a great deal about our friendly neighbors from various corners of the world.

SHAS 5K Run

We are once again planning a 5K Run this spring. If anyone is interested in being on the planning committee, contact Amy Rutten or Jackie Doll.



No Afterschool Care

We have two days this school year where we will not have afterschool care. Both of these days are half days of school. On **December 22nd and June 1st**, 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.



- Dec 21 SHAS 1-5 grade
Christmas Program
1:30 and 7:00 @ Sacred
Heart Church
- Dec 21 SHAS Preschool &
Kindergarten Christmas
Program 6:30 pm @ 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 2nd 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



YOU ARE INVITED

The SHAS Home and School Association invites you, your family, and all visitors to a Family Cookie Social!

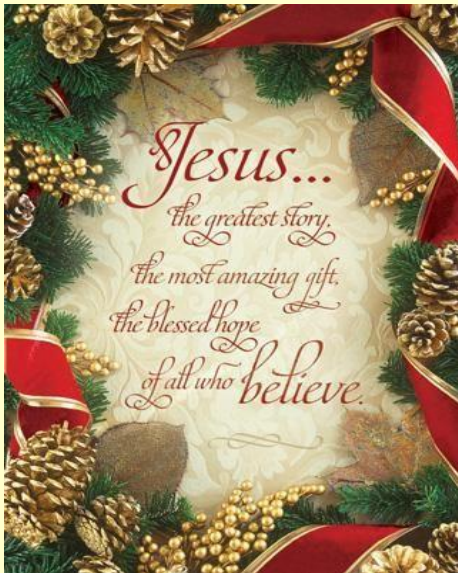
Enjoy cookies, coffee, hot chocolate, and fellowship with us in the church basement after the Christmas program Wednesday evening, December 21st.

In order to have a cookie social we need cookies so please bring some to share. You can drop them off at the school the day of the program or bring them down on the night of the program!



Hello Parents!

It is almost Christmas time!! We have been very busy in Second Grade. In Math we have been working on rounding and estimating. In Reading we have been learning about singular and plural nouns and how to make them possessive. We are having fun learning about the weather in Science and tracking how much snow we are getting. Good luck to all my Second Graders who are receiving their First Reconciliation tonight, tomorrow or Saturday! Have a Merry Christmas!!
Mrs. Detloff



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.



The Sacred Heart Area School Christmas program will be held Wednesday, December 21st at Sacred Heart Church. 1-5th grades will perform at 1:30 & 7:00 and Pre-K and K will perform only once at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you all there!



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 21st will win an ice cream party.