

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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**Apple Pie day
with Marge and
friends will be
next Friday!**

**Please have
your child bring
an apple next
Friday to make
their very own
apple pie!**

A Season of Giving

Ms. Jonckowski's Kindergarteners are collecting food items for the food shelf this Advent. All school families are encouraged to participate in this charity drive teaching children love for their neighbors and the true spirit of Christmas. Thank you boys and girls for helping build the Kingdom! Your good will is catchy.

*"It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches."
Luke 13:18-35*



Kindergarteners with their food shelf donations- Left to Right: Rose Zimmerman, Hannah Cole, Gavin Stevens, Joey Opelia, Ronnie Noska, Tessa Jensen, Isabelle Becker, Madison Perius, Maddock Harvey, and Jaxon Gregerson not pictured: Suhaila Mikhaeil

Playground Improvements

Don't forget! The "Dollar a Day" Centennial fund drive cans will be collected through the month of January. Funds raised will be used to improve our school playgrounds. A committee will soon be formed to include parent, parish, and alumni representation to determine the details of improvements to be made.

Scholarships

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 Sacred Heart Area School Scholarship has helped many families over the past few years. We will continue to ask for support for the scholarship fund in our school and parish. The two ways you can help are to either become a sponsor and / or spread the word, sharing our need with others. Thank you!

We Love Our KNIGHTS!



The Sacred Heart Area School Family loves and so greatly appreciate the Knights of Columbus Council 1803 for all they have done for our school over the years, blessing us in so many ways; working our spring blast, raising revenue for the school through the calendar raffles, taking on major construction projects, which saved the school thousands of dollars, and keeping us safe throughout the years during our marathons. Like the love of a parent towards its child, you have watched over us. Thank you so much!



Knights working on sidewalk project this summer

thank
you!

Special thanks to all of the parents and parishioners who provided baked goods and homemade items for the bake sale last Saturday. We made a little over \$240.00.



- Dec 11 Carnival Meeting - CANCELLED
- Dec 17 SHAS Christmas Program
- Dec 19 Apple Pies
- Dec 20- Christmas Break
Jan 4
- Jan 5 School Resumes
- Jan 9 2 Hour Early Out
- Jan 16 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 19 Teacher Workshop
No School
- Jan 24 Catholic School's Week Kick Off Mass Staples 5:00 pm
- Jan 25 Catholic School's Week Kick Off Mass Motley 10:30 am
- Jan 26- Catholic Schools Week
30
- Jan 28 Catholic Schools Week Dance



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 17th.

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 Wednesday night!!



Happy Advent everyone! Not only are the third graders preparing for Christmas and the birth of Jesus they have also been very busy learning their multiplication facts and doing it in a fun way with "Times Alive - Times Tables - The Fun Way!". It uses stories and pictures to help students learn the facts and is especially helpful to those who are visual learners. I can't believe how quickly they have caught on to all of the facts. In social we did another time line. This time we focused on a 100 year time line and based it around Christmas. We researched the last 100 years to see what the top Christmas toys were for kids in each decade. Each student was to find two toys from their decade that made the list on what children had wanted for Christmas, copy off pictures of the toys, and type something up about each one so that they could be added to the timeline. They came up with the idea to display their time line as a Christmas tree. Many gifts on the timeline are still popular today - timeless treasures! We had two special guests come to our class this week. The first was a CLC nursing student named Kyle Stene. He shared some important information with us about dressing and staying warm this winter season. He came bearing gifts as each student was given a warm hat to take home. The next was a group of students from the high school and their instructor Brian Schornack who teaches Intro to Ag. Machines. Each of his students wrote their own story that was about Ag. related careers. The students paired up with each other and their stories were shared. Some of the third graders even got to color a few of the pictures in the book that was read to them. The last story we read in reading was called "The Gardener" which was written in the form of friendly letters. We decided it would be fun to review the 5 parts of a letter and write our own letters to Santa Claus. Finally, we read many picture books about "The First Christmas" and discussed what the true meaning of the season is.... it's not about the presents or the decorations.....Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Make sure to come to our Christmas program next Wednesday as the children perform a "Super Gift From Heaven".



*God chose to be one of us.
How amazing.*

*"The Word became flesh
and made His dwelling
among us."
John 1:14*



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.



Children's Christmas Program

The Sacred Heart Area School Christmas program will be held Wednesday, December 17th at Sacred Heart Church. Performances will be at 1:30 and 7:00. **There will only be 1 Pre-K and K performance and that will be at 6:30 p.m.** Hope to see you all there!