

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The last Scrip order before Christmas will be going in on **Monday, December 14th** and will be back and ready to go home by Monday, December 21st. Get all of your Christmas shopping done in one place while supporting your school! Thank you!!

Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

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.

Program on Wednesday

This Wednesday the students of SHAS will have two performances of their annual Christmas program at 1:30pm "The Christmas Chronicles" (1st-5th grades), and 6:30pm "Let's Dress Up for Christmas" (preschool-Kindergarten) followed by the evening showing of "The Christmas Chronicles". This will be one of our main focuses for the next few days of school, with an hour of practice per program each day. Thank you students, parents and staff for all of your hard work!

More Christmas Fun

On Thursday, December 17th, SHAS will be treated with visits from Dianne Japke and our districts foreign exchange students, for lessons of Christmas celebrations around the world. On Friday, December 18th after mass, parishioners and parents are welcome to make apple pies in the church basement with Sacred Heart students.

OLPA Testing Postponed

Students in grades 3-5 were planning to take the OLPA tests this week, which are basically MCA tests that will measure where the students are today and need to go before MCA testing in April. The testing was delayed because of technical difficulties at the MDE level. We will, instead, take these tests the first weeks of January.

Marzano Practice Continues

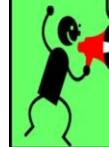
Sacred Heart Area School teachers continue their work on the theories and practices of Dr. Robert J. Marzano's "Art and Science of Teaching". Classroom teachers are now posting daily learning targets in grades 1-5 in their classrooms, and discussing with students what their

objective for the day is. In the next week we will expand to posting scales for students to reflect 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 as 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 and / or spread the word, sharing our need with others.** Thank you for your consideration and have a blessed Advent!

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE!**



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 10 Mid-Quarter 2
- Dec 16 SHAS Christmas Program
1:30 & 6:30 @ SH Church
- Dec 18 Apple Pie Day with Marge
- Dec 22 Last Day of School before
Christmas Break ½ Day
School Releases at 12:10
No After School Program
- 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



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 16th. 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 next Wednesday night!!

HERE'S THE NEWS

Hello Parents!
The students in second grade have been very busy. In math we are working on plane shapes and making patterns. The students love creating new shapes and extending patterns with our pattern blocks. We also created a Nativity scene for our bulletin board. We are working hard to learn our songs for the Christmas program. They are doing great! We are also learning a lot about Advent and are completing a treasure hunt as a school. We have learned about Jesus' family tree, Mary's love and the town of Bethlehem. I hope to see you all next week at the Christmas program!
Mrs. Detloff



*For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:*

**AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL
BE UPON HIS SHOULDER**

and his name shall be called

*Wonderful,
Counsellor,
The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6



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 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!

We need your help!

The Third Graders are doing a warm, winter, outdoor clothes drive for students in need. We are hoping to get at least 14 hats and mittens – those that can be played in the snow with. We are also looking for old boots or used snow pants in bigger sizes. Women's shoe size 5-7. Men's/boys shoe size 6-9. Snow pants in kids large and extra large and some mediums. If you can help out – please bring items to the school before Christmas break and give to Mrs. McClravy. Thank you so much!

Merry Christmas!