

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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Goal: **1,000**  
Total this month:  
**600**

**Campbell's**

Total Points Deposited  
**4,516**

Total Bonus Points  
**4,100**

Dear Parents,

### A Larger World

Today was an exciting, busy day at Sacred Heart Area School. Since students did not have any specials (PE, music, art, or band), we chose this afternoon to celebrate "Christmas around the World". Each classroom teacher offered a short lesson on how Christmas is celebrated in a different country, which included Germany, Philippines, Mexico, India, Poland, and Sweden. Children rotated from class to class (two sessions each) learning about various Christmas traditions in these foreign lands. This afternoon the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders also packed up the stockings and shipping boxes for our troops stationed abroad, while the kindergarten and preschool continue to collect items for the food shelf. Thank you boys and girls, for showing us all the true meaning of Christmas through your discipleship and acts of love for others in need! To learn more about this week's activities, go to [sacredheartareaschool.org](http://sacredheartareaschool.org).

### Sharing the Blessing

We are hoping to have a significant attendance of school families at our



**The Christmas program is right around the corner. If your child is in 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades they are asked to wear their Christmas finery. The rest of the children's outfits will be provided.**

### Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Masses on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our parishioners want and need to see our students and school family to know what their school is about and who their mission serves. **Please consider attending one of these weekend Masses** next month as we celebrate who we are as a school family. This year we will be reaching out to families with young children in our community, particularly our parish families, more than ever. Our goal is to let them know of the positive impact our school has had, and will continue to have on the lives of our students. In today's secular "me oriented" society, our children need a faith-based education more than ever. At SHAS children are formed from a solid foundation of **faith** (to build a lifetime of happiness and hope, while building a strong relation with God and each other), **morals** (to learn right from wrong and to be a great citizen), **discipline** (to do what is right and be our best), and **knowledge** (to give us the tools to succeed into the future). Our school is a true blessing from God to the families of our community. We must **spread the word and share the gift**. Have a great week of Advent!

### Questions or Concerns

If parents have any questions or concerns about their child's education or welfare at SHAS, please let their teachers know. If there is a concern or question with school policy, staff, billing or safety, please talk to the principal. Many questions of small detail can be answered by our knowledgeable secretary, Sandy. So often, anxiety can build up from not knowing. It usually can be resolved by simply addressing it. Please communicate with us often. Thank you!



- Dec 21 Apple Pie Day with Marge M
- Dec 22-  
Jan 2 Christmas Break – no school  
Merry Christmas!!!
- Jan 2 School resumes
- Jan 11 2 Hour Early Out
- Jan 18 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- Jan 21 No School
- Jan 26 Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass at Staples 5:00
- Jan 27 Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass at Motley 10:30
- Jan 28- Catholic Schools Week  
Jan 31
- Feb 1 2 Hour Early Out
- Feb 3 SHAS Carnival

# children's program



The Sacred Heart Area School Christmas program will be held Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 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!



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, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **WE WANT COOKIES!!**

As you bake Christmas cookies please consider baking a few extra to share. Send them to school before or bring them along to the family social.

Thank you, hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays  
From the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!



Christmas Greetings,  
We have been feverishly working on our Christmas presents, learning our parts for the Christmas program and discovering the meaning of the Jesse Tree, for Advent. We do manage to squeeze in a bit of academics also. In math, they are working on division and solving equations. They have also been working very hard on mastering their times tables. In reading, they are enjoying stories about sports and people from other cultures.

God's Blessings from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades,  
Mrs. Trout

### **ATTENTION:**

The students will be making their very own apple pie on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Each student needs to bring an apple to school to use in their pie. The pies will be baked and sent home with students.



God gave us Himself in the form of a baby - what a great gift!

"For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given."  
Isaiah 9:6



### **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.

