

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

A Giving Spirit

One of the keys to our school's continued success is in those who volunteer, in so many ways, to keep it alive and prospering. Our volunteer librarian, Mary, is here every Tuesday to make sure our students' library experience is the best it can be through her creativity and organization. Our volunteer IT man, Steve, keeps our staff and students networked and ready to teach and learn in the 21st Century. Our parish mission circle friends annually host the Railroad Days garage sale, and the Knights of Columbus continued the KC Raffle Calendar (together raising over \$10,000). The Knights also replaced nearly a city block of the school's sidewalk last summer saving us thousands of dollars in labor costs. Our school families/parents work hand in hand to make our school continue to prosper through community service / outreach and fundraising. All of these works are done out of a belief in the school's mission and a love for its children and our God. Through our example, we are instilling in our youth the values which will be a foundation for lives of happiness and fulfillment. Thank you friends, 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



Grandma Mona Weber working with students

Special People

Our school is especially blessed with our foster grandmas who work one-on-one with students each day. Grandma Mona Weber and Grandma Lucille Koval are with us throughout the week fostering love and learning in our buildings. Volunteer Barb Peterson is here every Monday working with students as well and helping the school secretary in many ways. It would be hard to imagine Sacred Heart without their presence.



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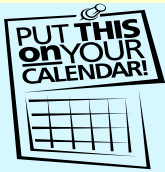
Tomorrow is the last day for the Kindergartners' food drive. Let's get into the Christmas spirit and help put food on the plates of those who may need it in our community this holiday season. Thank you!



The Sacred Heart Area School Christmas program will be held Wednesday, December 18th, 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.

3rd and 4th graders are asked to wear khaki pants and a nice shirt and 1st and 2nd graders can dress in their Christmas best. The rest of the children's outfits will be provided.

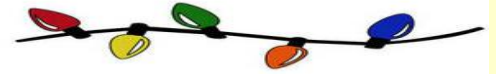


- Dec 20 Apple Pie Day with Marge M
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 - Jan 5 Christmas Break – no school Merry Christmas!!!
- Jan 6 School resumes
- Jan 10 2 Hour Early Out
- Jan 17 End of 2nd quarter
- Jan 20 No School
- Jan 25 Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass at Staples 5:00
- Jan 26 Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass at Motley 10:30
- Jan 27- Catholic Schools Week
Jan 31
- Feb 2 SHAS Carnival



The kick off for the Carnival will be on Wednesday, December 18th. The kids will be bringing home Carnival raffle tickets that day. This is a great opportunity to sell to relatives and friends from out of town over Christmas break. We will start weekly incentives for the kids when they come back from Christmas break. Happy Selling!!

Third Grade News



Tis the Season for many things to be going on and even more things to get done. Well, it's no different in the Third Grade classroom here at SHAS. First of all, we are so excited to say that, as a school, we were able to collect 40 pairs of brand new pajamas to be given to those in need this Christmas season. Thank you to all who helped make this possible. We also headed up a Christmas card project to send out cards to those in nursing homes around the area hoping to give a little cheer to those who may not have family close by for the holidays. To start out each new week of Advent the Third Graders were in charge of teaching the whole school something new about, or relating to, Advent. Week One was about the meaning of Advent and its many symbols. This week they took part in a presentation entitled "Teach the Children". It's about Santa telling the children what the symbols of Christmas really stand for and what the true meaning of Christmas is all about. It is not about him and the presents we receive but instead about the birth of Jesus and God giving Him to us as the ultimate gift. We are busy learning the songs for our Christmas program which will be next Wednesday. Come celebrate with us - we will be the ones dressed like angels!



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.



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 18th.

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!

ATTENTION:

The students will be making their very own apple pie on Friday, December 20th. Each student needs to bring an apple to school to use in their pie. The pies will be baked and sent home with students.

