

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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ITEMS NEEDED

The carnival committee is looking for empty toilet paper rolls and also old cotton t-shirts. It is ok if they have stains on them as long as they have a standard stretchy neck.



Christmas Fun

Today, students in grades 3-5 had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their preparation of Christmas. We also enjoyed a visit from Dianne Japke and the district foreign exchange students, as they shared with us Christmas customs from their homelands. Tomorrow we will be making apple pies.

Christmas Blessings

The SHAS Christmas program was held yesterday. Our Preschoolers and Kindergarteners performed "Lets Dress Up for Christmas", while grades 1-5 performed, "The Christmas Chronicles". Both performances were brilliant, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to all in attendance. Thank you parents and staff for all your help preparing for this event, with special thanks to program directors, Ms. Becker and Mrs. Trout! Students in the upper grades have been helping out at the food shelf once a month to help those less fortunate. This month students are also sending Christmas cards to soldiers. Thank you boys and girls for helping build the Kingdom! Your good will is catchy. Have a wonderful Christmas vacation!

"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

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 Murray 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 person, Steve Benson 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 each summer. Our school has especially been blessed with our foster grandmas who have worked one-on-one with students throughout the weeks, year after

year, 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 the presence of such wonderful people. All of these works are done out of a belief in the school's mission and a love for its children and our God. Thank you all so much!

Have a Very Blessed Christmas & New Year



Upcoming Fun

We look forward to two fun events on the horizon. Catholic Schools Week (CSW) will be observed across the nation January 31st-February 5th. Throughout CSW we will celebrate who we are as a Catholic school through community outreach and fun events, including a community dance February 3rd at 6pm. The Sacred Heart Area School Carnival will be held February 7th. All are welcome! To learn more about what's happening at Sacred Heart, follow us at sacredheartareaschool.org. We wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas and New Year!

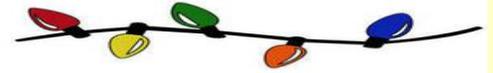


- Dec 18 Apple Pie Day with Marge
- Dec 22 Last Day of School before Christmas Break ½ Day School Releases at 12:10
No After School Program
- Jan 4 School Resumes
- Jan 8 2 Hour Early Out
- Jan 21 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 22 No School- Teacher Workshop
- Jan 30 Catholic Schools Week Kick off Mass 5:00 Staples
- Jan 31 Catholic Schools Week Kick off Mass 10:30 Motley



The kick off for the Carnival will be on Monday, December 21st. 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



Happy Advent everyone! The Third Graders have been sharing what Advent means to the rest of the school each week through the "Seeking Our Savior Advent Detective Journey." Every Monday they have read verses from the Bible and shared important information or "evidence" about the people, places, and events that led up to Jesus' birth. After each piece of evidence is revealed all students are able to make or have something that symbolizes the clues to help them always remember what Advent is really about. Besides 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. 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! We hope you all had a chance to see our Christmas plays last night – they were awesome! Merry Christmas to you all and we hope 2016 brings you many blessings!

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For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.
Luke
2:11



All children of Sacred Heart and St. Michaels Parishes are invited to sing at the Christmas Eve mass at Sacred Heart Parish at 5:00 pm
Reserved seating for children only.
Please be prompt and send your children to be seated by 4:45 pm on St. Joseph's side near the piano/organ.
Thank you Parents for encouraging and supporting your children to participate in mass.
Any questions please Call Janelle Thompson at 218-894-3127!



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.



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!!