

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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**EXCITING NEWS!**

We just received a check from Box Tops for **\$550.00** for the second half of the 2015-2016 school year. The amount of Box Tops that have been turned in this year so far is VERY low. Please continue to cut out and turn Box Tops in, it makes a difference! Thank you Barb Peterson for all of your help with Box Tops!!  
**Great Job Everyone!!**



*Each year the students of SHAS along with help from the staff, put on phenomenal Christmas program performances, that truly place us in the presence of God and the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all who played a part to make this happen again this year.*

### Upcoming Fun

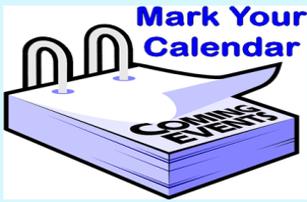
We look forward to two fun events on the horizon. Catholic Schools Week (CSW) will be observed across the nation January 29<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Throughout CSW we will celebrate who we are as a Catholic school through community outreach and fun events, including a community dance February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. The Sacred Heart Area School Carnival will be held February 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

### Making a Difference

Last month's food drive hosted by the SHAS preschool class raised over 500 pounds of food products and \$272 of cash for the Staples Area Food Shelf. Mrs. McIlravy's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class was able to collect a little over \$1,400 to purchase 56 BibleSticks to be sent out to active military. Mrs. Przybilla's 4<sup>th</sup> grader's "Christmas Cards for Soldiers" drive reached out to service men and woman in 5 military units around the world, some of which have already responded with gratitude. Nice work boys and girls!

### Back to the Books

After a 12 day Christmas vacation, students and staff of SHAS returned yesterday. As in any school, December can be a tough month to focus on academics. January is a time to refocus. Make sure to check your children's homework each night and that they have some designated reading time every day. If you find your children playing a lot of video games or watching TV, turn those events into incentives. Keeping the TV off during homework time is very helpful too. All of us at the school encourage parents to have students engaged in some home study each day. We try to give some homework each day, not only to reinforce what they have learned at school, but to engage and inform parents of what their children are learning. Together we can have a huge impact on our students' lives. Be sure your kids get time to play, be themselves, and enjoy. May God bless us all in spiritual and intellectual growth in 2017!



- Jan 13 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- Jan 16 No School-PLC
- Jan 28 Catholic Schools Kick Off Mass at Sacred Heart Church 5:00pm
- Jan 29 Catholic Schools Kick Off Mass at St. Michaels Church 10:30am
- Jan 30 - Catholic Schools Week Feb 3
- Feb 3 School IS in session
- Feb 5 Carnival
- Feb 17 Mid-Quarter 3
- Feb 27 No School
- Mar 3 2 Hour Early Out
- Mar 3 Fish Fry - Grades 2 & 5
- Mar 6 Spring Pictures
- Mar 10 Fish Fry - Grade 4
- Mar 13- Spring Break - No School 17



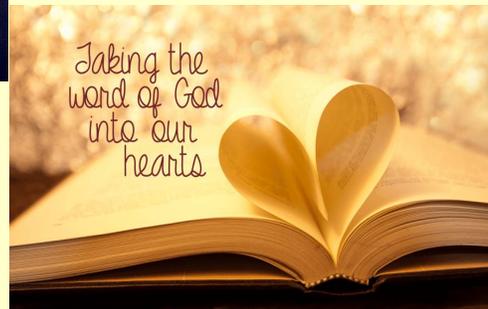
**Thank you to all who donated money for our BibleStick service project. We were able to order 56 of them for our troops. The organization was so blown away with your efforts that they have sent us a plaque and this letter. Mrs. McIlravy & Third Graders**

**Dear Sacred Heart Area School, Please accept our gratitude and deep appreciation for your support of our troops through the Military BibleStick. Your church is a testament to sacrificial giving. Providing our brave men and women in uniform with the gift of God's Word in audio is a blessing that will bring them peace, comfort, and spiritual protection as they put themselves in harm's way while serving our country.**

**It's clear that you are making a difference in the lives of our troops. And thanks to your generosity, many more will now be blessed with their very own BibleStick!**

**Again, thank you for standing with us in partnership to bring the comfort of God's Word to our military heroes.**

**'till all have heard,  
Troy Carl  
Vice President**



# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ROCKS

Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed Christmas break. We know we sure did! We have been pretty busy in the classroom, but here are a few things we have been working on.

Here in fourth grade, we are finishing up our math unit where we are estimating products and quotients and assessing the reasonableness of our answers. We are able to round multidigit numbers and solve the new problem to get an estimate. Then we talk about if it is a close answer, or if we did something wrong.

In Science, we are learning about electricity. We know that everything is made up of building blocks called atoms. These atoms have particles and are either positively or negatively charged, or are neutral. We know how we can create static electricity by creating an imbalance of these particles, so watch out; we are pretty shocking. - Mrs. P. and the Fourth Graders



There are only 31 days left until the Carnival. If you want more raffle tickets to sell, please send a note with your student or call the office telling us how many books you want, and we'll send more home. If you have more than one child please indicate which child you would like the extra books for. Please send the money with the tickets and **DO NOT** send partial books! Also, please turn your raffle tickets in to your child's teacher rather than the office. Remember, this is one of our school's biggest fundraisers of the year. Please do your part to help our school meet its goal!!!



## 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.*