

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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Apple Pies

Tomorrow the boys and girls will be making apple pies with our parish circle friends. This has become an annual tradition of fun and bonding with our young and old of the parish and school. If any parents want to join in on the fun, you are all welcome. **Don't forget to send an apple to school with your child tomorrow!!**



The SHAS Christmas program was held yesterday. Our Preschoolers and Kindergarteners performed "Christmas All Around", while grades 1-5 performed, "Super Gift from Heaven". 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. Rinke and Mrs. Trout.



Upcoming Fun

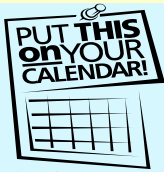
We look forward to two fun events on the horizon. Catholic Schools Week (CSW) will be observed across the nation January 25th-30th. Throughout CSW we will celebrate who we are as a Catholic school through community outreach and fun events, including a community dance January 28th at 6pm. The Sacred Heart Area School Carnival will be held February 1st. 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!



Grandma Mona Weber working with students

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 person, 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 each summer. Our school is especially blessed with our foster grandmas who work one-on-one with students 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. All of these works are done out of a belief in the school's mission and a love for its children and our God.



- Dec 19 Apple Pies
- Dec 20- Christmas Break
Jan 4
- Jan 5 School Resumes
- Jan 9 2 Hour Early Out
- Jan 16 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 19 Teacher Workshop
No School
- Jan 24 Catholic School's Week Kick
Off Mass Staples 5:00 pm
- Jan 25 Catholic School's Week Kick
Off Mass Motley 10:30 am
- Jan 26- Catholic Schools Week
30
- Jan 28 Catholic Schools Week
Dance
- Feb 1 SHAS Carnival



**Sacred Heart and St. Michaels
Children's Choir**

**Welcoming all children K-6
SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at
Sacred Heart Parish
5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve
Mass**

**Reserved seating for children
participating. Children will sit
on the right side (facing altar).
Please have your children
present by 4:50 p.m.
Thank you parents for
encouraging and supporting
your children to participate in
mass. Remember, singing is
praying twice!!**

**4th Grade
ROCKS**

Merry Christmas!!!! It's the last week before school is done for the year, and we couldn't be more antsy! We have been pretty busy here in 4th grade. We are busy practicing for the Christmas Program, making Christmas crafts, learning about Advent, creating science experiments, and oh yeah, learning too.

The Christmas Program was on Wednesday and we worked so hard to give you the best show we could. We couldn't have done it without Mrs. Trout and the fifth graders. They really showed us what we have to look forward to next year.

We have had fun making special Christmas crafts and presents for some very special people. Christmas isn't just about the presents though, it is about Jesus. We learned that Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus' birth and for his second coming. We have been looking at an online Advent calendar and learning many different things that go along with Christmas time. This week we put a flame on the pink candle, which is the third candle.

We are also trying different science experiments that involve melting ice cubes on a fry pan vs. a plastic cutting board, creating crystallized snowflakes, and looking at what a balloon does to tinsel when they both have a "charge."

We would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. See you next year in 2015! Have a great Christmas Break. With lots of cheer, Mrs. P. and the 4th graders.



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

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.



**KEEP CALM
AND
BUY A
RAFFLE TICKET**

**The kids brought their
Carnival raffle tickets home
this week. Christmas break
is a great opportunity to sell
to relatives and friends from
out of town. We will start
weekly incentives for the
kids when they come back
from Christmas break.
Happy Selling!!**

