

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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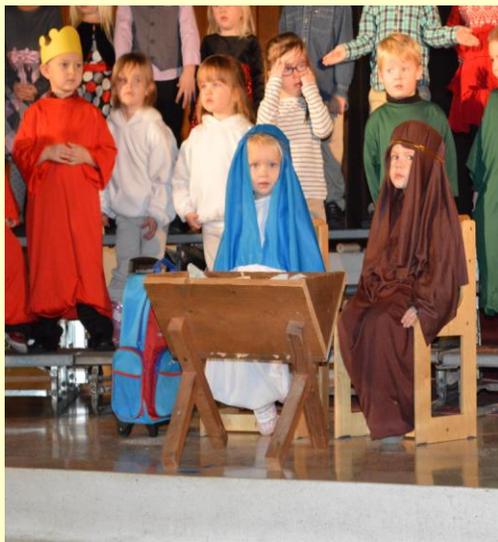
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### Apple Pies

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 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Throughout CSW we will celebrate who we are as a Catholic school through community outreach and fun events, including a community dance January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The Sacred Heart Area School Carnival will be held February 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome! To learn more about what's happening at Sacred Heart, follow us at [sacredheartareaschool.org](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!!**

**4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!!**

