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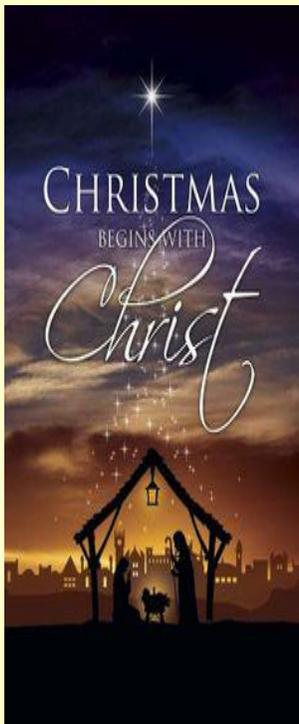
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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

Celebrating this Season of Love

In addition to their regular school work, the students and staff at Sacred Heart Area School took the time to celebrate the season of Advent in various ways. The SHAS Christmas program was held December 18th. Our Preschoolers and Kindergarteners performed "Lead the Way to Christmas", while grades 1-6 performed, "The Star of Bethlehem". Both performances were brilliant, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to all in attendance. Students also made Christmas cards to send to those in the local care centers. Grades 2 and 3 hosted "The Great Bedtime Story" Pajama Drive, collecting pajamas for children in need. Scholastic Books matches pajama donations with books. Our Kindergarteners collected food items for the food shelf as well. All school families were encouraged to participate in these charity drives teaching children love for their neighbors and the true spirit of Christmas. Thank you boys and girls 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

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.



Upcoming Fun

With our Centennial Year, 2014 approaching, we look forward to two fun events on the horizon. Catholic Schools Week (CSW) will be observed across the nation January 26th-31st. Throughout CSW we will celebrate who we are as a Catholic school through community outreach and fun events, including a community dance January 29th at 6pm. SHAS will be hosting an inter-Catholic school Mass and lyceum by the U of M Raptor Center. We will celebrate this day with students and staff of Christ the King School of Browerville and Saint Henry's Area School of Perham.

The Sacred Heart Area School Carnival will be held February 2nd. 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!

The Mission of 100 More Years

Starting January 1st, 2014, the SHAS Centennial Committee will be starting its "Dollar a Day" centennial fund drive for SHAS playgrounds. Participants will keep their cans or boxes at home with the intent of donating \$1.00 each day for the family. "Dollar a Day" cans or boxes are available at the school. Thank You!

Don't forget to check us out on

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- Dec 20 Apple Pie Day with Marge
- Dec 21-
 - Jan 5 Christmas Break – no school Merry Christmas!!!
- Jan 6 School resumes
- Jan 10 2 Hour Early Out
- Jan 15 Movie Night
- 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



Sacred Heart and St. Michaels Children's Choir

Welcoming all children K-6
SAVE THE DATE
Monday, December 24, 2013 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!!



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!!

Happy Holidays
From the 4th Grade!



Merry Christmas!
 The fourth graders always seem to stay very busy. At the end of the day, they often say "Is it time to go home already?" Christmas Program practice and making Christmas presents have been uppermost on their minds. We have managed to squeeze some academics in also. We just finished reading a story about a young man who works as a bookkeeper in a northern Minnesota logging camp. In math they are learning how to solve equations with variables. Of course in religion, they have completed many activities helping to prepare them for the birth of Jesus.
 God Bless,
 Mrs. Trout



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 would like to thank all of you who brought cookies and treats to share for the Family Cookie Social on Wednesday after the Christmas program. The cookies and social time were enjoyed by all!