

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

Back to the Books

After a 12 day Christmas vacation, students and staff of SHAS returned this last Monday. 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. At our home, we decided to offer an allotted time to play games on the iPad for so many minutes of reading. It has helped, as we have one child who loves to read and another who would rather not. 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 2016!

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 New Year!



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EXCITING NEWS!

We just received a check from Box Tops for **\$630.00!** Thank you for all of your hard work collecting and turning these in. Thank you Barb Peterson for all of your help with Box Tops!!

Great Job Everyone!!

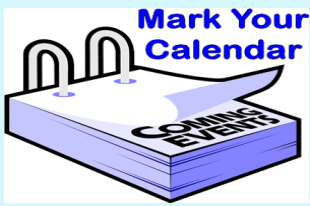
Upcoming Fun

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



A Great Responsibility

We are not a public school. We are a parochial school that is funded 100% by you the parents, and the good will of the community. It is also kept in operation by staff, who work just as hard, but for much less than those employed at a state funded public school. It takes everyone involved to do their fair share of sacrifices and work to make this system work. Don't feel alone. This is how it has been for over 100 years. We do it because we believe we are giving our children something special and better than what they would receive elsewhere. As the carnival approaches, and later in the winter, the fish fries, we will be called to do our part. We need all families with children in grades K- 5 to sell tickets. We have set a challenging but reasonable goal for everyone to attain. Please be sure to fulfill the goal set for your family. If we have a few families that don't do their part, it sets the hard work of others backwards. Many of these families will go above and beyond what has been asked. Please sell your tickets, or BUY them!



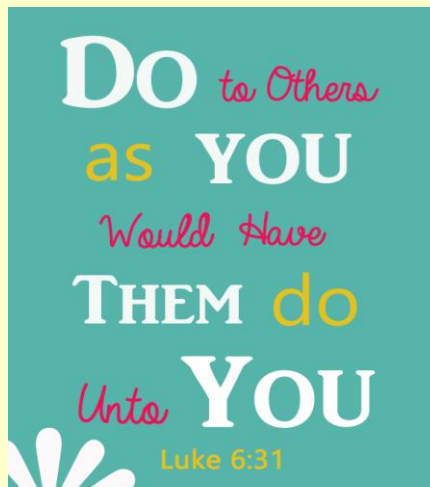
- Jan 8 2 Hour Early Out
- Jan 21 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 22 No School- Teacher Workshop
- Jan 30 Catholic Schools Week Kick off Mass 5:00 Staples
- Jan 31 Catholic Schools Week Kick off Mass 10:30 Motley
- Feb 1-5 Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week Dance
- Feb 7 Carnival
- Feb 10 Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30
- Feb 12 No School Mid-Winter Break
- Feb 15 No School Mid-Winter Break
- Feb 12 Fish Fry



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. 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!!!



Happy New Year!
 I just want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Program such a success. It was such a joy to hear all of the beautiful singing and have the message of Jesus's birth renewed in our hearts.
 We started our OLPA testing this week. We will finish next week. In Religion we have been talking about Epiphany, as the Christmas Season comes to an end.
 In social studies we are learning about how European explorers were trying to find an easier route to Asia. Did the Vikings come to Minnesota??!
 We are rapidly coming to the end of second quarter. Please check with your child to see if they have all of their AR points! May you have a blessed 2016.
 Mrs. Trout



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.



- Congratulations
- K - Cooper Voeltz
 - 1 - Isabelle Becker
 - 2 - Eli Greenwaldt
 - 3 - Sophie Albie
 - 4 - Lauren Rutten
 - 5 - Jack Storry



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.