



SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL HEART TO HOME NEWSLETTER

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News from the Principal

JIM OPELIA

Technology at Sacred Heart School

SHAS has made many new technology improvements over the past year. Over the summer, the 4th and 5th grade classrooms received a new set of 15 chrome books, which they share, using them daily for educational activities, research, and testing. Also, all classrooms received a new projector, much more bright, vivid, and dependable than the old ones that we replaced. We are currently striving to purchase another set of 15 chrome books for grades K-3 to share in the main building. Steve Benson, our volunteer IT man has been an incredible resource/asset to the maintaining and networking of the technology in our school. Steve is currently working with us to improve the speed of classroom teachers' computers by replacing our standard hard drives with solid state hard drives, which operate several times faster. Technology is an integral part of teaching for us at SHAS or any school. Although it can be challenging at times, we are blessed to have the people and resources to keep up with the demands of the times.

New Furniture



SHAS students eating at recently donated lunch table.

Prior to Christmas break, SHAS received a donated gift of two extra lunch tables. Tom and Aimee Brichacek acquired the tables from a school auction. Tom went down to the metro area with his truck and trailer, returned them to his home, where he refurbished the bench seats, then delivered to the school. We are very grateful to Tom and Aimee for all their time, efforts, and resources, as we needed the extra tables for our growing school enrollment.

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 a staff who work just as hard, but for much less than those employed at a state funded public school. All of us should take great pride in our accomplishments each year, continuing this mission for our children's future. 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 all be called to do our part. Please be punctual when responding to communications from the very dedicated parents and staff, organizing these events, as not to make their job more difficult. Also, we need all families with children in grades K- 5 to sell tickets for the carnival. 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. Thank you and God bless!



Students enjoy cookies and hot cocoa as a reward for reaching their \$3,000 incentive mark for raffle ticket sales.



- Jan 19 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 22 No School- PLC
- Jan 27 Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off Mass Staples 5:00p.m.
- Jan 28 Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off Mass Motley 10:30 a.m.
- Jan 29-31 Catholic Schools Week
- Jan 31 Catholic Schools Week Dance— 6:00pm
- Jan 31 District Spelling Bee
- February 1-2 Catholic Schools Week
- February 4 Carnival
- February 16 No school— PLC -Fish Fry
- February 19 No School
- February 20 No school—PLC



Kindergarten

Hello from Kindergarten!!!

We have been very busy learning new things every day!! We have been in school for 83 days, so, the Kindergarteners are writing number 83 already!! They write a new number each day for how many days we have been in school. This week we have learned how to write the little letters u, i, e and tomorrow we will learn the letter l. For Religion, we are learning about Special Leaders in the Church. We learned that the Pope is the leader of all of the Catholic Churches in the world. The Bishop is the leader of our Diocese. And, the Priest is the leader of our Church. For Reading, we are reading a story called "See How We Grow". It's about twin sisters and how they grow and change as they get older. Yesterday, we started centers in our room. The kids are in 3 leveled groups and they have a different thing(s) to do at each center. We are doing about 15 minutes for each center. In the centers, we are working on reading and sight words so far and will add other things as we get better with them. In Math, we have been learning about coins – penny, nickel, dime and quarter. In Science, we are learning about how plants and animals grow and change. In Social, we are learning about our countries symbols and monuments. We are getting excited for Catholic School's Week at the end of the month! There are lots of fun things planned for the week!! Have a great rest of the week!

Mrs. Becker and the Kindergarten class



Reminders

- The carnival game sign up sheet was sent home with the students today. Please be sure to fill those out and return them no later than Friday, January 26th.
- Also, a sign up sheet for items needed for the Carnival was sent home today. Please see the sheet for details.
- Please continue to sell carnival raffle tickets. Return them once a complete book is sold. Students earn incentives for returning books each week. We have extra books in the office if you need more!
- The next Scrip order will go in on Friday, February 2nd. Purchase Scrip for the places you would shop at anyways and help raise money for the school. We have lots of cards on hand—several local businesses are participating!
- Please continue to collect box tops for education.
- Please remember to send winter clothing with your children everyday. This includes snow pants, jacket, hat, boots and mittens or gloves.
- SHAS hats for sale \$20



*Train up a child
in the way he should go:
and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

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Is It The Flu? Influenza vs The Common Cold

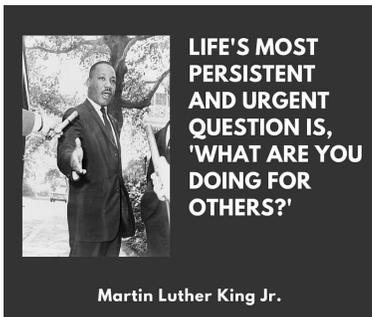
FLU	CHARACTERISTIC	COMMON COLD
Sudden	ONSET OF SYMPTOMS	Gradual
Occasional	SNEEZING	Common
Early	SORE THROAT & COUGH	Mild Course, Peaking Day 2-3
Often Severe	MUSCLE ACHES	Slight
Severe	MALaise, FATIGUE	Usually Mild
Substernal, Burning, Common	CHEST SYMPTOMS	Mild If Any
6-7 Days	DURATION	3-4 Days
High (102° - 104°)	FEVER	None or Mild (Less Than 100°)



Its hard to think of spring when the temperatures are as cold as they have been, but we are already planning for the 2018 spring blast. We will be having a meeting on January 23rd at 5:30 in the school gym. We would love to have new ideas and faces to help plan our biggest fundraiser of the year.

CARNIVAL TICKET RAFFLE UPDATE

Our goal as a school is to sell 10,000 raffle tickets. So far we have sold 2160 raffle tickets totaling \$4320.00! There are school incentives when certain dollar amounts are reached. On Wednesday the students all got to have cookies and hot chocolate, they are just under \$2000.00 away from earning an extra recess! Way to go! There are still 15 days left to sell!



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.