

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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### Continuous School Improvement

Our teachers continue their work on the theories and practices of Dr. Robert J. Marzano's "Art and Science of Teaching". Some of the new practices in the classrooms are; posting scales for students to be self-aware of their learning, and encouraging higher level thinking, posting learning targets to create a more goal oriented atmosphere, and planning lessons that meet the intellectual needs of each individual. The goal for the school with this training is to provide the roadmap for all of us as students and staff to succeed at our highest level possible in learning and teaching. The implementation of Marzano will provide a great deal of accountability for teachers and students to accomplish just this.

### Fieldtrip to Christ the King

Tomorrow, January 16<sup>th</sup>, the SHAS students in grades kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> will be taking a fieldtrip along with their teachers to Christ the King (CTK) School/ Parish of Browerville. They will be accompanied by students of CTK, St. Henry's of Perham, and St. Mary's of Long Prairie to a concert performance by Christian song writer/musician Luke Spehar. We look forward to this event as we enjoyed our experience with visiting Perham and Browerville Catholic schools last January at SHAS during Catholic Schools Week.

### Right Around the Corner



Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2015 is a little over a week away. It 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, daily dress up themes, and fun events, including a community dance January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Our CSW Kick-off Masses will be at 5:00pm on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart and January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30pm at St. Michael's. All SHAS families are encouraged to attend one of these masses with their children dressed in SHAS uniforms, as we celebrate who

we are with our supporting parishioners. The Sacred Heart Area School Carnival will be held February 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome! This is one event where we expect all parents in grades K-5 to help out with. SHAS will again host fish fry dinners every Friday (excluding Good Friday during Lent).

### Playgrounds Project

Thank you supporters of the "Dollar a Day" campaign! Nearly a year ago you agreed to pledge a contribution of one dollar for each day of 2014. This donation will be applied towards improving playgrounds and the beautification and reassignment of parish and school green/parking spaces. As our school celebrates 100 years, we also look forward to the future. The dollars earned from this campaign will allow our school to grow towards 100 more! **Please turn in your donations to the schools office Monday thru Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm, mail a check to the schools office: 324 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Staples, MN 56479, or if you wish, label an envelope "Dollar a Day", and add it into the weekly collection basket during mass.** Our hope is to have all outstanding funds collected before February. Once the campaign funds are established the real fun can begin! In order for the project to launch and have a clear and precise direction, the school's advisory board voted to form a playground project committee. They are currently hoping to find a dozen or so interested volunteers for such committee. With its' purpose to define wants and needs, budgeting, bids, timeline, contracting, and most of all, what vision most reflects that of our church and school communities. With an understanding that your contributions were a sacrifice in struggling times, we promise to use them as responsibly and efficiently as possible. Why not make sure that holds true and be part of the process! Your voice and opinion do matter, join us and help the school succeed into the future. If you care to join, or have any questions regarding your donations please contact the school at 218-894-2077. We are looking to schedule our first committee meeting in February. Thank you again for your generosity and we look forward to your response.

Centennial Committee and School Staff

## REMINDER!!

First Communion Parents  
meeting is Thursday, January  
22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 in the Sacred Heart  
Church basement!!

## HELP WANTED!



Sacred Heart Area School is now seeking substitute teachers, paraprofessionals and aides. Interested candidates should contact Jim Opelia, Sacred Heart Area School, 324 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Staples. Phone number: 894-2077



- Jan 16 Field Trip to CTK
- 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
- Feb 2- NWEA Testing  
13
- Feb 6 2 Hour Early Out
- Feb 9 School IS in session No  
School at Staples Elem.
- Feb 16 No School
- Feb 17 – Olpa Testing  
20
- Feb 18 Ash Wednesday



Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> will be Taco Salad instead of Chicken Tater Bowl!!!!



### 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.*



The kids have already sold over \$3,000.00 in raffle tickets! That is awesome! There are only 16 more days until the carnival so please keep selling and sending your tickets and money back to school. If you want more tickets to sell, please send a note with your student or call the school so we know how many books to send home. Remember, this is one of the school's biggest fundraisers of the year so please do your part and help us meet our goal!



### Incentives & Rewards

#### SCHOOL INCENTIVES (including but not limited to!!)

##### EARN

- \$3,000 Race Flags (earned)
- \$6,000 Extra Recess
- \$9,000 Relay Races
- \$11,000 Dance
- \$13,000 Overnight Slumber Party
- \$16,000 Mr. O Kisses a Pig

##### COOL REWARDS

Every student who sells \$200 in tickets will receive a COOL reward and each family with 3+ students K-5 who sell \$500 will receive a cool prize.

##### WEEKLY INCENTIVES

Every student that turns in 2 books of tickets will receive our weekly prize.  
 January 5-9<sup>th</sup>: Pizza Certificate donated by Giovanni's Pizza  
 January 12-16<sup>th</sup>: Free Popcorn donated by Cozy Theater and Burger King  
 Certificates donated by Burger King  
 January 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>: Swim Pass Certificate donated by Staples Community Center



I am so very proud of all the preschoolers and kindergarteners on their Christmas Program. They worked so hard and they did an awesome job. In exchange, they were rewarded with an ice cream party!!! The preschoolers are off and running this New Year! We have been working very hard in our handwriting curriculum and learning lots! We are all working hard with our letter recognition and sounds. We have also been working hard with our number recognition and counting by 10's to 100! ! This week, we began memorizing weekly bible verses and we are off to a great start. I am so proud of all the preschoolers. After all our hard work, we are looking forward to a fun filled Catholics Schools Week at the end of the month.



- K - Jaxon Gregerson**
- 1 - Skye Larson**
- 2 - Jade Storry**
- 3 - Ashlyn Vogel**
- 4 - Andrew Daniels**
- 5 - Emma Kalk**