



SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL HEART TO HOME NEWSLETTER

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- February 16 No school— PLC -Fish Fry
- February 19 No School
- February 20 No school—PLC
- February 23 Mid-Quarter—Fish Fry—Gr. 4 & K
- March 2 Fish Fry— Grades 5 & 1
- March 5 Spring Pictures
- March 9 No School— PLC
Fish Fry— All Families
- March 16 Fish Fry— Grade 3
- March 20 Pre-K & Kindergarten Round up
- March 22 Confession after Mass— Gr. 2 -5
- March 23 Fish fry— Gr. 2
- March 28 End of 3rd quarter
- March 29-30 No school— Easter break
- April 2 No school— Easter break



News from the Principal **Jim Opelia**

NEW CHROMEBOOKS



The SHAS 3rd graders had a chance to try out the new chrome books today to research St. Valentine and other saints during religion class. These 15 new chrome books were purchased for the main school building for grades Pre-K - 3rd Grade. These were an addition to the previously purchased chrome books for the 4th and 5th grade classrooms in the rectory basement, bringing our total to 30 chrome books. Charging/storage carts for each building have also been ordered and will be here next week, allowing easy transfer between classrooms. These purchases were made possible by winning \$1,200 from the Catholic Foundations, Great Technology Giveaway Contest. Also, a generous \$1,000 donation was made by Belva Volgel for this specific purchase. An additional \$1,500 donation from the SHAS Alumni Fund was also made to make the \$3,700 purchase. Thank You, Belva Volgel, Alumni Donors, and Catholic Foundation for making this a reality!

PLEASE REACH OUT

Our Round Up will be held **March 20th from 6:00pm-7:30pm** in the school gymnasium. Please help us reach out to new families from our neighborhoods by spreading the word about our school. We invite parents with children from ages 3 to 5 years or any family interested in attending SHAS to attend this event. Pizza will be served at 6:00pm.

Fish Fries

As part of the Catholic tradition, SHAS is once again hosting Community Fish Fry Dinners every Friday during Lent from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. This has become very popular in our community with some of

the tastiest affordable meals produced by our school families in Sacred Heart Church of Staples. This series of dinners raised approximately \$9,000 for our school each year for the last three years. Thank you, school families! We especially thank the members of our fish fry committee, who work tirelessly every Friday to ensure each fish fry is a success. Without them, it would not be possible.

VALENTINE'S DAY FUN



SHAS students enjoyed Valentine's Day celebrations on Tuesday, February 13th, as to recognize February 14th's focus as Ash Wednesday. Each class took some time, mostly after lunch to exchange valentine cards and treats, and have a little fun. This was also the 100th Day of School celebration as well, which students focused a lot on the number 100 in many of their studies.

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

For the next 2 weeks we will continue celebrating "I Love to Read Month" with fun themes and activities to do at home and at school. Please accept the challenges that have been set for your child's reading and have fun with them. The goal of I Love to Read Month is to inspire students to actively enjoy reading. Together, we can light the spark. Reading is one of the most important things a student will do and needs to find success with. Kids, you may want to try reading to your pets. They might really enjoy listening.



NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, FEB 16TH, MONDAY, FEB 19TH OR TUESDAY, FEB 20TH

FOURTH GRADE

Hello! 4th Grade has been busy learning these last few months since Christmas. We learned all about matter and why it matters, and even how to measure matter and what tools to use. We learned the different names for triangles, quadrilaterals, and angles. We just finished learning how to use a protractor to measure angles and we rocked the test.

We have been practicing our prayers, and we have been learning about the different Liturgical Seasons. Did you know the Liturgical Year starts with Advent instead of the New Year? We are just entering the Season of Lent by going to Ash Wednesday Mass, and we are filling out a page, daily, in our Lent books. Lent is a time for penance and prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What have you decided to fast from for Lent?

We started Book Club this month. Our first book is Frindle and so far it is hilarious. We conduct our Book Club in a manner that is respectful to everyone's opinion and yet, still share the love of the book. We can't wait to finish the book and start another one!

4th Grade is a lot of work, but we all have a great attitude and we love learning new things!

-Mrs. P and the 4th Graders



Please do not send students to school if they are running a temperature, vomiting, have a contagious medical condition (such as pinkeye or chicken pox), or have an unidentifiable rash. Students who have been running a temperature should not return to school until 24 hours after the fever has broken, without being on medicine. Keep your child at home if he/she has vomited twice or more in the last 24 hours.

Ask Yourself 3 Things

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends you answer a few key questions.

1. Does your child have a fever? Fevers of 101 F or more are generally a sign of illness, so children should stay home from school.
2. Is your child well enough to participate in class? If they seem too run down to get much out of their lessons, keep them home.
3. Does your child have an illness like the flu or pinkeye? If you think they might, don't let them go back to school until you know they're not contagious anymore.

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Spring picture day is March 5th. Order forms were sent home for both individual and group photos. There were some changes this year and now all packages including individual and group photos will need to be pre-paid. There is also a charge of \$10.00 for the group photo.
- ⇒ 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

Spring Blast 2018

KENTUCKY
DERBY
MAY 5, 2018

*Limited seating, so purchase your tickets now!
Individual tickets are \$30 per person.*

Mass: 4:00pm

Mint Julep Mingle with Cash Bar: 5:00pm

Supper: 6:00pm

Run For The Roses (*live Auction*) Following Supper
Silent Auction Begins at 5pm

Show up in your Derby Best for a chance at a prize!

January Student of the Month



Kana Reese, Alex Leach, Charlie Noska,
Miranda Schotzko, Andrew Paklonsky, Gavin Stevens

Fish Fry Fridays 4:30-7:00pm at the church

February 16th, February 23rd,

March 2nd, March 9th,

March 16th, & March 23rd.



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.