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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

### Dogs Love "I Love to Read Month"



For the remaining next few weeks we will be 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. One fun reading activity at home may be to read to your pet. Dogs especially love to be talked to, or read to. They don't even mind a few mistakes. If your child reads to the family dog or other pet, it would be beneficial to all. Be sure the over active dog has a chance to burn some energy beforehand so they aren't continually trying to chew the book. 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.

### Reaching Out

Our Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up will be held March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 to attend this event.

### The Road Map

As part of your information sharing about our school, invite your friends and neighbors to explore our website, [sacredheartareaschool.org](http://sacredheartareaschool.org). We want our current families and prospective

families to know what this school has to offer. Take some time to tour our site's newly improved top menu with drop down choices to learn about various aspects of our school that you may have an interest in, or simply watch the slide show hosting our most recent news posts. Note that the site has several links imbedded in its posts (highlighted in blue) which you can go to by clicking on the text. Our "4Parents" tab provides important helpful links for parents.

### Free Ipad for Sacred Heart Area School



The Catholic Foundation of the St. Cloud Diocese recently hosted an essay contest regarding various uses of an iPad", for Catholic school students of the diocese. Our SHAS 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated individually as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as a group. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Morgan Becker and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class won two ipads for our school. These iPads were presented to the school by Curt Hanson from the Catholic Foundation Wednesday morning.





- Feb 16 No School
- Feb 17 – Olpa Testing  
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- Feb 18 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 20 Mid-Quarter 3
- Feb 20 Fish Fry
- Feb 27 Fish Fry
- Mar 6 2 Hour Early Out
- Mar 6 Fish Fry
- Mar 13 Fish Fry
- Mar 16 Spring Pictures
- Mar 18 School Dance
- Mar 20 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- Mar 23 No School
- Mar 24 Preschool and K Roundup



### SHAS K-5 Fieldtrip to Target Field

On May 7<sup>th</sup> the Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> graders, along with their teachers, will take a bus to Target Field in Minneapolis to watch the Minnesota Twins in an exciting match up against the Oakland Athletics at 12:10pm. Parents who would like to attend this game would likely have to carpool since students and staff would max out the occupancy of the bus. Parents wishing to sit with us and get the group rate of \$11 per seat would need to decide and contact the school by the first week of April. Thanks to your participation in our school dances, we have raised over \$1,500 towards an all school fieldtrip to greatly reduce burdens on families and staff. Preschoolers will benefit from the dance earnings as well with a fieldtrip undetermined at this time.

### Third Grade News

We finished an amazing story in our reading called “A Symphony of Whales”. It’s about 3 whales that find themselves trapped under the ice and how an Alaskan community does everything in their power to help keep them alive until they can be saved by a Russian icebreaker. It is a lot like the movie “Big Miracle” - an excellent movie based on actual events that happened in Barrow, Alaska in 1988. In Science we have been learning about different classes of animals such as mammals, reptiles, and amphibians and what makes each class special and unique from the others. Next week we will talk about animal adaptations and what certain animals have or do to protect themselves from predators. We continue to use our multiplication facts to understand division and will begin learning about fractions in the next few days. In English we end our unit on verbs by learning about irregular verbs - verbs that, when you talk about the past, the past tense is not formed by adding the usual -ed ending - the word changes completely as in the irregular verbs go, went, and have gone. We will end our week by celebrating one of our favorite holidays - Valentine’s Day..... Happy Valentine’s Day everyone!

“Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the  
desires of your heart.”  
Psalms 37:4



#### 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.*

### Spring Blast

We are gearing up for our final fundraiser of the year and also our largest. The Spring Blast is a fun night out for adults to enjoy a meal, and take part in the silent and live auctions. In the past years the Spring Blast has raised around \$40,000.00. Please plan on joining us on April 18<sup>th</sup> for this fun event!

