

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER!!
There is no
school on
Friday the 12th
or Monday the
15th! Enjoy this
winter break!!

Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

Growing Closer to God

SHAS students and staff are celebrating Lent with weekly school wide prayer services, daily reflections in their classrooms, and individual acts of stewardship, fasting, and/or prayer. We encourage all of our families to do something special this Lenten season to grow into a deeper relationship with God. Come join us on our journey.

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.

Thank you to all of you who contributed your time talent and treasure to this year's carnival which raised nearly \$20,000 for our school.



Curt Hanson presenting an iPad to the 5th graders

iPads for Catholic Schools

The Catholic Foundation of the St. Cloud Diocese recently hosted a video contest for Catholic school students of the diocese to tell a story from the bible by using an iPad. Our SHAS 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students each participated as a class. As a result, they won 3 iPads for our school. These iPads were presented to the school by Curt Hanson from the Catholic Foundation Tuesday morning, February 8th. We are very grateful to Catholic Foundation for the many things they do for Catholic Schools.

Fish Fry Fun for Families

The Lenten fish dinners at Sacred Heart are back, starting this Friday. For the past two years, our K-5th grade families have enjoyed the fellowship of working these dinners. Each week a different grade level (as shown in our school calendar we received at the beginning of the year) is responsible for working the dinner. This week, the Knights of Columbus are scheduled to man the event, as to not interfere with our students' 4 day weekend. Members from the fish fry will be contacting the applicable parents each week for details. Please call the school office if you have questions. 5th grade families will start the work schedule for school families on February 19th.



- Feb 12 No School – Mid Winter Break
- Feb 12 Fish Fry - KC
- Feb 15 No School – Mid Winter Break
- Feb 19 Fish Fry – Gr. 5
- Feb 24 Mid Quarter 3
- Feb 26 Fish Fry – Gr. 3
- Mar 4 2 Hour Early Out
- Mar 4 Fish Fry- Gr. 2
- Mar 11 Fish Fry – Gr. 1 & 4
- Mar 14 Spring Pictures
- Mar 18 Fish Fry – Gr. K
- Mar 22 Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup
- Mar 23 End of Quarter 3

FISH FRY



Fridays During Lent

**Sacred Heart Area School
Community
Lenten Fish "Fry" days
ALL YOU CAN EAT:**

- *Fried Fish
- *Potatoes
- *Baked Beans
- *Cole Slaw
- *Bread
- *Homemade Desserts
- *Beverage

**Dinner is served from 4:30-7:00 p.m.
at Sacred Heart Church, Staples**

**Adults \$9.00
Seniors (over 60) \$8.00
Children (4-12) \$5.00
3 & under FREE**

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. Don't forget to go to the first Lenten fish fry this Friday down in the church basement!



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.

SAVE THE DATE

Sacred Heart Area School invites you to join us for our
2016 Spring Blast



Saturday, May 7th

