

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Mark your
calendar!**

February 20th
February 27th
March 6th
March 13th
March 20th
March 27th

Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

To Kiss a Pig



getting acquainted

The SHAS school families reached several goals for the carnival raffle this year. The highlight for the kids was to reach \$16,000 to have Mr. Opelia (Mr. O.) kiss a pig. After raising \$16,800 the long wait was finally over as of yesterday at 2:45pm. It took a little cuddle time, but the pig finally let Mr. O give him a big smack (to see more photos go to sacredheartareaschool.org article "To Kiss a Pig"). Everyone left happy, back to school work or back to the farm. The next big carnival incentive is the slumber party and dance, which will take place on April 24th.

Represented and Informed

Each month the school advisory board meets with the principal and pastor to discuss planning, and decisions to be made for the school. This board is made up of school parents and parishioners representing you. If you have concerns or visions for the school that you would like to see addressed talk to the principal or one of the board members. They are; Linus Koval, John Reese, Katie Noska, Tracey Jimenez, Elizabeth Mathews, and Carol Lisson. To **keep informed** of what is happening, you can find **board meeting agendas and**

approved minutes on the school website under the top tab "SHAS NEWS" and then selecting "School Advisory Board"

Lent

The season of Lent started as of yesterday. This is the time of year where Christians focus on their relationship with God through extra prayer, self-discipline, and good deeds. At Sacred Heart Area School the children 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.

Fish Fries

As part of the Catholic tradition, SHAS is 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 held at Sacred Heart Church in Staples. This series of dinners raised \$9,000 for our school last year.

Reaching Out

Our **Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up** will be held **March 24th**, 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. We want our current families and prospective families to know what this school has to offer.



- 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 3rd Quarter
- Mar 20 Fish Fry
- Mar 23 No School
- Mar 24 Preschool and K Roundup
- Mar 27 Fish Fry



So many of you have finished your volunteer hours and for that we thank you! If you have completed your hours and you do volunteer for something else during the year (which we hope you do) there is no need to fill out a form as the hours do not carry over into next year. For those of you who have not finished your hours there will be more opportunities to do so!



Wow! These last few weeks have flown by so fast! Here in fourth grade we are learning many different things. Last week we celebrated 100 Days of school with 100 activities. We only got through 38 of them, but we still had a blast. We incorporated everyday subjects by thinking of 100 common nouns, counting to 100 by 2's, 5's, 10's, etc, coloring "We Survived" badges, making "100" hats, and doing 100 different exercises to name just a few. We were all pretty tired after a fun filled day. This week, we are learning how to measure and draw angles using a protractor. These things are pretty neat to use. We can measure the angle and then tell whether it is a Papa Bear relaxing on his chair (obtuse), Little Baby Bear being tiny (acute), or Mamma Bear doing all the work and being "Mamma Strong" (right). We can also look around the room and find different angles in our room, such as the hands on the clock and corners of the white board. We are also getting to the middle of our book for Book Club. We really enjoy this story and we share our thoughts about it on Book Club day. We all have a job to do to help us better understand the reading. Have a super weekend and God Bless! Love Mrs. P and the 4th Graders

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. The event will be held on April 18th, in the Sacred Heart School gym. Please watch for more information to come home on purchasing tickets and ways you can help make this night a success. If you want to be on the Spring Blast Committee the next meeting will be on March 10th, at 5:00 at the school.



Remember the best things in life aren't THINGS!



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.

