

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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Goal: **1,000**
Total this month:
500

Total Points Deposited
3,000

Total Bonus Points
1,000

Keeping February Alive

This month opened with the conclusion of an exciting Catholic Schools Week and the SHAS Carnival. Although these "peak of the year" events have past, we have kept the school's excitement going with last week's School Olympics, Lenten challenges throughout the season, and "I Love to Read Month". We have also introduced the 1st-6th graders to the exercise/fitness dance of "Zumba" during our cold indoor recess days. This was much enjoyed by all.



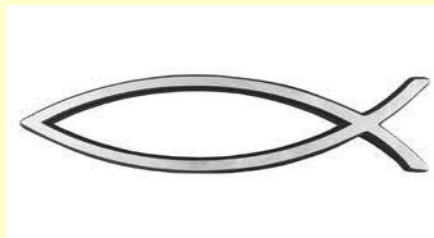
The Path

Lent is a great time for us to do better than before, and to grow in our relationship with God and others. The children and staff of SHAS are celebrating the season with weekly school wide prayer services each Monday morning, daily reflections in their classrooms, and individual acts of stewardship, fasting, and/or prayer. As part of our Lenten journey, the preschoolers and sixth graders have been collecting food items for the food shelf this week. All Sacred Heart Area School student families are encouraged to bring in items as a Lenten tithing or Christian stewardship. Together our goal must be to teach our children to

carry out such acts as lifelong practices.

Math Exploration

This year as part of the SHAS Curriculum Development Plan schedule, the teachers have been focusing on the development of our math curriculum and study of optional math programs that our school could potentially adopt. The question is always, "What will make our teacher instruction and student learning the best it can be and is feasible for our school?" As part of this we have been, and continue to study, various math programs, as well as our current practices this year to the math standards (Minnesota Academic Standards in Math) we have set. If you have questions or ideas to share, they are always welcome.



Fishing for Good

So often we remind children when they are "off track". It is so important that as parents and teachers we remind them when they are "on track". Next week, all students will be introduced to a positive behavior incentive program "Fishing for Good". Students will be monitored around the school building and grounds for consistently using good manners (saying please, thank you, etc...), using time wisely, listening to adults and following rules, and being respectful of God's creations, and their neighbor's feelings and property. When they have been caught practicing a good behavior, they receive a "You've Been Caught" fish. After receiving 3 fish, students trade their fish for a prize in the school office. Thank you, Angie Kremer and Janelle Thompson, for coming up with this great idea!



We congratulate Jack Benson and Ryan Wick for their marvelous job as participants of the District Spelling Bee on February 20, 2013! Sophie Roberts and Jack Tyrrell also attended as potential replacements.



- Feb 25 Mid Quarter
- Mar 1 2 Hour Early Out
- Mar 5 Spring Blast Meeting
5:00 pm
- Mar 18 Spring Pictures
- Mar 19 Spring Blast Meeting
5:00 pm
- Mar 27 End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar 28 NO SCHOOL
- Mar 29 NO SCHOOL
- Apr 1 NO SCHOOL
- Apr 5 School Slumber Party and
Dance
- Apr 9 Pre-K& K Roundup
- Apr 12 2 Hour Early Out
- Apr 20 Spring Blast
- Apr 30 Mid – Quarter 4



Plans are under way for Spring Blast 2013, our theme this year is "Las Vegas Getaway". The event is being held on April 20th, at Sacred Heart School. Letters have been sent to donors and tickets for this event will be on sale at the school office soon. This event takes many parent's help for it to be a success. This is our final and largest fundraiser of the year and we need your help. Please consider coming to a meeting to see how you can be a part of this great event. Last year we raised over \$38,000.00 for the school. Our dinner, live and silent auction, and raffles are a fun way to help the school out. You don't want to miss it. Our next two meeting dates have been set and they are Tuesday, March 5th at 5:00 pm and Tuesday, March 19th also at 5:00 pm, in the SHAS gym. Hope to see you there!!

6th Grade News

Greetings from the very busy 6th Grade!! Our focus in Religion is on the Season of Lent. Like Jesus, we are called to make sacrifices during Lent to help us grow closer to God. We have just started Unit 4 Integers & Algebra in Math. Our current theme in reading, Doers and Dreamers, focuses on the hard work and determination it takes to fulfill your dreams. We are busy completing our Poetry Books in English. Our social studies time is filled with Minnesota History and science has us exploring the concepts of speed and acceleration. We are also busy participating in the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program taught by Todd County Deputy Sheriff Jon Barber. We are happy to be done with our Winter NWEAS and look forward to seeing our growth in the spring.



*From manger to cross,
God's plan and path
were clear. Is God in
your plan?*



Mission Statement

As believers in God, and moved by the power of the Holy Spirit, we foster spiritual and academic formation of our students in a positive, welcoming atmosphere that reflects a respect for all people.



SCRIP NEWS

Scrip is an easy way to help our school earn extra money. You purchase gift certificates or gift cards through us and our school receives a percentage of what we sell. We have a wide variety of cards to choose from, including cards for gas, groceries, and clothing stores. There are also several local merchants that participate. Gift cards make great birthday, wedding, or graduation presents. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Becker or Heather Rinke at 894-2077. We have many of the cards on hand and can also place orders. An order form was sent home today for you to look through. **The next order will be placed on Friday, March 1st.**



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!