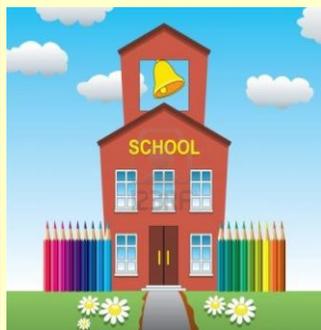


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FISH FRY

All You Can Eat!

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.

Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

Get Ready to Live Healthier

March is National Nutrition Month. Sacred Heart Area School, in partnership with the Staples-Motley School District and Lakewood Health System, will be celebrating the month in various ways educating and facilitating for healthier living. Some of these activities will include offering various fruits and vegetables to students at school and encouraging them to eat healthier. Students at SHAS will also have nutrition classes with Barb Peterson through the month discussing healthier choices to put on their plates. Third graders throughout the district, including SHAS, will be receiving instruction from an instructor from an extension program of the University of Minnesota which will be funded by the state. These same instructors will be offering cooking classes to families of the community later in March and early April. More details about National Nutrition Month will be coming out in later newsletters, on the school website, and Facebook page, as well as in the newspaper. Get ready to live healthier!



Pam reads a story to preschoolers

Keep Reading

February has been "I love to Read Month". We have made weekly incentives and goals for students to encourage reading and discovering new interests in reading. We appreciate parent cooperation in encouraging reading at home. Please continue to have your children read at home every day. This is especially very important for the beginning readers in kindergarten and first grades, and older children who have not mastered the skill. This week we had guest, Pam, visit the school to read to the children in their classrooms. Pam's witty and lively personality made the visit extra enjoyable for the students.

District Restart

The Staples-Motley School Board, as you are most likely aware, is nearing their final decision on the realignment of grade levels in the district school buildings. They have had several community information sharing meetings where community members have had a chance to learn about the plan as well as voice their concerns. The restart plan involves having all district K-3 students attend what is now Staples K-5 Elementary, all 4-7 grade students attend what is now Motley-Staples 6-8 Middle School, and 8-12 students attend what is now Staples-Motley 9-12 High School. This rearrangement has a lot of benefits to all the students in the district when it comes to an equality of staffing and resources. It also has caused great disappointment for some, with it no longer having an elementary school in both towns, as it now has a K-5 Motley Elementary. This, I am sure, has been a painstaking process for many, especially administrators and school board members. Our prayers must go to all in this community that will be affected, and that peace will come to disagreeing parties. In regards to SHAS, we will continue to have grades Pre-K through 5th. We have also been informed that although there would not be a 4th and 5th grade at SE, our 4th and 5th graders would continue to go to specials (art, music, physical education, and technology) as usual, with most likely the same teachers that are teaching them right now. Tonight is the last information sharing meeting, which will be held at the high school media center. I, along with two of our school advisory board members, will be attending. God bless this community!

spelling bee

Congratulations Keegan on making it through the 7th round at the District Spelling Bee! We are proud of you!





- Feb 26 Fish Fry – Gr. 3
- Mar 1 Spring Blast Meeting 5:30
- 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



Sacred Heart has been hit hard this week with illness. Please remember these guidelines before sending your child to school if they have been ill. Do not send your child to school with a fever or until they are fever free for 24 hours off of medicine. People are usually at their most infectious when they are feverish. Please resist the temptation to give acetaminophen or ibuprofen, send them off, and cross your fingers. You might decrease their fever, but you won't decrease their contagiousness. Make sure they are getting lots of rest and fluids. It is important to keep in mind the importance of attendance when students are feeling good, it is critical that they are in school when they are healthy.



Hi Everyone!
 Here we are the midpoint of the third quarter already. Where does the time go?
 The fifth graders have been working very hard on their daily studies. We are nearly finished with the novel, *Brian's Winter*. They are enjoying this book very much. As part of their assignment after several chapters, they predict what is going to happen next.
 In math we have been working on fractions. They have watched videos, done worksheets, and played games to become familiar with different types of fractions. We are now moving on to measurement.
 We learned about the first white men to come to Minnesota, in history class. Their purpose was to find furs to sell to France. They are becoming more familiar with lakes and rivers in Minnesota, as we work on our map skills.
 We are now in the season of Lent, so our religious activities have been geared around preparing for Holy Week.
 We have had fun with I Love to Read month. It is great to see them reading so much!
 God bless,
 Mrs. Trout



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.



2016 Spring Blast



TICKETS ON SALE NOW IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE!

The next planning meeting will be held on March 1st at 5:30. We would love to see you there!



We will be kicking off Pennies for Patients in March. Watch for more information to be coming soon and start saving your pennies.