

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

District Re-Start



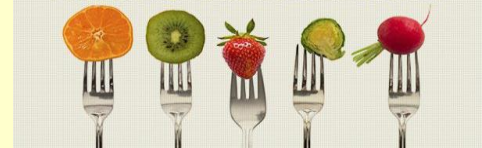
Tuesday evening The Staples-Motley School Board voted 4-2 to approve the district Re-Start Plan. This means that next September all public school students in the district will go to Staples Elementary (S.E.) for grades K-3, Motley-Staples Middle School for grades 4-7, and grades 8-12 at the Staples-Motley High School. This rearrangement will benefit students in the district when it comes to an equality of staffing and resources. However, it will no longer provide for K-5th grade schools in both towns. How does this affect SHAS? We will continue to have grades Pre-K through 5, and we will continue to have K-5th grade specials (art, music, physical education, and technologies) at S.E. The re-start should not change the dynamics of our school in any way. The transition for our graduating 5th graders to the middle school should not be affected either. Middle school will be new to the district's 5th graders as well, as grades 4 and 5 public school students will be occupying what is currently Motley Elementary. They will be transitioning to the middle school in grade 6 just like SHAS students. If you have any concerns regarding the district's Re-Start Plan, please contact the principal or one of our school advisory board members.

For the Love of Reading



Classroom door book cover decorations starting with preschool's door – the 5th grade's door decorations
Dr. Seuss Week was celebrated this week at SHAS, by continuing "I Love to Read Month" activities, decorating classroom doors as a favorite book cover, and having a dress like Dr. Seuss character day. I know we did a lot more reading at our house this past month, which was great for the kids. As we wrap up SHAS's "I Love to Read Month" tomorrow, please continue to help us inspire our children to read each day.

National Nutrition Month



This week starts National Nutrition Month. Starting last Tuesday our students have been receiving a healthy afternoon snack, introducing a different fresh fruit or vegetable each day. This is in thanks to our partnership with the Staples-Motley School District, Lakewood Health System (LHS) Foundation, LHS: Choose Health, the City of Staples, and the University of Minnesota: Extension. This partnership will be celebrating the month in various other ways as well, educating and facilitating for healthier living. These include educating third graders throughout the district with University of Minnesota: Extension instructor, Carmen Genske. Carmen will also offer cooking classes to families of the community early this spring. Students at SHAS will also have nutrition classes with volunteer, Barb Peterson. She will also be educating our students in nutrition this month, discussing healthier food choices.

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.



- 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
- Mar 24- No School-Easter Break
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- Apr 8 2 Hour Early Out
- Apr 18 Iowa Basic Testing Grades K-2
- Apr 18 MCA Testing Grades 3-5
- Apr 22 No School-Staff Workshop
- Apr 29 Mid-Quarter 4
- Apr 30 First Communion



Jellybean Prayer

- Red** is for the blood He gave.
- Green** is for the grass He made.
- Yellow** is for the sun so bright.
- Orange** is for the edge of night.
- Black** is for the sins we made.
- White** is for the grace He gave.
- Purple** is for His hour of sorrow.
- Pink** is for a new tomorrow.



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.



Pre-registration forms for the 2016-2017 school year were sent home today. These forms help with planning for the next school year so that we can order books and plan for staffing. It also gives families of preschool aged children the chance to sign up before roundup so they are guaranteed the days of their choice. Please return these forms no later than March 18th!



Our Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up will be held March 22nd, from 6:00 - 7:30 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. We will be serving complimentary pizza starting at 6:00!



Birthdays, Birthdays, at Preschool we are celebrating many Birthdays during the month of March! We even celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday this week by reading many of his books and by coloring him a birthday cake. During March we are continuing our Lenten journey with a movie of the Stations of the Cross with the school, as we wait for Easter. Our March song tells us that we have to wait for spring to also arrive this month, and what special day happens in March where we have to wear green???? ST. PATRICK'S Day!!! Along with all the fun we will be learning what a crescent, pentagon, hexagon, and octagon look like. Mrs. Peterson will be teaching us about nutrition with what foods are healthy and which are sometimes foods. What a busy month, I hope it don't go as fast as February!



Saturday, May 7th, 2016
At Sacred Heart Area School
Mass 4:00 PM
Social with Open Bar 5:00 PM
Buffet Style Dinner 6:00-7:00 PM
Silent Auction starts at 5:00 PM
Live Auction will follow dinner
Limited seating so purchase your tickets now!
Individual tickets are \$30 per person.
Tickets are available to purchase at Sacred Heart Area School!!
We are asking parents to donate items to our liquor and garden wagons. Each year these 2 raffles raise over \$1,000 each so please help us out!!