

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Congratulations February



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1 - Kana Reese

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

### Welcoming Family

As a new family starting school at Sacred Heart Area School, we all can probably remember what it felt like, not knowing many or any other people. We did not know what to expect from a regular school day, school events, or school procedures. As part of our school strategic plan, the school advisory board and the principal have been looking for new ways to make our school more welcoming and accessible to new families. We have decided it would be an advantage to all if we sought out school families who would be willing to personally welcome and give guidance to a newly enrolled family to our school.

Here is what a Welcoming Family would do: They would make a phone call to a new school family one week prior to the "Back to School Picnic", meet the new family at the "Back to School Picnic", offer them your contact information and be available for them during the year in case they have questions, try to introduce them to other families in the school, share information with them that you feel would have been helpful to you when you first arrived at the school, such as highlighted events on school calendar (Veterans Day and Christmas Program, etc.), or fundraising and volunteering expectations for K-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Most of the work for a welcoming family would be done the night of the back to school picnic. What a great service this would be to a new family. If you are interested in becoming a welcoming family, contact the school office and we will send out more information as summer draws near.

### Scholarship Blessings

Over the past six years, several of our families have been able to remain enrolled at SHAS because of the help to pay tuition from the SHAS Scholarship Fund. These funds to help school families in financial need, comes from donations from many generous people from the community, mostly parishioners. Most of them do not have children in the school currently, but

they believe in what this school provides for children is very important, and has a huge impact on their lives. Some of these donors were not able to pay tuition when their children were at the school and now want to help others. They want every child to have the same opportunity. All of us want this for these children and their families as well. We are so grateful to these donors. We would not want to imagine our school without these children and their families in it. These donors have blessed us all, and we thank them.

### Fish Fry Mania



Last Friday's fish fry brought over 400 guests to eat this delicious, traditional Lenten supper. Those of us working were happy to see so many happy customers. The meal and the event were complimented by many in attendance. There were many smiles in the crowd. Thank you, parents, for working the fish fries! We are especially grateful to Fish Fry Committee that works so hard each Friday to make sure this event is perfect satisfaction of all. God bless you for your works and thank you! This meal raised \$3,300 (gross) for SHAS.



# dates to Remember

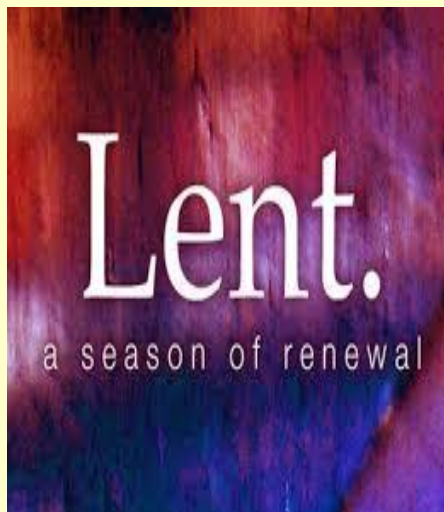
- Mar 10 Fish Fry - Grade 4
- Mar 13- Spring Break - No School  
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- Mar 17 Fish Fry - KC
- Mar 21 Pre-K & K Roundup
- Mar 24 Fish Fry - Grade 3
- Mar 31 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- Mar 31 Fish Fry - Grade 1
- Apr 3 School IS in Session
- Apr 3 2 HOUR EARLY OUT**
- Apr 7 Fish Fry - Kindergarten
- Apr 14 No School-Good Friday
- Apr 17- Iowa Basic Testing Gr. K-2  
21
- Apr 24 - Triple A & Book Fair  
28
- Apr 26 Triple A Performance Night
- Apr 29 First Communion



Pre-registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year were sent home last week. 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 as soon as possible! Thank you!

# KINDERGARTEN

Hello from Kindergarten!! Hope everyone is doing well! We are anxiously awaiting Spring Break next week!! The kindergarteners have been very busy learning new thing every day! On Monday, we finished our alphabet letters (now we know how to write all of the big letters and little letters!!! Whooooohooooo! The kids were very excited!! Now we are working on writing words and sentences! In Religion, we are learning about different ways that God blesses us. We are also learning some about the Beatitudes. In Reading, we started a new story called Animal Babies in Grasslands. The story talks about what the momma animals are called (elephant, zebra, lion, prairie dog, kangaroo, giraffe and meerkat) and what their babies are called (calf, foal, cub, pup, joey, calf and pup). The kids are also reading some books for this section called "Pat the Cat", "Tam and Sam Go to The Zoo" and "My Map". They are doing a great job and are learning new words every day! In Math, we are working on identifying, building and combining solid shapes along with finding what the surface of the solid shape looks like. In Social, we are learning about some different symbols and monuments of our country (White House, U.S.A. Flag, Bald Eagle, Lincoln Memorial and Washington Memorial). Hope you have a great rest of the week and an AWESOME spring break!! Mrs. Becker



## 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.*



The final turn in date for pennies for patients will be this Friday! These proceeds will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of Grandma Lucille. Our goal as a school is to raise \$300.00. If we reach that goal we will have a pizza party. Thank you for your help!



Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
At Sacred Heart Area School  
Mass 4:00 PM  
Social with Open Bar 5:00 PM Buffet 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!!