



SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL HEART TO HOME NEWSLETTER

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Have a great St. Patrick's Day!!!

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Principal's Message Jim Opelia

Field Trip to the Zoo!

The SHAS PreK-5th grade spring fieldtrip will be held on May 29th with a visit to The **Hemker Park and Zoo in Freeport, MN**. We are excited to take this new adventure for our school. Below is an excerpt from their website home page.



Most Minnesotans know about the Minnesota Zoo and the Como Zoo, but did you know there's a delightful animal park up north as well? This interactive park offers an up-close glimpse at animals both familiar and exotic. The Hemker Park and Zoo has more than 50 different animal species that are guaranteed to give you a hands-on experience you just can't get anywhere else. It's a unique place in Minnesota that everyone should visit at least once.

Enrollment 2018-2019

In the last week, families throughout the district received invitations to our Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup, scheduled for 6pm, March 20th, as well as our "Student for A Day" option on March 21st. We are **sending enrollment forms to our current families today**, to ensure you have the opportunity for first placement in our programs. Although you should not anticipate placement concerns in our K-5 program for your children, we ask that you **complete and return the enrollment form as soon as possible**. This is **important to us in ordering supplies and staffing**. Pizza will be served at the roundup at 6pm. The "Student for a Day" event will go from 8:00am to 12:00pm. We invite parents with children from ages 3 to 5 years or any family interested in attending SHAS to attend one of these events.

Message from Fr. Joe:

To parents, students, staff, and friends of SHAS:

I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Jim Opelia for his service to Sacred Heart Area School as a teacher and as principal. His commitment to the school is well known. In the name of the parish I would like to wish him the best as he moves on to another aspect of his life.

Although Jim will be with us until the end of June, the process of replacing Jim with a new principal is underway. The Advisory Board is actively moving forward with the process of finding a new principal.

Announcements concerning this opening have been sent out through the Diocese of St. Cloud and other appropriate resources. If there is anyone who is interested in this position or that you might think is appropriate for this position please contact me or let one of the Advisory Board members know.

We hope to fill this position as soon as we can with an appropriate candidate.

Fr. Joe Korf

Holding on to Great

All of us at SHAS are grateful for our teachers and staff, our loving little classes, and the freedom to instill Christ in the hearts of our children. One of our greatest challenges is that we have all this with no support from government funding. Because of this, families are called to work fundraisers and pay tuition. Also, our staff members are called to be great instructors and role models at a significantly reduced rate of compensation compared to a public school. It is important to us that we hold on to these people. To do this, we continually strive to improve staff pay each year. To cover the cost of this increase we must budget an increase in income. A portion of this increase will come from a moderate increase (3%) in tuition costs for next year which can be seen on the 2018-2019 enrollment forms. We want our parents to be aware of this increase. Other income increases will come from projected increases in fundraising and parish support.



- March 16 Fish Fry-- Grade 3
- March 20 Pre-K & Kindergarten Round up
- March 22 Confession after Mass-- Gr. 2 - 5
- March 23 Fish fry-- Gr. 2
- March 28 End of 3rd quarter
- March 29-30 No school-- Easter break
- April 2 No school-- Easter break
- April 16-20 MCA Testing Gr. 3-5
- April 20 Slumber Party & Dance
- April 23-27 Triple A & Book Fair
- April 25 Triple A Performances
- April 27 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- April 29 First Holy Communion (grade 2)
- May 5 Spring Blast
- May 31 Last Day of School (1/2 Day)**
This date is a change from May 30th due to our recent snow day.



The last Pennies for Patients collection will be tomorrow, Friday, March 16th.

Preschool and Kindergarten

ROUNDUP will be held 6:00-7:30PM

Tuesday, March 20th at SHAS

Pizza will be served at 6:00PM

STUDENT FOR A DAY

will be held on **Wednesday March 21st**
8:00AM-12:00PM

FANTASTIC FIRST GRADE



In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the first graders had fun building leprechaun traps. We will try our luck at catching one over the weekend. We have been learning our long vowels with a combination of letters such as "ea." We are working hard as we continue to learn our fact families for addition and subtraction. We are striving to keep our words in our heart when it is not our turn to talk, to show our respect by listening to those who are talking. Our reading is becoming more fluent and we have more sight words that are now popcorn words because we can see them and know them right away. These next months will go by fast. Enjoy the weather as Spring is arriving!

The First Graders

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Stop by the office to purchase 2018 Spring Blast tickets!
- ⇒ Purchase Scrip for the places you would shop at anyways and help raise money for the school. We have lots of cards on hand- several local businesses are participating!
- ⇒ Please continue to collect box tops for education.
- ⇒ Please remember to send winter clothing with your children everyday. This includes snow pants, jacket, hat, boots and mittens or gloves.
- ⇒ SHAS hats for sale \$20

Fridays 4:30-7:00pm at the church



March 16th &
March 23rd.

May 31st LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (1/2 Day)

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NOTE: No afterschool care this day



Winners of the "I Love to read" monthly reading challenge

Spring Blast 2018

KENTUCKY DERBY MAY 5, 2018

*Limited seating, so purchase your tickets now!
Individual tickets are \$30 per person.*

Mass: 4:00pm

Mint Julep Mingle with Cash Bar: 5:00pm

Supper: 6:00pm

Run For The Roses (live Auction) Following Supper
Silent Auction Begins at 5pm

Show up in your Derby Best for a chance at a prize!

**Save the Date for Family Fun
OVERNIGHT SLUMBER PARTY & DANCE
WITH PIZZA DINNER—APRIL 20TH**



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.