

# NEWSLETTER HEART TO HOME SCHOOL

March 23, 2017  
Newsletter #26

## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

### New Families to SHAS

Tuesday evening SHAS hosted its annual Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup, which was well attended by new, as well as current, SHAS families. Young children had the opportunity to meet their next year's teacher and enjoy time playing with future classmates in their soon to be classroom. It was wonderful to see so many new faces that have heard about SHAS from our current families and now want to become a part of our school. Pizza was served and Mr. Opelia, Mrs. Koetter, and Mrs. Becker had a parent orientation/slide show to share. On Wednesday morning, next year's students had an opportunity to experience preschool or kindergarten for a few hours. Five new preschoolers took advantage of this, while the current preschoolers that will be in kindergarten next year got to spend time with the kindergarten for the morning. A great time was had by all!



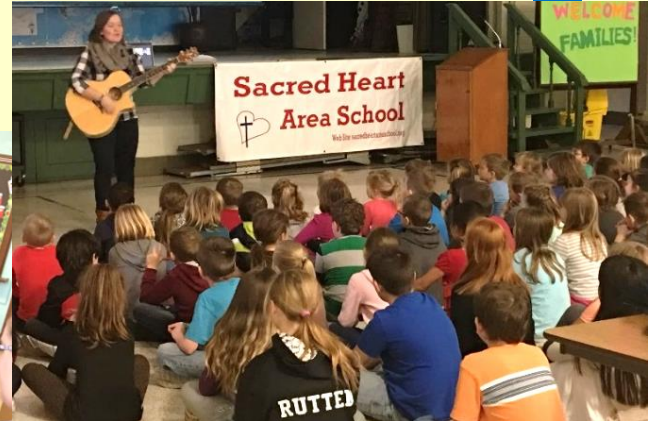
*Next year's kindergarteners with the current kindergarteners*

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*Ann Getzky playing her guitar for SHAS students*

### Welcoming Family

Are you interested in becoming a welcoming family? Make a phone call to a new school family one week prior to the "Back to School Picnic" and meet them there. Introduce them to other families in the school. Share information with them you feel would be important. If you are interested in becoming a welcoming family, contact the school office, where we will send out more information as summer draws nearer.



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**Now  
Enrolling!**

Pre-registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year were sent home. These forms help with planning for the next school year so that we can order books and plan for staffing. I have only gotten around 25 back. If your child will be attending SHAS next year please return the form by Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>!

# dates to Remember

- 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
- May 1- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Audubon Trip  
3
- May 3 Mid - Quarter 4
- May 5 2 Hour Early Out
- May 6 Spring Blast
- May 19 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- May 29 Memorial Day - No School
- June 2 Last Day of School ½ Day  
12:20 Release Time
- June 2 No After School Care



## 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.*



SPRINT INTO SUMMER

## 5K AND KIDS' FUN RUN

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH | 9:30AM

**Day of Race Schedule**  
**8:30am** Registration Begins  
**9:30am** 5K Race Starts  
 Kids' Fun Run to follow (approx. 10:30am)  
 Race will begin at Sacred Heart School

**Drawings/Prizes/Medals will be awarded!!!**

<b>Sponsored by:</b>	<b>Registration Cost:</b>
Lakewood Health System	\$20 Early Bird Price <small>(by April 14th)</small>
Snap Fitness	\$30 Day of Race
Spandl Chiropractic	\$15 Kids' Fun Run
Landis + Gyr	

Registration forms can be picked up and turned in at

\*T-shirts guaranteed for all preregistered racers



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!!

If you have anything you would like to donate for either the live or silent auction we are in need of the following:

- Large items for our live auction -  
 Examples: furniture, antiques, trips, homemade dinners, services, overnight stay at your family cabin, unique items, etc....
- Items or gift baskets for our silent auction

**Come and join us for a fun adult night out!**

# PRE-SCHOOL NEWS!

This year has flown by so fast! My students have grown in leaps and bounds. I love teaching this particular age group because you can really see the progress they make in such a short period of time. We are presently studying animals and their habitats. We finished up arctic animals and are moving on to jungle and desert animals. This class really likes their animals!

We had Kindergarten/Preschool Round Up this past Tuesday evening. I hope the new families were as impressed with SHAS as I was with them. Parents came well prepared with lots of thoughtful questions. I really enjoy talking with them and getting to meet potential preschoolers.

We introduced something new this year to let the students come into school and experience

Preschool/Kindergarten for the morning. I did not want their coming to school for the first time to be a traumatic experience, so we invited them to come in and just check us out and their own pace. My Kindergarten bound preschoolers were so excited to see what Kindergarten is really like. It was nice for them to see that they do have more to learn. The kiddos that visited the preschool room were excited to be here and eager to learn. The only tears we saw in my room was at the end, because they did not to leave. Many asked if they could come back tomorrow.

Watch for a preschool newsletter to come home soon with the dates for Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Field Trip and Graduation dates. Thanks for making it a GREAT year!