

# Heart to Home School Newsletter

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

### Spotlight-Kindergarten



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### EASTER EGG HUNT

For all children aged 12 and  
under

**Come and join the fun and  
celebrate the start of  
Holy week  
Palm Sunday, March 24**

Little kids at 9:45 and  
big kids to follow  
Try to find as many  
eggs as you can  
Find a **GOLDEN EGG** for  
special prize!

The hunt will be in the Sacred  
Heart School gym

Sponsored by SHAS Home and  
School Association  
Call Elizabeth with questions  
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Sacred Heart Area School has been blessed with great teachers. This week we spot light Miss Vanessa Jonckowski, who grew up in Browerville attending Christ the King Catholic School and Browerville High School. In 2008 she graduated from St. Cloud State University, with a degree in Elementary Education. This year is Miss Vanessa Jonckowski's second year with us, but her first year as the kindergarten teacher, as she was our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2010-2011 school-year. "I'm so excited to be back!!" she exclaims. "Coming back as the kindergarten teacher was a big change, but I love it!" Miss Jonckowski enjoys the challenges of working with beginning learners, as she teaches to such themes as, All about Me, Apples, and Colors and Shapes. Miss Jonckowski's classroom is organized into learning centers which allow her students to learn in various styles. She is a whiz with technology, utilizing her interactive whiteboard throughout the day. "Reading is an important component of kindergarten" she explains. "With an already small class, we are able to give a lot of one-on-one attention during reading class when we break into small groups, learning sight words, rhyming words, and mastering our letters and letter sounds." SHAS's current average class size is 10 students. "This is a great place to teach!" she says. "I really enjoy my students and the people I work with." In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews, hanging out with family and friends, or enjoying the outdoors during any season.

### A Community of Teachers

The old saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." stands true. The love, hard work, and dedication our school/church and community puts forth toward our children's faith based education speak volumes. The SHAS teachers and staff have worked extra hard this year to give the greatest quality of education to our students possible, through open mindedness, collaboration, and continually reassessing what we teach. Our parishioner friends again hosted the Railroad Days garage sale, and the Knights of Columbus again continued the KC Raffle Calendar, and replaced the school's sidewalk. Our area parishes' support and individual contributions to the SHAS Scholarship Fund for families in need has been incredible. Our school families/parents have worked hand in hand and harder than ever this year to make our school prosper. They sacrifice a great deal, to give the children an education, which will be a foundation for a life of happiness and fulfillment. All of these works are done out of a belief in the school's mission and a love for its children and our God. Through our example, we are instilling in our youth the very same values that have upheld the Church for 2,000 years and built the greatest nation on Earth. In the middle of a world filled with the sense of entitlement and selfishness, we shine like a city on a hill for all to see. God bless you for your part in building the Kingdom! We hope to see you tonight for Pizza!

### Round'em Up!

Our "**Wild About God**" **Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up** for Sacred Heart Area School will be held **April 9<sup>th</sup>** in the school gymnasium. Please help us reach out to new families from our neighborhoods and families by inviting them to join us for round up, learn more about our school, and encouraging them to explore our website, [sacredheartareaschool.org](http://sacredheartareaschool.org). Keep in mind that we are continually adding to and improving our website, so **return often & Spread the Word!** God bless you and your families this week!



- Mar 14 Complimentary Pizza Supper, and Spelling Bee
- Mar 18 Spring Pictures
- Mar 19 Spring Blast Meeting  
5:00 pm @ SHAS
- Mar 27 End of Quarter 3
- Mar 28 NO SCHOOL
- Mar 29 NO SCHOOL
- Apr 1 NO SCHOOL
- Apr 5 Dance and Slumber Party
- Apr 9 Pre-K & K Roundup
- Apr 12 2 Hour Early Out
- Apr 20 Spring Blast
- Apr 30 Mid – Quarter 4
- May 3 2 Hour Early Out



Mark your calendars and get ready for Picture Day on **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Spring pictures work a little different, no money needs to be sent the day of pictures. Instead, all children are photographed and packages are sent home with your child and you can then decide if you would like to purchase them. Class pictures will also be taken that day so unless your child is sick, please try to have them here that day with their smiles ready!



Hello from 2nd grade!  
 Congratulations to our 2nd graders for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Now that spring has arrived, we are preparing for First Communion which will be held on Saturday, May 4th. We are currently learning about the parts of the mass and Lent. We finished our chapter on Geometry in math and have gone back to double digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. We have also started an online program called Xtramath.com. This program is free for parents or teachers and helps teach the basic facts. The 2nd grade highly recommends it!  
 We have learned about adjectives and are now learning adverbs in grammar. In reading we finished two informational texts; one on pumpkins and one on frogs. During our social studies unit, we made *Me on the Map* books to show where we lived on the earth. Have a great rest of the month!  
 Mrs. Johnson



**The Sacred Heart Spring Blast committee needs your help!!**  
**Every year we have a raffle for a garden wagon and a liquor wagon at the Spring Blast. These wagons will be filled with items such as plants, gardening tools, soil, planters, different types of liquor, beer, wine, etc.. In the past, these 2 wagons, full of items, have made over a thousand dollars each. What we need from you are items to put in these wagons. We ask that parents please donate items to fill these wagons. Your items can be brought to the school now up until the Spring Blast which will be held April 20<sup>th</sup>, right here at the school. If you want to buy tickets to this wonderful event you can do that in the school office.**



*God is great.  
 Be grateful.*

*“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.”  
 Psalm 118:29*



**Mission Statement**

*As believers in God, and moved by the power of the Holy Spirit, we foster spiritual and academic formation of our students in a positive, welcoming atmosphere that reflects a respect for all people.*



**Do you have any old decks of cards laying around that are missing a card or two? If you do and would like to get rid of them please send them to school. Thank you!**