

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Support our School!

The next Scrip order will go in on Thursday, March 30th. Please see the form that was sent home with the newsletter for all of the great places you can shop with Scrip while at the same time raising money for the school!!

Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

National Nutrition Month

Marches On...



Barb Peterson teaching preschoolers

This week and next, retired nutrition specialist /volunteer, Barb Peterson will be teaching students at SHAS about healthy food and drink choices and the MyPlate model to healthy eating. Barb works with our children each Monday, acting as a third foster grandma in our building, as well as helping in the office.

Alumni Helping Our Students

The Sacred Heart Area School Alumni & Friends Association is made up of over 1,200 members across the nation. Each year several members donate to the SHAS Alumni Fund. These funds are used to help the school continue to thrive. This year alumni donations will go to the purchase of a newly adopted preschool curriculum, "Big Day for Pre-K". As part of our goal to achieve academic excellence, it is important for the school to have comprehensive curriculum as a guide for our preschool teachers to best prepare our students for the rigor of kindergarten and beyond. In addition, the alumni and friends have also funded the purchase of a new summer workbook/curriculum for families, "Summer Bridges Activities". This too is to help prevent our students from losing so many skills and knowledge over the summer months, which have been evident in our fall NWEA assessments. Other ways the organization has helped is in providing lyceums, funding field trips, purchasing science equipment, and replacing technology, furnishings and equipment around the building. All of us at SHAS are grateful to our alumni and friends for their continued support.



SHAS's new preschool curriculum "Big Day for Pre-K" and Summer Bridge Activities workbooks for all students kindergarten or higher next year.

Summer Bridge

As mentioned in the first article, SHAS students will receive a Summer Bridge Activity Workbook at the end of the school year. These workbooks are specialized to meet the needs of each individual grade level of students, to better prepare them for their next school year and help them retain the knowledge they have learned during their completed school year. The faculty and school advisory board came to the conclusion to pursue this endeavor after studying and comparing our students NWEA fall test scores with the previous springs test scores, where a pattern of decline was recognizable. We ask that parents encourage their children to take full advantage of these workbooks this summer, which by all means will be self-paced and voluntary. The staff will make this fun for kids by introducing incentives for them to complete the tasks throughout the summer with rewards which will be awarded at the start of school next fall. Summer is a well deserved vacation for kids, but does not have to be a vacation from learning. More details about this workbook will be shared on Family Appreciation Night, April 8th.





- Mar 18 Fish Fry – Gr. K
- Mar 20 Easter Egg Hunt
- Mar 22 Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup
- Mar 23 End of Quarter 3
- Mar 24- No School-Easter Break 28
- Apr 8 2 Hour Early Out
- Apr 8 Pizza Party, Dance, Sleepover, and Family Appreciation
- 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
- May 2 NWEA Testing
- May 2- Scholastic Book Fair 5
- May 2- Triple A Week 4
- May 4 Triple A Performances
- May 6 2 Hour Early Out
- May 7 Spring Blast
- May 30 Memorial Day – No School
- Jun 2 Last Day of School
Half Day 12:10 Release Time



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.



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 have not had a lot of pre-registrations returned so if you have not yet returned yours please do, it is very important in helping us plan for next year.



Come and join the fun and celebrate the start of Holy week
Palm Sunday, March 20th
After 8:30 am mass
Bring a bag or basket to fill with treats and try to find as many eggs as you can.



The hunt will be on the playground. If weather does not permit it will be moved to the school gym. Sponsored by SHAS Home and School Association

fabulous first grade

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Can you believe we only have 50 days of school left? This year has gone by fast. Last week, the first graders went on a rock hunt for science. We are learning about the three types of rocks and what makes them similar and different. We are also learning about measurements in math using standard and nonstandard units. We measured with worms, feet, and rulers. We are also making estimates of how long something is. We estimated how far we would go taking one hundred steps and then we took those steps to see if we were close or not. We are learning about different traditions in reading. This week, we are talking about the Moon Festival celebrated in China, and about Independence Day that we celebrate here in America on July 4th. Continue to encourage your child to keep reading and practicing their fact families! - Mrs. DiGiovanni



Tomorrow is the last day to turn in money for Pennies for Patients. Bring in your change and help support The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of Grandma Lucille. Thank you!