

Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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March is Minnesota food share month. Along with the free rice campaign the kids are doing at home we are collecting food for the food shelf, and our baskets are pretty empty. Please send a non-perishable food item with your child to school and help fill our baskets!

Family Appreciation Night

We have the greatest appreciation for our Sacred Heart Area School families for all they do throughout the year for our school. In response, we will be hosting a family appreciation dinner (complimentary Giovanni's Pizza) at the school on April 2nd, prior to the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. We hope you can make it.



Continued Success

Last Thursday night was one of our busiest dance nights yet. The dance raised \$492 for our school field trip. Thank you parents and Fish Fry Committee for the continued success of our Friday Lenten Dinners. We are grateful for all those who have helped so far by working or supporting it by coming to eat. So far, the average **gross** profits from each of the dinners have been \$2,300. The Knights of Columbus ran last Friday's dinner to once again help the school in a huge way. Thanks (Our Heroes) the Knights!

A Busy Scheduled Month

The month of May will be very busy, as usual, for our Sacred Heart Area School family. Here are some dates to start putting on your calendars. Some of these dates are subject to change if we have more school closings.

<i>Spring Blast (we will need help)</i>	<i>May 3rd</i>
<i>First Communion</i>	<i>May 4th</i>
<i>AAA Performances & Presentations</i> <i>(AAA = Arts and Academic Awards)</i>	<i>May 7th</i>
<i>5TH/6TH Grade puberty class</i>	<i>May 8th</i>
<i>AAA week and Book Fair</i>	<i>May 5-9</i>
<i>School Field Trip</i>	<i>May 16th</i>
<i>Kindergarten Graduation</i>	<i>May 19th</i>
<i>4th - 6th Grade Field Trip to Capitol</i>	<i>May 20th</i>
<i>Preschool Graduation/Concert (W/F)</i>	<i>May 21st</i>
<i>Preschool Graduation/Concert (T/Th)</i>	<i>May 22nd</i>
<i>SHAS 5th/6th Grade Graduation</i>	<i>May 23rd</i>
<i>Last Day of School / End of Year Picnic</i>	<i>May 30th</i>
<i>(Please note date change from 29th.)</i>	

Round'em Up on April 8th



SHAS Preschool Students

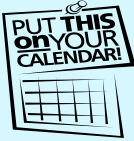
We are looking forward to the upcoming school year, which will be Sacred Heart Area School's centennial year. We invite all families of Christian faith, especially our local parishioners, to consider joining our school family. Our Preschool and Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Tuesday, April 8th, in the school gymnasium. This open house from 6:30-7:30pm is a great opportunity for families to meet their teachers and see their school for next year. 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.



Always busy in Kindergarten

The Road Map

As part of your information sharing about our school, invite your friends and neighbors to explore our website, sacredheartareaschool.org. We want our current families and prospective families to know what this school has to offer. Our "4Parents" tab has been recently updated to provide important helpful links for parents.



- Mar 28 Fish Fry
- Apr 2 Family Appreciation Night
- Apr 4 2 Hour Early Out
- Apr 4 Fish Fry
- Apr 8 Pre-K & K Roundup
- Apr 11 Fish Fry
- Apr 13 Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 17 – 21 Easter Break
- Apr 24 Mid-Quarter 4
- May 2 2 Hour Early Out
- May 3 Spring Blast
- May 7th Triple A Performances and Presentations
- May 4 First Communion
- May 5-9 Scholastic Book Fair
- May 7 Parents Night – Triple A
- May 26 No School
- May 30 Last Day of School ½ Day



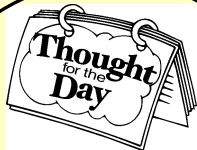
Hello from the 2nd grade! We have been learning all about measurement in math. During religion we continue to prepare for our First Holy Communion. We are reading about a little girl whose mother made her a quilt and we are talking about heirlooms. We have started Writer's Workshop and the students are loving writing their own stories! Let's hope that next week brings better weather!! Have a great weekend!



Every year at the Spring Blast we have a garden and liquor wagon that we auction off. On average these wagons make \$1,000.00 the night of the Spring Blast. We need some items to fill these wagons and that is where you come in. If you have something you could donate for either or both, please bring them to Sandy in the office.



It's hard to believe that we are already into the fourth quarter of the school year. It feels like each year goes by faster than the last. In math we finished up our unit on measurement in the coolest way we knew how - the Measurement Olympics! The "Shot Put" was to see how far you could throw a cotton ball, the "High Jump" was to see how high you could jump and mark the spot on a board, the "Long Jump" was to see how far you could jump forward, the "Discus Throw" was to see how far you could throw a paper plate, and the "Javelin Throw" was to see how far you could throw a straw. The students were to decide how they were going to measure each distance to the nearest half inch. At each station they were given the options of a ruler, a yard stick, and a tape measure. They had a blast doing this and, of course, medals were given out to the top three in each category. Since then we have moved on to telling time to the minute and determining elapsed time to the minute. The students are doing extremely well with this and are so excited to be able to tell me the time at any given time of the day. They also like to try and figure out how much longer they have in doing things before moving on to the next subject. In science we will be wrapping up our unit on animals. We have classified the different animal groups and discussed how the young resemble their adult parents. We will end the unit by finding out what the difference is between traits that are learned and those that are inherited. Only nine weeks left with my cherubs and so much yet for them to learn! As it snows outside can you even imagine that in 9 weeks it will be summer vacation?! We are now a group of 11, welcome to our room Arissa!



Unity means we agree on our purpose: to work together for God.

*"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity."
Psalm 133:1*



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.



There will be a Scrip order going in on Friday, April 4th. Please send your order and payment to the school! Remember, Scrip is an easy way for the school to make extra money without costing you anything. If you have questions about Scrip and how it works please contact Sandy in the office.



Please Help Us Plan

If you have not yet turned in enrollment forms for the 2014-2015 school year, please do so as soon as possible or contact the school regarding your intentions for next year. This will benefit all our parents, staff, and students. Thank You!