

# Heart to Home School Newsletter

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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There is lots of testing going on at school next week. Please make sure your child is well rested and has a good breakfast. Attendance is always important, but extra important next week! Thank you!

### Have a Wonderful Easter!

All of us at Sacred Heart Area School wish all of you a very blessed Easter with your families, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. May God bless you all in this season of Joy!

### A BIG Short Week!

This past week, in addition to the Holy Week activities, was very eventful at our school, with the MNSAA visitation team here April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. They spent their time analyzing every aspect of our school as to how it meets the high standards set by the Minnesota Nonpublic Accrediting Association (MNSAA). This study investigated our curriculum, methods of instruction and assessment, school climate and facilities, community relations, personnel and how well we follow our mission and philosophy. Thank you to the School Advisory Board, Home and School, staff and families of Sacred Heart who have all, in some way, been preparing for this event for the past two years. It has been a positive growing experience for us all. The initial report from the team was very positive toward the school. They enjoyed meeting the school advisory board members, the staff, home and school leaders, and talking to several of our parents through phone conversations. They especially commended the works of the teaching staff for implementing the Marzano instructional strategies in their classrooms, and the great works of the support staff for carrying us along through the year in so many ways. They also were very impressed with the loving, well behaved students, which we are so blessed to share our days with. It will likely be the end of the school year before the MNSAA Board of Directors put their final stamp on this report which will be shared with all of us at that time.

### Great Lenten Service to Community

SHAS is grateful to all who attended, worked, or organized our Lenten Fish Fries the past 7 weeks. These meals have become very popular for their taste, affordability, and providing great fellowship in the community. Special thanks to the hard-working fish fry committee members, who have dedicated so much of their time to these fries each week! Thank you Bryan Winkels for your leadership in the past few

years, organizing the committee and the meals!

### Oh What a Night!



We are very excited about the fun next Friday night at SHAS for Family Appreciation night. Pizza will be served at 6pm followed by the dance at 6:30pm. At 8:30 we will have popcorn and a movie. We look forward to our overnight slumber after that. Students are encouraged to bring sleeping bags, pillows, favorite board games, etc... We will have snacks and movies available as well. If your child is not spending the night we ask that you pick them up by 10pm, and for those spending the night to be picked up by 7am on Saturday morning.



### Please HELP!!!

This coming Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, we will be conducting our Adopt a Highway Cleanup on Hwy 210, between Motley and Staples, from the Four-Legged Lodge to 2 miles west (mile markers 112-114), both sides, not the median. Please consider helping. This event should take no more than an hour if we have enough help, but it takes 2 hours if we don't get enough help picking up refuse. This is fun and rewarding, but 2 hours does get long. Please call the school if you think you are willing and may be able to help with this event.

“Sprint Into Summer”  
5K and Kids 1K  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Registration forms  
available in the office!!

## Mark Your Calendar

- Apr 14 No School-Good Friday
- Apr 17- Iowa Basic Testing Gr. K-2  
21
- Apr 17- MCA Testing Gr. 3-5  
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  
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- May 3 Mid - Quarter 4
- May 5 2 Hour Early Out
- May 6 Spring Blast
- May 18 5th Grade Graduation
- May 19 Hooked on Fishing - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- May 19 Kindergarten 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.*



**Spring Blast is quickly approaching and we need your help! Every year we ask that parents donate items to fill our garden and liquor wagons. We will raffle them off at the Spring Blast. Last year they each profited around \$1,000.00 each. We decided to split them up amongst classes this year to try to make them bigger and better than ever!!**

#### **Garden Wagon - Kindergarten, 1st, and 4th grades**

- **Suggested donations: potting/mixing soil, plant food, grass seed, hose, sprinkler, hose nozzle or wand, pot or planter, shepherds hook, bird feeder, watering can, plants, accessories**

#### **Liquor Wagon - 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades**

- **Suggested donations: alcohol (duh!), shaker, mixologist set, bartending book, flask, cooler, or other accessories**

**If you are interested in donating other items to the auction, please talk with Sandy. All donations are welcome (and tax deductible) and we appreciate your support!**

**Also, the Spring Blast is a fun, adult evening. If you are interested in attending, tickets are \$30 and available through Sandy.**

**Please turn in your donations by Friday, April 28th. Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you at the Spring Blast!**



It is hard to believe we only have seven weeks left of this school year. Each year seems to go by even faster than the one before it and this year is no different. The Third Graders have been working so hard on mastering their multiplication and division facts along with exploring the world of fractions which they have found to be very fun! Our next adventure in math will be parallel, perpendicular, and intersecting lines as well as angles - things sure to be on our MCA and NWEA tests! In science, we have been working on sound energy - doing many experiments to show pitch, volume and how sound is made. The students made paper cup phones to show how sound travels and pan flutes from straws to show how pitch can be affected. Their last challenge will be to see if they can make up a song with it. We are just about ready to begin light energy. During Lent, the Third Graders did service by completely setting up all of the tables for the fish fry dinners down in the church basement. I am always amazed at how excited the students are to be doing this. They say it is just to get out of work but I know that they actually like having that weekly responsibility - each taking on a certain task to get the job done. Today being Holy Thursday, we did many activities that brought our focus unto the real meaning of Easter. We watch the "Rugrat Passover" movie, took part in the Fifth Grade Seder Meal, made Easter Wreaths, and did the "Resurrection Eggs" which allows students to see, touch, and hear the story of Easter. It includes 12 Bible verse readings, parts of the story, and opening eggs to reveal symbols of Jesus' journey to the cross. Each student completed a booklet of their own to share with their families. Enjoy this beautiful weather and have a Happy Easter!