

Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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Now
Enrolling!

Please Help Us Plan
If you have not yet turned in enrollment forms for the 2015-2016 school year, please do ASAP! This is helpful to our staff and teachers so we can start planning for next year. Thank You!

Christ

"Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.

He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes.

He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration for its students."

*Author
Unknown*



3rd graders learning about the Sun, Moon, and Earth

Learning and Growing Together

With all this beautiful weather, it can be hard for boys and girls to keep focus on school studies. Our students and staff are doing a fabulous job. This has been a great year for learning for all of us. The practices of Marzano have given us new and innovative tools to work with. New teachers have brought new ideas to us. Veteran teachers have come up with new resources to share in classrooms as well. NWEA scores have showed a great deal of growth in students as well. We have all grown together in new knowledge and we have had the finest cooperation from our students in years. Thanks everyone for a great year!

Testing Next Week

Be sure to have your children get plenty of sleep and breakfast for testing next week. Kindergarten-2nd grade will take the IOWA Basic Tests, while 3rd-5th

graders will take online MCA tests in Reading and Math.

A Great Weekend Ahead

This weekend will be one of the biggest weekends of the year for our school, with our spring blast dinner and auction. Each year, this event is greatly enjoyed by an average of 250 attending. The event raises about \$40,000 annually for SHAS. Each year in the middle of the live auction, we have a special project donation request, which has funded several projects through the years, including our front entrance doors / secured access, our sidewalks, library carpeting, more efficient upgraded lighting throughout the school, and interactive whiteboards. This year's donation request will be for help in funding playground improvements. Thank you to all of you who are doing so much to make this event a success!

An Evening for Your Family Next Friday

Join us next Friday as we celebrate you, our families, with a pizza dinner, dance, and an overnight slumber party to follow. There is no cost to you or your family for any of this. If any parents wish to help chaperone this overnight event, please let us know ahead of time so we can get you through a short and painless annual safe environment training.





- Apr 18 Spring Blast
- Apr 20- Iowa Basic Testing
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- Apr 24 Mid Quarter 4
- Apr 24 Family Appreciation and Slumber Party
- Apr 27- 4th and 5th Grade Audubon Trip
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- May 2 First Holy Communion
- May 4- AAA Week
6
- May 4- Scholastic Book Fair
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- May 4- NWEA Testing
15
- May 5 6th Grade Orientation at Middle School for 5th Graders
- May 6 Parents Night and AAA Performances
- May 7 Field Trip to Twins Game
- May 8 2 Hour Early Out
- May 13 Preschool Concert 2:30
- May 14 Preschool Concert 2:30
- May 20 Preschool Field Trip To Zoo
- May 20 Kindergarten Graduation 2:15
- May 22 5th Grade Graduation
- May 25 No School
- May 27 Last Day Of School ½ Day



We are still in need of volunteers for the Spring Blast Saturday night. If you are able to help for an hour or two please let Sandy know!!



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!



SPRING BLAST UPDATE!!

Last call for liquor and garden wagon items! We are still in need of both, if you can help out it would be much appreciated!!



Wow! What beautiful weather we are having. Spring is here and we are welcoming it with open arms here in 4th Grade. We have finally completed our fraction unit. Did you know that multiplying fractions is easier than adding them? Well, it is! We can multiply and divide different fractions with ease. We are able to add and subtract fractions that have "like" denominators, and we are even able to add and subtract "unlike" fractions by finding the Easiest Common Denominator (ECD). Now that we are finished with fractions we are beginning to do some practice tests for the MCA test we have coming up next week.

We will also be working hard in Science this month. We are learning about circuits, and all that goes with them: closed circuits, open circuits, parallel circuits, conductors, insulators, and even electromagnets. So far we are able to create our own simple circuit and then test different materials to see if they are conductors or insulators. We know that it is a conductor if the light turns on because the circuit is then closed, and the energy is able to make a complete circle.

All of us here in 4th grade are also super, super anxious for our class trip to the Audubon Center with the 5th graders. We have only six school days or ten whole days counting weekends before we leave. We have been asking many questions about what to expect and telling each other what we are most excited to try while we are there.

Have a blessed, sunshiny weekend!
Mrs. P and the 4th Graders



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.