

# 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!

### Great Fun All Night!



*Students playing games into the early morning hours*

On Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, SHAS hosted its annual family appreciation dinner, with complimentary pizza made by Giovanni's Pizza. Families were recognized for all they do for their school to keep it prospering throughout the year. After dinner, we enjoyed our last school dance of the year, and then finally the overnight slumber party. Both of these fun events were awards to the students for their work raising funds for our school's annual fundraiser, the carnival last February. During the slumber party, students had the option of playing board games, ball games, and movies throughout the night, with the final band of "late-nighters" falling asleep around 4:00 am. This is one of the most highly anticipated fun events of the school year for students.



*Watching movies at overnight slumber party*

### Testing Next Week

Students at SHAS will be completing their end of the year summative assessments next week. Grades kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grades will be taking the IOWA Basic Skills Test on paper, while grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will be taking the MCA tests on line for Language Arts and Math, as well as Science for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Please be sure your children get plenty of sleep each night next week. Talk to them about the importance of doing their best on these tests. It is all we ask of them. Tests are a "snap shot" of each student's achievement for the year. It is their chance to show what they have accomplished.

### Remembering Our Grandmas



On May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, we will have a dove release ceremony on the Sacred Heart Area School Playground for Grandma Mona and Grandma Lucille. This event is sponsored anonymously through the Lakewood Hospice Foundation. All are welcome to attend. If it rains, this will be rescheduled for a different date.



"Sprint Into Summer"

5K and Kids 1K

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Registration forms available in  
the office!!



- Apr 18 Iowa Basic Skills Testing 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 2-5 Scholastic Book Fair
- May 2-4 Triple A Week
- May 4 Triple A Performances
- May 4 Muffins with Moms in Preschool 2:00
- May 5 Muffins with Moms in Preschool 2:00
- May 6 2 Hour Early Out
- May 7 Spring Blast
- May 14 Sprint Into Summer 5K
- May 16 1-5 Field Trip to Duluth
- May 18 Donuts with Dads in Preschool 2:00
- May 19 Donuts with Dads in Preschool 2:00
- May 19 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- May 20 Hooked on Fishing 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- May 20 Kindergarten Graduation 2:30
- May 24 PreK – K Field Trip
- May 25 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to State Capitol
- May 27 **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.*



**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**At Sacred Heart Area School**  
**Social with Bar 5:00 PM**  
**Dinner 6:00-7:00 PM**  
**Silent Auction 5:00 PM**  
**Live Auction following dinner**  
**Limited seating so purchase your tickets now!**  
**Individual tickets are \$30 per person.**  
**Tickets are available to purchase at Sacred Heart Area School!!**

**We are in need of the following:**

- **Large items for our live auction –Examples: furniture, antiques, trips, homemade dinners, services, overnight stay at your family cabin, unique items, etc....**
- **Items or gift baskets for our silent auction**

**Come and join us for a fun adult night out!**

Event hosted by First Catholic Slavik Ladies Association



### ITEMS NEEDED

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 are asking parents to donate items to fill these wagons. If you have something you could donate for either or both, please bring them to Sandy in the office.



Fourth grade has been busy! The year is coming to an end and we are trying to complete many different things. The weather is finally getting nice, but we still need to have hats and coats here.

We are learning about circuits, electromagnets, and magnets in science. We are investigating how the magnetic field is affected if we add more than one magnet. We are finding out that the more magnets, the stronger the magnetic field is.

We are reading about Antarctica in our reading selection this week. Did you know the sun never sets there?! We researched Antarctica using a Database on the GRRL website. We learned a lot about the land, climate, and why researchers go to Antarctica. After learning about the continent, we created a huge concept map together as a class.

Also, this week we are working really hard in math. We finished our unit on algebra and we did super well. Our MCA's are coming up next week so we have been practicing different concepts and reviewing what we learned earlier in the year. So far, so good. Make sure to get a good night's rest and a good breakfast before each test.

We hope everyone has a great weekend! God Bless - Mrs. P and the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders.