



# SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL HEART TO HOME NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message Jim Opelia

### Making Reading Fun



Volunteer librarians: Tammy Walz (left) & Mary Murray (right)

Our volunteer librarians, Mary Murray and Tammy Walz, have done a marvelous job of working together to make our library a quality and fun experience for our students. Last week, Tammy and Mary decorated to the theme of fishing at the lake and read a fun fishing story to the kids. Each holiday, they do something fun to entertain the kids and inspire a love for reading. We are so grateful to them for all their hard work.

### Wrapping It Up

Don't forget, we have our all school fieldtrip on **May 29<sup>th</sup> to the Hemker Park Zoo** in Freeport, MN. **The fee per student is only \$5.** The actual expense is \$15, but the school dance income this year of over \$1,000 is covering the rest. Keep dancing! **Next Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders** will enjoy their fieldtrip to the **state capital, science museum, and Como Park.** We also will **celebrate the end of this year together Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00AM** with our traditional **"End of Year Potluck Picnic"**. We hope you can join us. This last day is a half day of school and busses will pick up students at 12:20PM. There will be no afterschool care this day. Thank you all for a fabulous year. God bless you all this summer!

### Meals for Garage Sale Volunteers

Last fall we met with the garage sale committee to change the time of the garage sale to June for a better beginning of the school year, and to not call our parents, demanding lunches for volunteers. Instead, we agreed that we will ask for volunteers willing to prepare a lunch for the garage sale workers one day during the month of June. Please consider

signing up to prepare one of these lunches and delivering to the school one day this June. This would be a great help to, and great gesture toward, these mostly elderly, people that raise on average over \$10,000 annually during their 3 day sale. Thank you all!

### Hard Work Paying Off

Over the past few years, teachers have worked hard studying, and implementing teaching strategies by Dr. Robert Marzano, and the creation and implementation of learning goals and scales for our Minnesota Academic Standards in math and language arts. Our primary focus last year was math, with this year's and next year's focus on Reading/Language Arts. We are happy to say we are seeing positive results from our works. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students' MCA scores have improved significantly over the past two years, with the vast majority of our students now meeting or exceeding the standards this spring. I am very grateful to all the teachers for their hard work in the past, and their continued commitment to continue to increase our children's potential. As I have said before, our school is in a position most schools would like to be in. The implementation of these new teaching strategies is taking place throughout the schools of the St. Cloud Diocese.

### Summer Bridges



As we did the last couple of years at the end of the school year, SHAS students will receive a Summer Bridges Activity Workbook. 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 staff has made this fun for kids by introducing incentives for them to complete the tasks throughout the summer and return their completed books next fall to receive rewards which will be awarded at the start of school. We ask that parents encourage their children to take full advantage of these workbooks this summer, which will be self-paced and voluntary.



Mark Your Calendars

## EVENTS



- May 18 Hooked on Fishing-- 4th grade only
- May 22 4th & 5th grade field trip to cities
- May 24 Preschool & Kindergarten graduation
- May 25 5th grade graduation
- May 28 No School-- Memorial Day
- May 29 All school field trip to Zoo

### May 31 Last Day of School (1/2 Day)

This date is a change from May 30th due to our recent snow day. Note: No afterschool care this day

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23



### Mission Statement

As believers in God, and moved by the power of the Holy Spirit, we foster spiritual and academic formation of our students in a positive, welcoming atmosphere that reflects a respect for all people.

Hello From Kindergarten!!!

# Kindergarten

We can't believe there are only 8.5 days of school left! WOW!! This year went by really fast! We are finishing up with lots of end of the school year stuff! We just finished our last Religion lesson where we talked about how we celebrate with the Saints. We talked about how we can pray to the saints and ask them to help us with something, to keep us safe and to protect us. In Reading, we are reading a story called "Homes Around the World". It's about how homes are made and what they are made of. Some homes are made from bricks, wood, stones, mud, grass, etc. Some homes are made for very hot places and some are made for cold places. In Science, we are learning about what kinds of things you see in the different seasons we have. Summer = people playing in the water. Fall = leaves falling from the trees. Winter = people all bundled up making snow angels. Spring = grass green, leaves coming back on the trees and rainy weather. We are getting ready for graduation, which is next Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm!! We are also getting very excited for our all school field trip to the Hemker Zoo in Freeport on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>!!!! Have a great rest of the week and awesome last 2 weeks of school!!

Mrs. Becker and the Kindergarteners



Spring is here!!! Just a reminder that our school policy is as follows:

- \* Shorts are not allowed to be worn unless that morning's forecast is for 75° F or warmer.
- \* No gym shorts, biker shorts, or cut off shorts are allowed.
- \* Shorts cannot be worn to Mass, however, students will be allowed to change into shorts after Mass if the weather is appropriate.
- \* Student need to have enclosed shoes to wear outside at recess, no sandals. We don't want any injuries.
- \* Students must have a long sleeve shirt, sweatshirt or Spring jacket for outside at recess.

Field trip permission slips were sent home Wednesday with the students. Please be sure to get these filled out and returned with payment no later than Wednesday, May 23rd. The all school field trip will be on Tuesday, May 29th.



April Student of the Month

Rose Zimmermann, Jack Norris, Ben Rutten, Alexa Dolezal, John Schotzko, Ava Birkholtz, Axel Mertens



Please check out the lost and found area in the gym. Any items unclaimed by the last day of school will be donated to the garage sale.



Please join us for our annual "Last Day of School" picnic on Thursday, May 31st. The potluck will be served at 11:00 am, so please be here with your potluck item by 10:30. Mass will be at 8:30am that day. Each family is asked to bring a potluck item to share. The picnic will be held right here at the school on the north side of the building. Remember it is only a half day of school that day with school being released 3 hours early, buses will be loading at 12:20!



May 31st is the last day of school. Dismissal time will be @ 12:20. There will not be any after school care.



Pre-school & Kindergarten graduation, Thursday, May 24th @ 2:00