

# Heart to Home School Newsletter

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

### Centennial

Don't forget, September 14<sup>th</sup> is our Centennial Anniversary! Plan to be around for a weekend of fun festivities to celebrate 100 years of SHAS. Take advantage of our new centennial yard markers now available in the school office. This \$20 package includes a centennial window cling, which is valued at \$5 if purchased separately. Show your school centennial pride, by placing your yard marker in your front yard this summer.



*Centennial yard markers are available at school office.*

### Wrapping Up our 100<sup>th</sup> School Year

We have had a wonderful 100<sup>th</sup> year together at Sacred Heart Area School. As every year, we are faced with saying farewell to another graduating class. This year we will graduate our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, as we will start the new centennial year as a preschool - fifth grade school. Although we will miss these children in our building each day, we celebrate the years we have had together and the adventures they have ahead of them. Next Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our special celebration to honor our graduating boys and girls, starting with a Mass at 8:30am, which will be immediately followed by a program in the school gym. All are welcome! Next week will also bring Kindergarten Graduation on Monday, and Preschool Graduations on Wednesday and Thursday, all scheduled for 2:30pm.

### Fieldtrip Fun

Yesterday all students and staff enjoyed a fieldtrip to the Happy Dancing Turtle Eco Camp in Pine River. This event included hikes in the woods, gardening projects, bee hive presentations and other ecological learning activities. It was well received by all. Tomorrow afternoon, weather permitting, kindergarten-sixth graders will be going to a track and field day at Christ the King School in Browerville. Next Tuesday, our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be off to the state capitol and the science museum.

### Increased Enrollment Brings Improvement

SHAS continues to grow with significantly increased enrollment for the upcoming school-year, primarily in preschool. As we did last year, we will again have the need for a second classroom. With this growth we will be expanding our before school care hours from 7:30am to 7:00am, to better serve parents dropping off children before work. So far, kindergarten has 12 students and upper grades 3 extra students enrolled for our centennial school-year.

### Tonight's Clean-up

We want to thank all parents and parishioners who are volunteering to help clean our Adopt a Highway ditches this evening. If you are interested in participating, make sure to let us know you are coming, dress appropriately, and be sure you are at least 12 years of age. We will be meeting at the school at 5pm. A hotdog, bean, and potato chip supper will be provided for volunteers.

### Parent Volunteer Time

The school year is coming to a close. Parents who have not yet completed their minimum 8 hours of volunteer time need to contact the school so we can help you accomplish this so you are not burdened with these fees this summer. Call us at 894-2077 to take care of this. Some upcoming opportunities are the ditch cleanup, playground raking, varnishing school doors, and classroom and office painting.



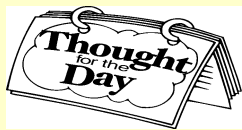
- May 16 Track and Field Day in Browerville
- May 19 Kindergarten Graduation
- May 20 Gr. 4-6 Field Trip to Capitol
- May 21 Preschool Graduation/Concert (W/F)
- May 22 Preschool Graduation/Concert (T/Th)
- May 23 SHAS 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- May 26 No School
- May 30 Last Day of School ½ Day

# Last Day of School



Please join us for our annual “Last Day of School” picnic on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. 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.

## I ♥ Summer Break!



*Faith,  
it does not make things  
easy, it makes them  
possible*



### 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.*



Wow! Where has all of the time gone this year? It’s hard to believe that our 14 kindergarten students are ready to graduate and be promoted to first grade. Please join us in the gym on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm for a special ceremony.



**Hello from 2nd Grade!**

I would like to congratulate all the 2nd graders who received the body and blood of Christ on May 4th! Thank you to all the parents for your dedication in teaching your child about the Sacraments.

We have started learning about multiplication in math class. We are recognizing what multiplication means; not just using rote memorization to learn the facts. During reading we are reading a story called Helen Keller and the Big Storm. This is a perfect time for this story as the kids can relate to how she may have felt since we have been experiencing some stormy weather lately. The students have also been working diligently on their writing. They are making books to showcase during our Author's Tea (the date for this is still pending).

The last few weeks of school are such a busy time! We would like to congratulate all the students in Preschool, Kindergarten, Fifth, and Sixth grade on their graduations! Some of you will be moving on to another school and you will all be missed greatly! Preschool and Kindergarten friends we can't wait to see your smiling faces again next year!! Have a safe and fun-filled summer!