

# Heart to Home School Newsletter

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## Principal's News, from Jim Opelia, Principal



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## Field Trip!



**Permission slips  
for the field trip  
need to be  
returned  
TOMORROW!!**



### End of a Great Year

Dear Parents, this will be our last traditional newsletter of the school year. Watch for a Year in Review, end of year report/newsletter sometime in the weeks to come. All of us at Sacred Heart Area School want to thank you for another outstanding year. The presence of your children has blessed our lives in so many ways. As parents, you have invested so much, and worked so hard, for this school to prosper. For all of this, we are so grateful and indebted. We look forward to seeing all your bright shiny faces again next fall. To those of you moving on to other schools, towns, and states, we will never forget you. Please return when you can and visit.

### Keep Up the Great Work!

The boys and girls in K-5<sup>th</sup> grades worked very hard on their tests this spring. After "not such great" results for January's NWEA test scores, we asked students to increase their focus this spring, showing teachers and parents a better picture of what they have learned. We encouraged them by offering incentives for showing their own individual growth, not to compete against their neighbor. We are happy to say all students showed improvement. Many of them increased dramatically. They all earned an ice cream party which they will receive at the end of the day tomorrow. Students in grades K-5 will also be included in a drawing for a yo-yo. The student who showed the greatest individual improvement will also receive a yo-yo. Please know this was not a competition between students, but rather a competition for each individual to be happy about their own individual growth. Once again, "hats off" to the 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders who "knocked it out of the park" with their MCA test scores!



### Just What You Said

Thank you to those of you who have turned in surveys over the past week! We found your responses very helpful in looking to make future improvements. Many of your comments regarded a need for improving communications to parents by classrooms and the school. Other comments regarded helping us make things run smoother for the children throughout the school year. If you have not yet completed a survey and would like to do so, we would still love to receive your input. Thanks for taking the time to do so!

### Summer Bridges



Summer Bridges Activity Books cost \$10.00. The school will pay \$5.00 of this cost. We ask that parents pay \$5.00 per book. Although any amount of completion and returning of the book next fall is voluntary, we want to make sure **each student receives a book for the opportunity to use it this summer.** Please note, students who worked with these books last summer, showed considerable improvement on their fall NWEA test scores.

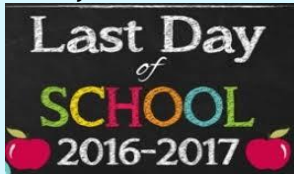
### Wrapping It Up

Don't forget, we have our all school fieldtrip this Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, to Paul Bunyan Land. We also will celebrate the end of this year together next Friday, June 2<sup>nd</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!



May 29 Memorial Day - No School

May 30 All School Field Trip- Paul Bunyan Land



Sacred Heart School's last day is June 2nd! It is a half day and busses will load at 12:20!

There will be no after school care that day!



Please watch for a mailing in July that will include school supply list, dismissal, student registration, emergency and medical information forms.



HAPPY SUMMER



Hello Parents!

The year is almost over! I can't believe how fast this year has gone. The second graders have learned a lot and grown SO much this year! I am so proud of all they have accomplished and how hard they have worked. I love being able to watch their faces light up as they receive Communion each week! This week we have been working on measurement this week. We discussed the difference between standard and nonstandard measurement, measured things around the room, and practiced finding perimeter and area. They have continued to strengthen their reading skills by practicing reading words with suffixes. They are very excited for the last week of school...especially our field trip!

Mrs. Detloff



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School registration is due tomorrow. The dates are June 5-8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon for preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade students and will take place at Sacred Heart School. Please contact Abbie Detloff at 894-2077 if you have any questions.



The 2017-2018 school calendar was sent home today. Please watch for date changes as I am sure some things will change as the year progresses.



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.