

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

Jim Opelia, Principal

School Strategic Plan

This year, SHAS will be working on a 7-year school strategic plan (SSP), including objectives in the areas of continued school sustainability, educational development, technology, facility improvements, Catholic Identity, and governance and administration. Although the bulk of the work for this project will fall on school staff and the school advisory board, we invite all stakeholders, including; parents, students, parishioners, alumni, and staff, to contribute to its development. The creation of the SSP is initiated by the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA). SHAS is now on its 7th year of its 7-year accreditation cycle, where we are required to have a 7 year SSP in place. Last year, as part of our 6th year of the 7-year cycle, it was our duty to complete a self-study of our school as to how it meets the standards set by MNSAA. At that time, parents and parishioners were asked to complete a survey regarding their experience of SHAS, which was part of our self-study. This year, a MNSAA visitation team is scheduled to visit SHAS April 11th and 12th. They will make observations around our school, in its classrooms, offices, and school grounds. They will also interview all staff, advisory board members, and randomly call parents during these two days. It is our goal to truly reflect who we say we are in the narrations of compliance we compiled. This whole process is a very positive experience as we reflect in depth on what our school is all about, and take advisement from outside visitors. I personally look forward to this year's challenges.

Workathon

We look forward to our Workathon which will take place on Wednesday, October 19th starting at 12:00pm and ending around 2:30pm. The

Workathon benefits both the Staples community and Sacred Heart Area School while providing a service experience for our students. Our goal is to raise \$8,000 for SHAS. Remember, this is one of our 3 biggest fundraisers of the year, and one of two that all K-5 families are responsible to help raise funds for our school. The school's budget depends on its success. We welcome, encourage, and count on preschool family participation as well.



Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention will be celebrated at SHAS next week, with fire drills, classroom discussion, a student visit to the fire hall, and students taking part in the fire prevention week poster contest. This annual tradition is meant to make children more aware of the dangers of fire and how to stay safe at home and school. We thank all the men and women of the Staples Fire Department for their service to our community.



The students will be making pies on October 18th. Each student should bring an apple so they can make their own personal apple pie to bring home.



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- Oct 7 No School-PLC
- Oct 14 No School
SACRED HEART ONLY
Marzano Training for Teachers
- Oct 17 No School-PLC
- Oct 18 Volunteer Appreciation & Apple Making Day
- Oct 19 Work-a-thon
- Oct 20- No School MEA
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- Oct 26 Halloween Dance
- Oct 31 No School-PLC
- Nov 1 End of 1st Quarter

Student OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS

- K - Isaac Cole**
- 1 - Kana Reese**
- 2 - Ronnie Noska**
- 3 - Riley Reese**
- 4 - Axel Mertens**
- 5 - Gabe Koval**



Thank you Mrs. Martin for subbing in second grade so that Mrs. Detloff could spend time with her baby. It was great having you. Welcome back Mrs. Detloff on Monday!!



How do you know if your child is too sick to go to school? Here are some guidelines to follow. Also, keep in mind they need to be free from fever for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

FEVER
A temperature of 100.4 or higher is considered a fever and your child should stay home.

MILD COLD
If there's no fever and the runny nose and cough isn't continuous, send them to school.

BAD COLD
If the cough doesn't improve after 4-5 days or there's trouble breathing, keep him home and see your doctor.

SORE THROAT
Minor sore throat usually isn't a problem and may just be part of a cold, virus or even irritation.

VOMITING & DIARRHEA
If your child is vomiting or having diarrhea, they shouldn't be in school.

EYE TROUBLE
If your child has goopy, colored eye discharge check with your pediatrician before sending him to school.

RASH
If the rash isn't bothering your child and he has no other symptoms, it's OK to send him to school.

Source Dr. Tanya Altmann



Fire Prevention Week

We are celebrating fire prevention week next week at Sacred Heart. Some good things to know about smoke detectors

- **Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.**
- **Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.**
- **To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.**
- **Students will be visiting the fire hall on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.**

John 3:16
For GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE.



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.

