

# Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Newsletter #

Jim Opelia, Principal

## Principal's News

### Building Bridges

We are very blessed to have this school with its cornerstones of Faith, Morals, Discipline and Knowledge. We are an extension of our church in all our works, shaping our students academically, emotionally, and spiritually. We are also blessed to have our parishes' support through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. For this to continue, it is important for us to embrace the church and continue to build bridges between our school family and our parishioners. To keep us engaged, it is important for us to share what we love about our school with our parishioners. If you have had a uniquely positive experience with Sacred Heart Area School and are willing to share with others, let us know, perhaps a life changing story of academic success or spiritual turn around. It may be that your family has made the school its home for multiple generations, or lifelong friendships you have created during your time with us. We would like to spot light some of your testimonials frequently, in parish bulletins and alumni newsletters. We would love to hear from you. It is also important for parishioners and members of the community to know how much we care about what they have done for us, and that we want them to continue to be a part of our family. If there is a message of thanks you would like to share with the garage sale workers for their work on the garage sale for our school, or the Knights of Columbus for all

their works raising thousands of dollars for our children's education and volunteering their time and talent replacing our sidewalk, let us know and we will be happy to relay your messages. If you know any parishioners or members of the community with small children, let them know about our school, that they are welcome, and we would love to have them as part of our family. Thank you for all the wonderful works you do for our students and school! Have a great week!

### Volunteer Hours:

We have developed an effective system of keeping track of volunteer hours. If you do volunteer at an event or other work for the school, fill out a volunteer card, which includes your name, volunteer event, and duration of time. This card also requires a signature from the event coordinator or principal for hours to be counted. These cards are available to parents at the school office and will be made available in the church basement when school events take place. Some parents were alarmed by the additional \$400 volunteer fee on your invoice. Please realize that it is important for this to be on at the beginning of the year instead of adding it at the end of the year. This volunteer fee on your invoice will be reduced as the required hours are completed.

### Stewardship:

Thank you parents who have made stewardship donations or pledges above and beyond your required tuition this year! They are greatly appreciated. We have seen an increase in pledging this year. If you have not and still would like to make a pledge above and beyond what is required, it is never too late. Thanks!



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### **2 HOUR EARLY OUT**

**DON'T FORGET** about the 2 hour early out tomorrow, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The entire school district will be dismissing students early. Students at Sacred Heart will be done with school at 1:12 pm. If you need a safe place for your student to go during this release time, our After School Program is available for a small charge. Call the office or send a note if your child will be attending the After School program on Friday.



**If you are looking for ways to fill your volunteer hours these are some ways you can do that. We have a few different things that need to be painted at the school, and we also would like to find a few people to come and rake the playgrounds to get rid of the sandbars and just to make them look a little nicer. If you are interested in these things please call the school at 894-2077 for more information.**



**Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. As we all know in MN it can be 70 degrees one day and 30 degrees the next, so please make sure your child has the right kind of jacket, hats, mittens etc. for whatever the weather is forecasted to be each day. Thank you!**



- Oct 5 2 Hour Early Out
- Oct 15 School for SHAS students  
No School at the elementary school
- Oct 15 Marathon
- Oct 18 No School
- Oct 19 No School
- Oct 22 No School
- Oct 23 Picture retake day
- Oct 28 Sacred Heart Church Fall Dinner



# Marathon

**Our Marathon is only 11 days away. Our goal is to raise the budgeted amount of \$10,000 for our school. We are still in need of **parents to come and walk with us on the day of the marathon, which is Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, or to make cookies if you cannot make it that day. Please contact Andrea Broughten at 218-330-4958 or Kathryn Edwards at 218-414-0630 so we know how many parents and cookies we can count on that day. Thank you!!****



The Third Graders have had a very busy year so far. We have been working on numbers into the hundred thousands in math, read stories in reading about “Dollars and Sense” and discussing how to get what is needed without money, how to use money wisely, how money works, and how to learn the value of money. One of the skills talked about over and over in reading is sequencing. They did a fun activity where they were to describe in words, “How to Blow a Bubble”. They were each given a piece of bubble gum and from there they were to figure out the three main steps, in order, to accomplish the task. They had a blast and I hope you all had a chance to see the finished product of their work hanging on the walls outside our door. In social we have been learning about three types of communities, how landforms change from one area to the next, and what geography means. Finally, in English we have been reviewing the four sentence types and trying to remember to capitalize that first word in a sentence and end each one with a punctuation mark! We are off to a great start - one month down!



“Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper.”  
Proverbs 19:8



## 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.*



**The annual Elementary Cross County Fun Run is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for students in grades K-6. Permission slips went home earlier this week. All students who wish to participate must have a signed permission form turned in to their teacher before October 9<sup>th</sup>. Students who are participating will be picked up and transported to Pine Grove Park. Runners need to meet at the starting line at 3:15 pm. Parents will need to pick their children up at the park by 4:15 at the latest!**

There will be a free Diabetes Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center Saturday, October 13, 2012. There is a bus that will be coming through Staples that morning at 6:30 am. Pick up will be at Lakewood Hospital. Please contact Marge Johnson at 218-346-7088 for more information or to register.