

Heart to Home School Newsletter

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2 HOUR EARLY OUT
DON'T FORGET about the 2 hour early out tomorrow, October 3rd. 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.



Principal's News

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week will be celebrated at SHAS October 6th-10th, with fire drills, classroom discussion, a student visit to the fire hall, and 3rd-5th grade 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.

NWEA MAP Testing

Students in kindergarten-fifth grade were testing the last two weeks with the NWEA MAP tests. This first test of the year gives us a baseline to measure student progress against our later winter and spring NWEA MAP testing. This is a great tool for students and teachers to self-evaluate their performance of learning and instructing through the year.

New Teachers - Off to a Great Start!



Miss. Lisa Przybilla (grade 1), Mrs. Abbie Detloff (grade 2), and Mrs. Rachel Przybilla (grade 4)

We are very excited about our new teachers on staff this year. They really "hit the ground running" this new year, with all being hired within 10 days of the first day of school. They are bringing fresh new ideas to the staff. In turn, experienced staff have taken them "under their wings" guiding them in a new environment and culture.

Jim Opelia, Principal

Workathon Update

Wednesday, September 24th was our kick-off for the 2014 SHAS Marathon for Non-public Education, which will be a Workathon, held on October 15th during school. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 for the school, or \$150 per student. As incentives to students, if we meet the \$10,000 goal, the students in preschool and kindergarten will be bused to the Leroy and Julie Peterson farm for pony rides, while the 1st through 5th grade students will enjoy a swim party at the Community Center. The top fundraising student in each class will receive a ride on a fire truck to the Staples Dairy Queen and a \$5 gift certificate to have lunch there. Each student who reaches the \$150/person goal will receive a SPECIAL prize. Top fundraisers in the school will receive their choice of Scrip gift cards; \$10 third place, \$25 second place, and \$50 first place. Remember, this is one of our 3 biggest fundraisers of the year, and one of two that all K-6 families are responsible to help raise funds for our school. We welcome, encourage, and count on preschool family participation as well.

Sisters of Sacred Heart School

As posted in a newsletter last month, the sisters who taught at Sacred Heart (all prior to 1975) were recognized at the centennial reception, for their hard work and great acts of love for the school's mission and its students, and great example they set for so many. After the post, we did have several alumni ask, who is who in the picture. We now have that information (see below).



Left to right standing: Sister Margaret Mary (Anselmeen) Zajac, Sister Rosemary Huebsch, Sister Laureen Virnig, Sister Ann Marie Biermeier
Seated: Sister Mary Minette Beutz. All are Benedictine Sisters from Saint Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph, MN



- Oct 3 2 Hour Early Out
- Oct 16 No School
- Oct 17 No School
- Oct 20 No School
- Oct 21 Picture Retake Day
- Oct 29 Halloween Dance
- Oct 31 End of Quarter 1
- Nov 6 P/T Conferences
- Nov 7 2 Hour Early Out
- Nov 10 School In Session
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Program



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH FROM 6-8 WILL BE THE SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE FOR PARISH AND SCHOOL CHILDREN. SAVE THE DATE. WE SHOULD HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR TIME.



In order to keep your child safe PLEASE call the school right away in the morning if your child is ill so we are not looking for him/her. We have an answering system, so please leave a message if your call is not answered. Also, please check in at the office when coming to the school during the day, and if you are picking your child up we ask that you come into the school and check them out at the office.



Happy October! This is such a fun and exciting year for the 2nd graders as they are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. We are learning about God's forgiveness when we make a wrong choice. We have been having a lot of discussions about who God is to us and how we can make him a bigger part of our own lives. In math we are learning strategies to help us with our addition and subtraction facts. During our reading/language arts, we are reviewing long and short vowels, subjects, predicates, and synonyms. We are also learning about main idea and details when reading a story or short passage. Our social studies lessons have been very interesting! We have created a Social Studies Handbook to help us better understand all of the different aspects that make up Social Studies. We are all looking forward to our field trip to the Fire Hall on Friday, October 10th, our Workathon on October 15th, and celebrating the many birthdays in our classroom this month! Also, there will be a mandatory Reconciliation meeting for parents Wednesday, October 22nd, at 6:30 p.m in the Sacred Heart Church basement.

Mrs. Detloff



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



BRRR it's getting cold. Kids need to be coming to school with jackets, and soon they will be needing hats and mittens also. As soon as it snows, boots and snow pants will be required! Thank you!



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.

