

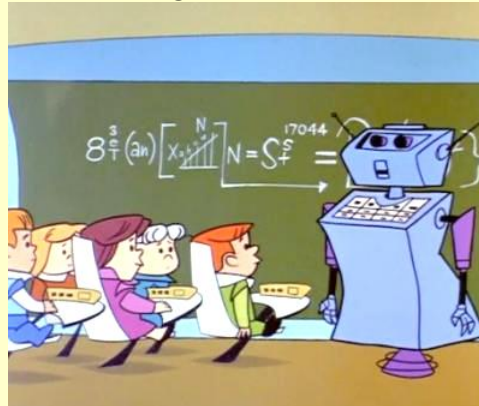
Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Jim Opelia, Principal

Principal's News

Planning for the Future



This year, SHAS will be working on a 7-year school strategic plan (SSP) as part of our MNSAA (Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association) accreditation renewal. SHAS is now on its 7th year of its 7-year accreditation cycle, where we are tasked to develop a new 7-year SSP. As part of our staff professional development last Friday, we began work on developing our first objective, which regards technology advancements at SHAS. So far, the main plan for this objective is to obtain the best choice of technological devices for the students in the classroom. Research will play a large part in carrying out this objective as there are many options available. As we continue with this objective and other objectives to come, we invite all stakeholders to share their input for the future advancements of SHAS. Currently, each of our classrooms have a teacher computer, two student com-puters, two iPads, and an interactive board with projector.

Workathon

We look forward to our SHAS Workathon which will take place on Wednesday, October 19th starting at 12:00pm and ending around 2:30pm. Participating Parents should arrive shortly before 12:00pm. Park spruce up assignments will be shared at this time. If you are able, please bring a rake to school sometime before the workathon. Students will not be allowed to bring rakes on the school bus. Students should dress according to the weather forecast for the day and for working conditions. The SHAS 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 the 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 Week was celebrated at SHAS this week, 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. There will be an open house at the fire department tomorrow from 5-7, all are welcome for food and demonstrations. 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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There is no school on Friday at Sacred Heart School, and no school district wide on Monday. Thank you!



- 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 4 End of 1st Quarter
- Nov 8 Picture Retake Day
- Nov 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences

T-shirt order forms were sent home this week. They are due back by Tuesday, October 18th! Thank you!



THE SWEET LIFE

>of 3rd grade<

The third grade room has been bursting with activity. In math we have completed our work on place value and rounding but continue to practice these skills through an on-line educational program called prodigy. Teachers are able to plan and schedule what topics the students will cover and get updated reports on student progress. The students love playing it whenever they can and some are even playing it at home. In social we have been learning about early communities and how they grew from a few small houses to towns with many businesses. This sparked an interest in the students as to what the settlers really had to endure when building up a community out of nothing so we began to find out with the help of the "Great Pioneer Town STEM Challenges". This includes 5 different challenges that help the settlers as they claim land and build a new town. The first challenge was called "Thirsty Travelers". Their mission was to design and make a water filter for the settlers to use so they could drink the murky river water. A given set of supplies were available to use and a few requirements were given. The group had to design a sketch, label materials needed, work as a group to make it, test the results, and if needed, change things up for success. The next challenge was to design and construct a cabin to withstand a wind storm. With given supplies and being guided by a few requirements the teams have been working very hard on these and they will be ready for testing soon. The students have also been working on a research report of an ocean animal of their choice. They were to find and take notes on information about the animal's diet, behavior, enemies, defenses, and a few other interesting facts that they wanted to add to their report.



Workathon News

All workathon donations need to be turned in to Sandy by noon on Wednesday the 19th! If you are able please drop a rake off at the school prior to the workathon and then pick those rakes up at your convenience. Please don't send rakes with your kids on the bus. Also, please send a pair of gloves along with your child that day.

Children
are
A
♥ gift
FROM THE
Lord;
THEY are
A
reward
from Him.
PSALMS 127:3



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.