

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The Box Tops submission date is November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so please send all of your Box Tops to school before this date. This is just one of our submission dates for the year so please continue to save and clip after this date!!

## Principal's News

### Fire Prevention Week

We are celebrating Fire Prevention Week this week at SHAS. Students will visit the fire hall tomorrow. 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.

### What's Happening?

The Sacred Heart Area School Advisory Board is working for SHAS, helping make the decisions to benefit school students, staff, and families, while ensuring the school prospers and lives out its mission. This advisory board meets each month. To keep informed of meeting dates, meeting agenda items, and to view approved meeting minutes, go to [sacredheartareaschool.org](http://sacredheartareaschool.org) and click under the menu tab "SHAS NEWS" on "School Advisory Board".

### Effective Teachers

To support and learn from each other, SHAS teachers meet weekly as a PLC (professional learning community). We are very fortunate to have such a diverse staff of loving, caring, and professional teachers that work well together and share the same goals for SHAS students. This year's professional growth, along with continued curriculum development, will focus on the "Art and Science of Teaching" by Dr. Robert J. Marzano, studying and practicing his framework and model for effective instruction. As all Catholic schools in our diocese are doing, the principal and one teacher from each school are attending Marzano training in Sartell, to be shared with each school's staff. The goal for this Marzano training is for all teachers to be on the same page, knowing exactly what effective teachers and practices look like and to model this in their classrooms. To enhance classroom

from Jim Opelia, Principal

instruction and learning, SHAS will be providing an iPad for each grade level for students and teachers. The use of various apps for the iPad will also be studied during PLC time this year.

### Hayride & Halloween Costume Dance

Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, will be the Sacred Heart Area School Halloween Costume Dance for parish and school children. Save the date! We should have a marvelous time. The SHAS Home and School Organization is also planning to host a Hayride with hot cocoa and s'mores on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. H&S facilitates several family fun events throughout the school year. Watch for them in the school newsletter throughout the year.

### Workathon Success

This coming Wednesday, we will have our first annual workathon at SHAS. The boys and girls are excited about this service project that will benefit both our community and school. 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. Thank you in advance for your help in reaching our goal of raising \$10,000, 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



- Oct 15 Workathon
- Oct 16 No School
- Oct 17 No School
- Oct 20 No School
- Oct 21 Picture retake day
- Oct 25 Hayride, S'mores, and Hot Cocoa
- Oct 26 Sacred Heart Church Fall Dinner
- Oct 29 Halloween Dance
- Oct 31 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- Nov 6 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov 7 2 Hour Early Out
- Nov 10 School **IS** in Session at Sacred Heart



Any Marathon money that is going to be counted towards individual and classroom prizes must be turned in to Sandy by noon on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>!



- K- Rose Zimmermann**
  - 1- Sam Zimmermann**
  - 2- Axel Mertens**
  - 3- Lauren Rutten**
  - 4- Landon Mertens**
  - 5- Jadyn Vogel**
- Congratulations!!**



The Third Graders have been very busy since school started. We finished a reading series of 5 stories talking about money, how to earn it, what to do with it after you have earned it, and what happens with it when you put it into the bank. We learned what interest means and thought that it was pretty cool to get even more money out someday than what you put in because of the interest you made on your money. We spent many, many days tackling rounding numbers in math. It got a bit tricky when a thousand number needed to be rounded to the nearest ten or hundred but we made it through and will keep practicing throughout the year. In English we found out that compound sentences are a lot like compound words....taking two simple sentences and making them into one sentence by just adding a comma and one of the words but, or, or and to join them. We are excited to go visit the fire hall tomorrow and learn all we can about fire safety and what we can do to stay safe. Remember to check your fire alarms once a month, practice fire drills as a family, and have a decided meeting place if ever you were faced with a house fire.



*"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."*  
Isaiah 30:15



**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.*



**Workathon News**

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 also.