

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

Autumn Blessings

We have certainly been blessed with beautiful fall weather. The children have been enjoying outdoor recess most days. Please help us continue to maintain a smooth season by staying aware of weather conditions in the forecast and having your children dress appropriately. We all know what Mother Nature will be sending our way soon.



Kindergarteners and preschoolers enjoying a beautiful day at play

Ceramics and Fire Hall Fieldtrips

This week, students in grades K-5 participated in a ceramics class with Jennifer at Staples Ceramics during their scheduled art class time. This was a great opportunity for students to learn a new craft, knowledge of glazing, firing and kilns, and a greater appreciation for art. This was also Fire Prevention Week. Fire safety was discussed in the classrooms, we had fire drill exercises, and tomorrow students will visit the fire hall. 3rd-5th grade students also took 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. Thank you SHAS staff and Staples Fire Department for a great week for the kids!

Marathon

Wednesday is our 2013 SHAS Marathon for Non-public Education. This fundraiser is very important to our school, your school. Funds are anticipated as part of this year's budget in the schools continued operation. Thank you families, in advance, for the burdens this fundraiser and the carnival put on your lives. Our budgeted goal this year is to raise \$10,000 for the school, or \$150 per student. As incentives for the

from Jim Opelia, Principal

children's efforts, if we raise the \$10,000, the students in preschool and kindergarten will be bused to the Leroy and Julie Peterson farm for pony rides, while the 1st through 6th grade students will enjoy a swim party at the Staples Community Center. These prizes have been donated to the school by the Petersons and the community center. The top fundraising student in each class will also 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. K-6 families are responsible to help raise funds with this event. We also welcome, encourage, and count on preschool family participation as well. Remember that this is your school. It is not owned, operated, and funded by the government. God bless you for all you do for it!

Upcoming Happenings

Our boys and girls and school staff are surely looking forward to a well deserved five day weekend coming up, October 17-21, during the Minnesota Education Convention. We pray that everyone stays safe and has a lot of fun. Monday, October 21st, Sacred Heart Area School teachers will take part in the inter-district workshop at the Pillager Public School. Thank you District 2170 for inviting us each year! Last year's workshop was in Sebeka. It was very beneficial to, and enjoyed by, the SHAS faculty.

Volunteer?

K-6 parents, who have volunteered after July 1st, be sure that your time is recorded at the school to count toward your 8 hours of volunteer time. Please note your October invoice for volunteer time to see if it is accurate. Let us know if there is a discrepancy. Also, use the volunteer opportunity sheet handed out last week to inform us of opportunity preferences. Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for our non-parent volunteers, who help our school in so many ways, will be tentatively held on November 21st. It is incredible what these people have shared with our school. We are looking for parents who may be interested in contributing a tasty dish to this special luncheon for these people. Please inform us of your interest in sharing your appreciation.



- Oct 16 **School for SHAS** students
No School at the elementary school
- Oct 16 Vision and Hearing Screening
- Oct 16 Marathon
- Oct 17 No School
- Oct 18 No School
- Oct 21 No School
- Oct 22 Picture retake day
- Oct 23 Halloween Dance
- Oct 27 Sacred Heart Church Fall Dinner
- Nov 1 End of 1st Quarter
- Nov 7 Parent Teacher Conferences



Any Marathon money that is going to be counted towards individual and classroom prizes must be turned in to Sandy by **3:00 on Wednesday, October 16th**! We could also use a few more walkers, bags of apples and cookies!

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to walk with the kids, make cookies, bring apples and come to the school to slice apples. We appreciate you!!!



Hard to believe but we are already into our second month of school - where has the time gone? The Third Graders have been very busy working on place value to hundred thousand and rounding to the nearest thousand. We are almost done with our reading unit involving money. We have discussed how to earn it, spend it, and save it. The students are really into these stories as they love money and through our discussions it is easy to tell that they have it down to a science as to how to spend it but find it hard to save it or even want to earn it in the first place. A few weeks ago the Second and Third Graders took a field trip to the local city hall and police department. As part of our social standards we thought it would be more meaningful to actually see some people in charge of our community and what their responsibilities were involving the city. We visited with Nate Mathews who is the city administrator. He gave us a tour of the city hall and took us into the city council room where most of the action happens. He explained to us what the room was for, who the council members were, what their jobs required and some of the topics they need to discuss to take care of the city. The students came away with knowing that the city is governed by the mayor and city council members. Since then we have talked about how each state has a government that is led by the governor and that our national government is made up of three branches - all having specific leaders and jobs in making important decisions for the United States. We are off to a busy, hardworking start! Happy Fall!



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD WILL BE THE SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE FOR PARISH AND SCHOOL CHILDREN. SAVE THE DATE. WE SHOULD HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR TIME.

The "Church Lady Bill" took effect on August 1, 2011. Churches can be exempt from obtaining a food license by having volunteers trained in a food safety course. Coffee after mass, pot lucks, fellowship meals, funerals, etc. conducted in the church buildings or on church grounds can serve home prepared food if they have a trained volunteer or a certified food manager on site to train workers that prepare food in safe food handling practice. **There will be a training on Thursday, October 17th, at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. No charge. Questions call Barb 894-2627.**



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



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.