

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter #5



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

## Principal's News

### Workathon Success



*Grades 1, 3, and 5 working at Pinegrove Park*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sacred Heart Area School Workathon took place on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, starting at 12:00pm and ending around 2:30pm. Parents, staff, and students in 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades worked at Pine Grove Park, 4<sup>th</sup> grade worked at Veterans Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Northern Pacific Park, and preschool and kindergarten on the school grounds, picking up sticks and raking leaves and pine needles. It was enjoyed by all who participated. Thank you families for your service, and raising \$7,000 for SHAS! We did not quite make our goal of \$9,000 but it was still a great success. In order for us to raise \$9,000 it would have taken 100% participation which we unfortunately did not get. Students who did meet their goal or were the top three fundraisers in the school received their prizes yesterday. The top fundraisers in each class will go to Dairy Queen for lunch by fire truck Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.



*Grades 2 and 4 working at Northern Pacific Park*

from Jim Opelia, Principal

### Farewell to Grandma Lucille



The boys and girls gave their farewells to Grandma Lucille after her funeral October 14<sup>th</sup> in a special way, by releasing helium balloons as she was carried from the church. Many came to pay their respects to Lucille as the church was packed. We will never forget you Grandma!

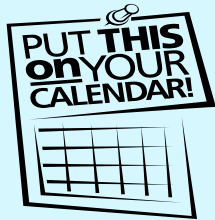
### Halloween Fun Next Week

Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, we will have the Sacred Heart Area School Halloween Costume Dance for parish and school children. It should be a blast. Area families are invited to participate in this event. On Friday boys and girls are invited to bring their costumes to wear in the afternoon for Halloween fun. Please keep these costumes non-violent and no toy weapons. Have a safe and fun Halloween!

### Make Your Volunteer Hours Count

Parents in grades kindergarten - fifth grade, please be sure to let Sandy know what volunteer work you have done this year so it can be recorded. Otherwise it will continue to reflect on your monthly billing statements. I know a lot of you have done work as far back as Railroad Days and earlier in the summer, yet it hasn't been recorded. Thanks for all you do to keep your school running strong!

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



- Oct 23 Halloween Potluck at The Rutten Residence
- Oct 25 Sacred Heart Church Fall Dinner
- Oct 27 Picture retake day
- Oct 28 Halloween Dance
- Nov 6 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- Nov 6 2 Hour Early Out
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Program 10 am
- Nov 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences

thank you!

A huge thank you to Jeremiah Dwire, and Youngbauer Landscaping for donating their time and talent! Those 2 companies drilled under the street to the playground and also installed the new sprinkler system into the area that will be our green space on the playground. We are so blessed with people and businesses that are willing to donate to our school! Here is their contact information if you are ever in need of their services.

Jeremiah Dwire  
GB Directional Services Inc.  
63508 450th St Sebeka MN 56477  
218-639-1242

Youngbauer Landscaping  
16608 County Road 23  
Verndale, MN 56481  
218-639-5856

3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE

The Third Graders have been very busy since school started. We finished a reading unit 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 then 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 also got to practice writing our spelling words in shaving cream on our desks – who knew spelling words could be so fun and make our room smell so good. The students have been bagging to do that again. We visited the fire hall and learned all we could 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. As part of the second school wide work-a-thon our class went to Pine Grove Park and helped spruce it up a bit by raking leaves, picking up sticks, and cleaning up garbage. Our excitement and focus will now be on Halloween next week with the school dance to be held on Wednesday. Hope to see you all there in your Halloween costumes!

be STRONG & COURAGEOUS  
do not be afraid  
or TROUBLED  
The LORD YOUR GOD  
is with you  
WHEREVER you go  
Joshua 1:9



Friday, October 23, 2015  
5:15-7:00

Tim and Amy Rutten's  
28985 Snowshoe Trail  
Staples, MN 56479

Horse rides, games,  
football, and s'mores  
Wear your costumes!

Sloppy Joe's provided but  
please bring a dish to  
share!

Please RSVP to Amy at  
218-838-0948



**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.*