

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

WORKATHON SUCCESS



On Wednesday, October 19, SHAS students had their annual workathon. The day was dreary and cold, but great for working. The kids raked leaves, picked up sticks, and pine-needles in the Staples city parks. Students asked community members for pledges toward their work to raise money for their school, raising over \$8,500 to meet their goal of \$8,000. Great work boys and girls! Thank you for your support parents!



Pine Grove Park



SHAS Playground



Northern Pacific Park

from Jim Opelia, Principal

Halloween Celebrations

Last night's Halloween Costume Dance was enjoyed by all in attendance. Students will enjoy classroom parties in their classroom this week as well. Please keep costumes appropriate. No toy weapons, Please! Stay safe trick or treating!



Staff Development



SHAS teachers working with other teachers in the diocese

On Friday, October 14th, SHAS teachers and principal attended a diocesan hosted workshop on Marzano teaching strategies at Holy Trinity School in Pierz. The staff has been working on developing the school wide use of these strategies the past two years. This particular workshop focused on breaking down the state standards to develop the most comprehensive learning scales for students, which will be communicated in the classroom throughout units of learning. To sum it up, the staff is learning the most effective means of communicating to the students what they are expected to know, and be aware of what level of success they are at throughout their progress, providing ownership and motivation in their learning. Studies show these practices increase student learning dramatically. Last spring's SHAS test scores have indicated improvement from previous years. We will strive to continuously improve.



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!



- Oct 31 No School-PLC
- Nov 4 End of 1st Quarter
- Nov 8 Picture Retake Day
- Nov 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Program
- Nov 24- Thanksgiving Break
25
- Nov 28 No School/PLC
- Dec 6 Mid-Quarter 2
- Dec 21 SHAS Christmas Program
1:30 and 6:30 @ Sacred Heart Church
- Dec 22 Last Day of School
Before Christmas Break
½ Day



You are all invited to the Sacred Heart Church Fall Dinner. They will be serving a pork loin and chicken dinner from 11:00am-1:30pm in the church basement. During those same hours there will be a bazaar at the school. There will be a baked items, perennials, jams and jellies, plants and garden produce for sale. There will also be 25 cent bingo during those hours. The raffle drawing will take place in the school gym at 1:30!
All are welcome!!



This week we have been working hard on science, math, and getting ready for Veteran's Day. In science we are learning about a plants life cycle. We know that a plant's life cycle differs from a person's life cycle because a plant will continue to grow throughout its life up until it dies. That means a plant can grow hundreds of feet tall unlike a person only getting 7 feet tall. We also learned that germinate means "to begin to grow". When the seed has the right amount of oxygen and water, and the right temperature, the seed will germinate.

In math, we are working on "area". We have mastered "perimeter" already, and we are really close to mastering "area" this week.

For Veteran's Day, we composed our very own poems. We created "poems for two voices" by first reading some books that had these types of poems, then we came up with a topic that we could write about that had to do with Veteran's Day, and researched the topic, and then put our words to paper. We worked really hard on these and we can't wait for the veterans to hear them. Hope you can make it too!

-Mrs. P and the 4th Graders

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Support our School!



Christmas is only 58 days away. You can get almost any gift card you can imagine right here at Sacred Heart School. You are helping Sacred Heart out and getting your Christmas shopping done. For example, if you buy someone a \$100.00 gift card to Target, Sacred Heart would get 2.00 or if you bought someone a \$25.00 gift card to Old Navy, Sacred Heart would get \$3.50. It doesn't sound like a lot but it sure would add up fast and at no extra cost to you!! The next order will be placed on Thursday, November 3rd. We will place one at the end of November and also right before Christmas break!

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

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.

