

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter #7

## Principal's News

### Focusing on Each Student

Sacred Heart students in grades K-6 recently took their fall NWEA MAP tests. These tests help us as educators diagnose the areas of strengths and challenges of each student's learning. Most importantly, it helps us know what we need to focus on with instruction, and at what level. The desired effect is for each student to find success where they are ready to learn based on their score called a "Rit" score. Students still work together as a class, but may be grouped for certain activities according to their need, prescribed specific practice lessons, or homework assignments. With MAP test scores, teachers have a better understanding of what each child needs. We also have added a great tool for families to use at home to develop specific skills based on test scores. To use these MAP based educational games, go to the [sacredheartareaschool.org](http://sacredheartareaschool.org) homepage, click on the "4Family" tab, scroll down to Educational Links, and then click on MAP Reading Games or Map Math Games. You will want your child to play games that are at their Rit score level for best results. You will learn more about these scores at Parent Teacher Conferences.

from Jim Opelia, Principal

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the afternoon and evening of November 7<sup>th</sup>. The preschool date could be extended due to numbers of students. Please take advantage of this time to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s), to work together, to strengthen our ability to make this his or her best year possible.

### Well Deserved

Next week the preschoolers and kindergarteners will be going on pony rides on Tuesday, and preschool again on Wednesday, at the Leroy and Julie Peterson Ranch just outside of Staples. On Thursday our top fundraisers in each class will be going to Dairy Queen for lunch riding a fire truck. We are planning our swim party for grades 1-6 on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### What's Your Talent?

Parents, our school is fortunate to have volunteers, Jill Albie and Heather Rinke as Co-chairs for this year's February 2<sup>nd</sup> Carnival. We are, however, still in need of someone with leadership and organizational qualities to chair this year's May 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Blast Dinner and Auction. If you feel you have what it takes, please consider leading this event! Contact us at the school office if you are interested. Our annual Spring Blast is not only our school's largest fundraiser, but also its social event of the year. We still are looking for a parent who is interested and has the talent to assist us in making enhancements to our school website. Let us know if you are interested.



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**We are now collecting Jon's Family Foods receipts. There is a box for you to put them in. Thank you!**



**Next Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm there will be a carnival meeting in the Sacred Heart School gym. We are looking for new people to come and help us begin the planning for this years carnival. Jill Albie and Heather Rinke took on the role of chair people but are looking for people interested in helping plan.**





- Nov 1 All Saints Day
- Nov 1 End Of First Quarter
- Nov 7 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov 8 2 Hour Early Out
- Nov 11 Veterans Day program
- Nov 28 NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 29 No School
- Dec 6 Mid-Quarter 2
- Dec 6 2 Hour Early Out
- Dec 7 Craft Fair



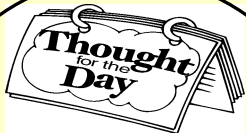
**PARENTS!  
PLEASE WATCH  
FOR THE  
K. OF C.  
“RAFFLE  
CALENDAR”  
PACKETS  
COMING HOME  
WITH YOUR  
STUDENT ON  
WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 6TH.  
GREAT PRIZES  
WILL BE  
AWARDED THIS  
YEAR!!!**



Greetings from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades! We have been busy working on our essays for our Veteran’s Day program on Monday, November 11 at 10:00 am. In math we have been working on long division, prime factorization, greatest common factors, and least common multiples. In English we’ve been focusing on identifying verbs and the correct tense to us. In religion we have been talking about the sacraments. Also, several of the students are going to be trained for School Patrol and helping with that daily task in the near future!

**Congratulations!!  
Marathon Top Earners**

- Pre- Madison Perius
- K- Abby Brichacek/Isabel Cole
- 1-Sophie Albie
- 2-Gabe Koval
- 3-Andy Daniels
- 4-Mitch Lisson/Morgan Becker
- 5- Rose Han
- 6- Thomas Koval



*“The LORD is with me;  
He is my helper.”  
Psalm 118:7*

*God plus you –  
a partnership  
that won’t fail!*



**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.*



*Your One Stop Christmas  
Shop*

One Day Only  
Christmas Sale

*Saturday, December 7th*

**324 4<sup>th</sup> St NE, Staples, MN**

**Crafters – Artisans – Baked  
Goods –  
Home Business Vendors –  
Concessions**

**Limited vendor space still  
available, call 218-894-2077 for  
information.**

**Only one representative per  
company allowed.**



**PLEASE remember to  
send coats, hats,  
mittens, boots, and snow  
pants with your children  
when they come to  
school. The students go  
outside for recess when  
the wind chill and  
temperature are above 0  
degrees.**