

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

From Jim Opelia, Principal



Honoring Veterans

The students and staff are preparing for our annual Veterans Day Program which will be held tomorrow at 10:00 am. Our guest speaker this year is Mr. Bob Larson, a Korean War Veteran. Everyone is invited to share in this opportunity to honor our veterans who have sacrificed so much for us. Observing Veterans Day is a great educational practice in teaching children a lesson in gratitude. One of the keys to living a happy, fulfilled life is in being grateful for all we have. Thank you, to parents who brought cookies for this event for our guests from the community.

Continuing to Beef Up

In the first part of this school year, the faculty of SHAS had attended 3 training days on best practices for teaching language arts. These trainings included the breaking down and in-depth study of the English and language arts/reading (ELA) academic state standards. Also, better formulating effective instruction for the highest quality learning possible. During the training, teachers had the opportunity to work with colleagues at the same grade from other Catholic schools. Teachers are finding the trainings to be very beneficial in their teaching. Last year's training focus for teachers was on mathematics standards, which provided measurable increases in student achievement in math at our school. We will continue to meet as a faculty each week to expand on and further develop Language Arts scales and the strategies of best practices from the Marzano teaching styles.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



1st graders learning about expanding sentences

The staff is preparing parent teacher conferences next Thursday afternoon and evening. Our parents are encouraged to communicate often with teachers throughout the year. Please communicate with the principal if you have concerns for your child's classroom or school learning or developmental environments that you feel you are unable to address at the teacher level. During next Thursday's conferences, if time allows, ask your child's teacher about what we are doing with ELA standards, learning goals and learning scales in the classroom to support meeting the academic standards.

Swim Party and Bouncy House

The 1st-5th grade students will be swimming at the Community Center tomorrow afternoon, from 1:30-2:30pm. Kindergarten and Preschool will enjoy a bouncy house and movie/popcorn party this coming week as well. This is a reward to students for their hard work in this year's work-a-thon raising \$9,000 which surpassed our original goal of \$8,000.



BRRR it is 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!

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Support our School!





- Nov 10 Veterans Day Program 10:00
- Nov 10 End of 1st Quarter
- Nov 16 P/T Conferences
- Nov 23-24 No School Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 1 2 Hour early out- PLC
- Dec 12 Mid- Quarter 2
- Dec 20 SHAS Christmas Program 1:30 and 6:30 @ Sacred Heart Church
- Dec 22 Confession after Mass- GR. 3-5
- Dec 22 Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
- Dec 25- Jan 1 No School- Christmas Break
- Jan 2 No School -PLC



The 4th & 5th graders are doing a shirt and hat clothing fundraiser. An order form was sent home a couple of weeks ago. The orders are due by Wednesday November 15th to Mrs. Pryzbilla. Please note orders may not be here before Christmas.



A Little Update from your Preschool Friends

We kicked off our preschool service project on Halloween this year. We are doing a food drive again. Our December Food Drive was a HUGE success last year, but my preschool students wanted to be more involved in the project. To get them more involved we created bags at our Halloween Party for both preschool and kindergarten students to use. We hope the bags will assist them in asking for donations from those close to them such as grandpas, grandmas, aunts and uncles. These bags can be used throughout the upcoming holiday season get-togethers. When the children see friends and family at these get-togethers they can ask them to donate an item or two for our Holiday Food Drive "No Empty Plates During the Holidays" will be written on an empty place setting image on one side of the bag and the other side of the bag will be decorated by the student. The bags can be reused and filled as many times as possible. Donations may be brought in any time now until the Christmas Concert. The whole school will be participating and we will be competing between classrooms again to see which one brings in the most donations and wins the prize.

Thanks to all those that volunteered to make our Halloween Party a success. We could not do it without you! I try to provide opportunities for parents/grandparents to participate in class activities at least once a month. If you couldn't make it to this one, don't worry there will be more! The first few months of preschool have been spent building relationships and establishing routines. There is still some tweaking to do, but I think we have done an amazing job so far. We are learning how we learn best and what we need to do to be successful in a classroom setting.

Please continue to save milk caps (or any similarly sized cap) for our classroom. I would like to create alphabet sets for my students to practice their letters both at home and school. Also when your children get new toys for Christmas please consider donating your old toys to preschool. We are rough on toys, especially puzzles and games.



There will be a carnival planning meeting on Wednesday, November 29th, 5:00 pm at the school. Hope you can make it!! We are seeking help in soliciting donations for the raffle. This would include either calling or visiting donors and collecting raffle items.

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Help Us On...
If you are a friend of Sacred Heart Area School on Facebook, you can help promote our school by completing a review for our school. Several SHAS friends have completed reviews sharing positive comments for others to see. If you are not friends with SHAS on Facebook, please do so. Friends receive news and event updates frequently, keeping them up-to-date with what is happening in our building.



The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.
-Psalm 145:9



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.

REMINDER
Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday November 16th.