

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News

from Jim Opelia, Principal



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For the month  
of November:  
Goal: **1,000**  
Total this month:  
**175**

### **A Busy Week**

It has been a busy, short week at Sacred Heart Area School, with no school on Monday. Tuesday was Election Day, where students had the opportunity to vote for president. Unlike the rest of the nation, Romney had a landslide victory. Let us pray our president and our nation have great success the next 4 years, toward building a stronger economy, working toward world peace, and respecting the dignity and lives of all. The preschool and kindergarten had their pizza party at Giovanni's on Wednesday as their lunch. Our Thursday preschoolers had their own pizza party today. Thanks one last time to our families for all your marathon efforts. The school will hold its annual **Veterans Day Program, tomorrow**, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to share in this opportunity to honor those who have sacrificed so much for our great nation. We hope you can make it.

### **Blessings and Improvements**

Many people from our community have graciously supported our school in many ways. Because of last year's cash donations from our alumni, our school was able to upgrade our curriculum with the purchase of new student reading textbooks for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and new science kits and textbooks for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We also purchased new technological science equipment for our intermediate grade students, which included; a weather station, temperature and oxygen sensors, and the necessary computer software to translate the information to the computer, and a much

needed computer interface. From alumni donations we also significantly improved our Accelerated Reader program, which now gives all teachers and students access to 150,000 on-line reading, vocabulary, and literacy quizzes on the different books they are reading at home and in school. Wow! Our school wants to especially thank Carolyn and Pat Held, dear friends of our school. As many of you know, Carolyn past away last month with the wish that all memorial donations be sent to SHAS. The total of this great tribute to Carolyn amounted to an amazing \$1,500. We thank Carolyn and Pat, for their continued blessings and support, even now. God bless all of you and your families!



*Your One Stop  
Christmas Shop*

**One Day Only  
Christmas Sale**

*Saturday, December 1st*

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

**9-2**

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

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

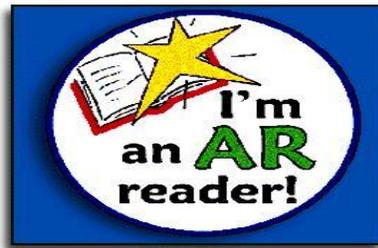
**Only one representative  
per company allowed.**

## **PARENTS!**

**WATCH FOR THE  
K OF C  
"RAFFLE CALENDAR"  
PACKETS COMING  
HOME WITH YOUR  
STUDENT ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER  
13<sup>TH</sup>. GREAT PRIZES  
WILL BE AWARDED  
THIS YEAR!!!**



- Nov 9 Veterans Day program  
10:00 a.m.
- Nov 24- 25 No School  
Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec 1 Craft Fair
- Dec 7 2 Hour Early Out
- Dec 11 Mid-Quarter 2
- Dec 19 SHAS Christmas Program  
1:30 & 6:30 @ Sacred Heart  
Church
- Dec 22- Christmas Break No School  
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- Jan 2 School Resumes
- Jan 11 2 Hour Early Out



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What a great first quarter we've had in the kindergarten room. We have been very busy with many different activities and crafts. In reading we've made it through our first unit and I'm very pleased with how the students did. They are picking up on our sight words and very excited to be reading our decodable readers. It's really neat to see how far we have come in only a few short months with our letters, words and printing. Math I feel is one of our strong suits and we continue to charge on through with that. We are already on Chapter 4 and beginning to work on writing and working with our numbers. They continue to surprise me with the many things they are grasping onto and their excitement for learning. Our calendar continues to be a busy one as we head into our holiday months. With Thanksgiving quickly approaching and Christmas shortly behind it, I hope we can continue to learn and grow with as much focus and enthusiasm as I'm seeing now.



As you are thinking about your Christmas list please keep Sacred Heart Scrip in mind. 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!! We put an order in the first Wednesday of every month. All you have to do is fill out the order form that is attached to the newsletter and send it back with your payment and leave the rest to us!!!



"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."  
Romans 12:2



**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.*



**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.**