

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Wednesday, November 13th, 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 to plan.

Principal's News

from Jim Opelia, Principal

SHAS Veterans Day Program

The students and staff are preparing for our annual Veterans Day Program which will be held at 10:00 am this coming Monday, November 11th. 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. We are very blessed to live in this wonderful nation, which has been built up and preserved by people like our veterans. The students of Sacred Heart Area School (SHAS) would like to invite everyone to their Veterans Day program on Monday in the SHAS gymnasium. All are welcome! We want to take this time to honor our veterans for all they have sacrificed in order for us to live in peace and security in this wonderful nation. Thank you Vets!

Volunteer Appreciation

All of us at SHAS are so grateful for those of you who have volunteered in the past year to make our school better. Thursday, November 21st, at 11:30am, the SHAS parents, staff, and Home and School Organization will be hosting a luncheon with the children in your honor. We hope you can make it. God Bless You All!

A Huge Opportunity

As the holidays are approaching, take advantage of our SCRIP program. Your purchase of gift cards to area businesses at face value, through our office, benefits our school tremendously. Through the Scrip program, businesses pay our school a percentage of our gift card purchases, ranging from 2-16%. You lose nothing by doing this. The \$25 gift card you purchase is worth \$25 in the store. These cards are available in our office from many of your favorite stores, such as; Wal-Mart, Target, and Giovanni's. This holiday season remember Scrip and what it can do for your school.

Focusing on Each Student

As stated in last week's newsletter, Sacred Heart students in grades K-6 recently took their fall NWEA MAP tests. These tests help us as educators

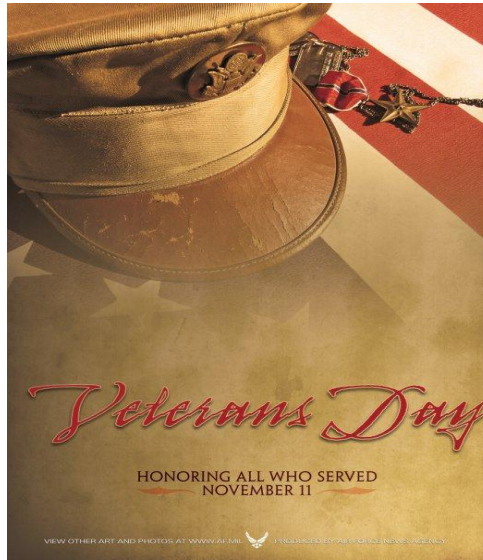
diagnose the areas of strengths and challenges of each student's learning. Most importantly, it helps us know what we need to focus on with instruction, and at what level. The desired effect is for each student to find success where they are ready to learn based on their score called a "Rit" score. Students 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 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. Parents will learn more about these scores tonight, November 7th, at Parent Teacher Conferences. As a reward for meeting their Marathon goal of \$10,000, the preschoolers and kindergarteners went on pony rides at the Leroy and Julie Peterson Ranch just outside of Staples. Thursday, today, our top marathon fundraiser in each class went to Dairy Queen for lunch by fire truck. We are planning our swim party for grades 1-6 on November 27th.



Another reminder, cold lunch should be cold, we don't have time to microwave lunch!



- Nov 8 2 Hour Early Out
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Program
10:00 am
- 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
- Dec 18 SHAS Christmas Program
- Dec 21- Christmas Break
Jan 5



Join us at the school at 10:00 am for our annual Veterans Day Program



WE LOVE THE USA!!



The preschoolers have been busy, busy, busy! We have been busy learning numbers, letters, shapes, and colors. We enjoyed a fun filled week of Halloween and pumpkin fun. The school raised an amazing 10,000.00 for our school, so this week the students were awarded with pony rides at the Julie Peterson farm! Thank You Julie and Amy Rutten for the fun filled memories. This week I am taking the opportunity to educate the preschoolers' young minds about the importance of our US Soldiers. We are taking the time to learn about our country and our soldiers as Veterans Day is quickly approaching. Let's remember to thank a Veteran this Veterans Day.

"Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you: Jesus Christ and the American soldier. One died for your soul, the other for your freedom."

Miss Rinke



"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.



Sacred Heart Area School Annual Craft Fair

**One Day Only
Saturday, December 7th**

324 4th St NE, Staples, MN

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



Don't forget to check us out on Facebook!!!