

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

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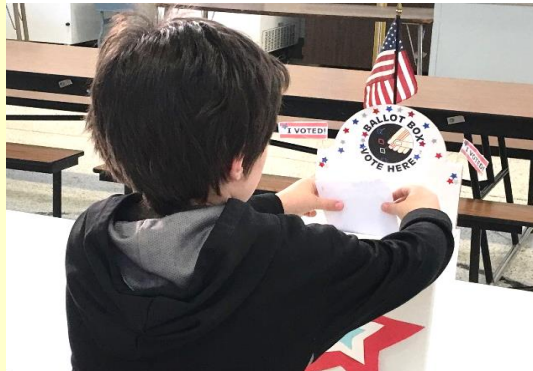
Please continue to save Box Tops and turn them into the school. Last year the school earned \$1,180 dollars for sending Box Tops in, our goal is \$2,000, so please keep clipping and help the school reach that goal! Thank you!

Voting for President



Students in line at the SHAS poles on Tuesday

Sacred Heart Area School students voted for president Tuesday morning. This voting opportunity was hosted by Mrs. Trout's 5th grade class. Students in all grades, Preschool-Grade 5, signed in to receive a ballot, voted in privacy, placed their folded ballot in the ballot box, and received a "I Voted" sticker. These ballots were not counted in the nations presidential election day race, but their voting results did reflect the outcome of the national election. They now have a much better understanding of what happened around the country this week and what the importance is for citizens to vote.



Student casting his ballot

Honoring Veterans

The students and staff are preparing for our annual **Veterans Day Program** which will be held tomorrow at 10:00 am (Friday, 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 would like to invite everyone to their Veterans Day program Friday 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!

Making A Difference

During conferences, if time allows, ask your child's teacher about what we are doing with learning goals and learning scales in the classroom. This fall, teachers have worked extensively on learning how to create the most effective scales that support meeting the academic standards. Also, in hopes that they would not go backwards academically over the summer, SHAS students worked on Summer Bridges Activity books. When compared to spring results, our students' fall NWEA test scores showed the benefit. This was most notable in the primary grades, where several students advanced over the summer months if they participated in this volunteer activity. Great work boys and girls!



There will be a carnival planning meeting on **Monday, November 21st, at 5:30 pm at Lefty's. Hope you can make it!!**



- Nov 11 Veterans Day Program
10:00
- 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
- Jan 3 No School at Sacred Heart
Only
- Jan 4 School Resumes
- Jan 13 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 16 No School - PLC



A letter was sent home today asking for your help with the Carnival raffle top prize. Last year the parents of Sacred Heart School children donated \$500.00 for the top raffle prize for the carnival. Having a big top prize helped the students sell more tickets. People were glad to see the top prize coming from the parents whose children went to Sacred Heart. If we can get every family to participate we can easily make this goal. Thank you for all of your help once again!!!!



A Little Update from your Preschool Friends

In the midst of parent/teacher conferences and preparing for the Veteran's Day Program, I find myself feeling grateful, thankful and blessed. I was honored to have my preschool students participate in the School Workathon, Grandparents' Day, Volunteer Appreciation and Apple Pie Making. We could have not done these activities without the generous support of our families and volunteers! Thank you!! My classroom is successful because of you. A huge thank you to Grandma Anita, Grandma Kathy and Mrs. Peterson for helping in our classroom and at lunch. You are greatly missed when absent (by both the students and their teachers). We also have four high school helpers that need to be thanked: Elizabeth, Tori, Liz and Bella. Our high school helpers walk right into the middle of lessons or activities and assist students with little direction from me. All are very good at reading the situation and knowing where their help is needed most. I would also like to thank the parent volunteers that helped make our First Annual Halloween Party a success. Things only get better with practice and experience, so I am excited to see what our next celebration will bring. Parts for the Christmas Program will be coming home very soon. Planning has begun on our service project (Christmas Food Drive) and Spring Blast contributions from our different classes. Thanks most for your patience with me as I am learning all these routines.



The Third Graders continue to collect money to help provide Bible Sticks to our men and women in the U.S. Military that are deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world.



Help us bring hope to our troops!

If you would like to contribute to this wonderful cause, please send your donation back to school before Thanksgiving break! Thank you!



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.