

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



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Last year the parents of Sacred Heart School children donated \$800.00 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!!!!

### Veterans Day Observed



*Fifth graders dressing the part*

The SHAS Veterans Day Program on Tuesday was a huge success, thanks to students, staff and guest speaker Pete Berscheit. With guidance from staff, students honored our veterans in words, actions, and song. Sgt. First Class Berscheit from the Todd County Veterans Services shared some of his experiences serving in the US Army. He also shared a wonderful message to us about the values he learned from the Army, such as always doing the best you can do, making good choices, and helping others without expecting anything in return. His final thought he shared was that we need to appreciate what we have living in this great country, realizing we have one of, if not the best, way of living in the world. Thank you Pete for this great message to us all! Thank you Veterans!



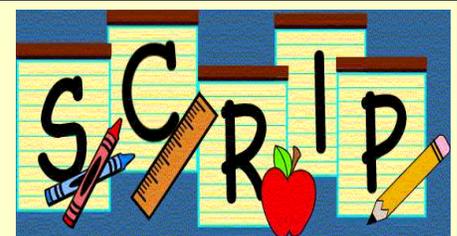
*Pete Berscheit US Army Sgt. First Class*

### 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. Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am, the SHAS parents, staff, and Home and School Organization will be hosting a luncheon with the children in your honor. If parents want to help out by bringing a dish, dessert, or serve, watch for information coming home very soon.

### Dollar a Day

The "Dollar a Day" Centennial fund drive is still going strong. The drive will be ending in January, when participants will be asked to turn in their cans/boxes to the school. This money will be used to improve our school playgrounds. Thank you for your participation and keep collecting! If you want to learn more or participate in this drive, call the school at 894-2077.



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!! An order will be going in on December 1<sup>st</sup>!



- Nov 21 Volunteer Appreciation
- Nov 20 Carnival Meeting 5:30
- Nov 27 NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 NO SCHOOL
- Dec 5 Mid-Quarter 2
- Dec 5 2 Hour Early Out
- Dec 6 Craft Fair
- Dec 17 SHAS Christmas Program
- Dec 20- Jan 4 Christmas Break
- Jan 6 School Resumes



We need your help with items for the bake sale that we will be sponsoring on December 6, 2014. The bake sale will be in conjunction with the Christmas craft sale that is sponsored by Sacred Heart School and our profits from the sale will be donated to the school. Some ideas for the bake sale would be cookies, brownies, pies, cupcakes, breads, caramel rolls, and pints or quarts of items you have canned over the fall. We will price these items for you and would love if you could drop them off at Sacred Heart School by Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, before 5:00 p.m., or Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> by 9:00 a.m. A sheet will be sent home next week with more information. We cannot accept canned, fruit, vegetables, or meat! Last year the bake sale was 50% of our profit, so please volunteer to chip in!

# Kindergarten News

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!! All of us here in kindergarten are sure loving the white stuff that fell on Monday. Not only have we been playing in the snow, but we have been super busy in our classroom. On Tuesday we had our Veterans Day program, the preschoolers and kindergartners did a fabulous job singing as well as all the other classes doing a great job on their parts as well. In math we have finished a unit that covered patterns, positions and sorting. We know how to name a pattern and have gotten pretty good at doing so - as well as being able to sort by shape, size, kind and color. In reading we continue to add new words to our word wall. We are now up to 19 word wall words. Not only can we read those, but we are getting good at sounding out 3 letter words and reading our readers we get weekly in class. They continue to impress me with their reading each week...keep it up!! Our handwriting in kindergarten is getting much better as we write numbers and letters a lot during the week. In science we made it through our first chapter and they can now tell you the difference between living and nonliving things. Our next chapter goes into more about how living things grow and change over time. We are patiently awaiting the upcoming holidays and have lots of fun activities. I can't believe we are already in our second quarter and each week just keeps flying by. Let's keep working hard and make these last few weeks before Thanksgiving break and Christmas break productive ones!!

# CARNIVAL

There will be a carnival planning meeting on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm in the SHAS gym. Hope you can make it!!



## 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.*



## Your One Stop Christmas Shop

One Day Only  
Christmas Sale

*Saturday, December 6th*

**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.**