

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 and as of today parents have donated \$350.00. 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.

Thankful for Improvements

This past summer, we were able to replace existing playground play area sand base with a more attractive pea rock base, landscape for drainage, and create a grassed in area equipped with a sprinkler system to eliminate the existence of sand burs and other obnoxious weeds. So far everything is in place, with the exception of the sod which we opted to hold off rolling out until the first week of May 2016. Once the sod is laid, we will furnish the area with picnic table(s), benches and trash receptacles to create a more pleasant, healthier atmosphere for children and their families at play. Youngbauer's Landscaping of Verndale donated the entire sprinkling system installation expense, while GB Directional of Sebeka donated the cost of horizontal drilling under the street. Sportsman Plumbing donated the labor of hooking up the sprinkler system to the school's water supply which involved drilling through two feet of concrete foundation. At the end of this summer, parents of Sacred Heart Area School spruced up the playgrounds for the beginning of the school year; trimming the trees and fence lines, removing unsightly and unnecessary barriers, and replacing them with flower beds. They painted dull looking furnishings, and prepped for and installed a wood-chip border around the far perimeter of the basketball court. Later, members of the Knights of Columbus added additional black dirt and installed a fence defining the boundary between the large playground and the parish parking area. All of this donated help saved the school \$6,000 in expenses. Cash donations amounted to \$13,000 from community members in the Centennial Playgrounds Fund Drive and \$2,000 from the Staples Motley Area Community Initiative Foundation. Thank you all!



SHAS Playground

Farewell Friend

SHAS lost another great friend to our school. Mary Hartman, who was our volunteer librarian for many years, passed away last week in Sartell. Her funeral was Monday. In the most recent years, Mary was unable to volunteer at our school because of her declining health. We are grateful to her many years of serving our school.



Mary Hartman



Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

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!! The next order will be placed on Monday, November 30th and also one more on December 14th to ensure it gets here in time for Christmas break!





- Nov 25 2 Hour Early Out
- Nov 26 Happy Thanksgiving
No School
- Nov 27 No School
- Dec 4 2 Hour Early Out
- Dec 10 Mid-Quarter 2
- Dec 16 SHAS Christmas Program
1:30 & 6:30 @ SH Church
- Dec 22 Last Day of School Before
Christmas Break ½ Day
School Releases at 12:10
- Jan 4 School Resumes



After each quarter the teachers give out awards to students reflecting the following...

Achievement Award

This award is given to students who have made great achievements with their work at school

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| Grace Dalquist | Andrew Daniels |
| Clara Maros | Madison Perius |
| Ashlyn Vogel | Lilly Tyrrell |
| Laruen Rutten | Axel Mertens |
| Emali Jimenez | Jacob Becker |
| Gabe Koval | Bryan Burrows |
| Zachary McIlravy | Sophie Albie |
| Landon Mertens | Jack Storry |
| Joe Zimmermann | Jade Storry |

Improvement Award

This award is given to students who show great improvement in their schoolwork.

- Jacob Becker**
- Kierston Wheat**
- Naila Mikhaeil**
- Kana Reese**
- Drake Holmberg**
- Carson Dewald**

Golden Halo Award

This award is given to students who display faith filled enthusiasm at Mass and during other religious activities.

- Eli Rutten**
- Skye Larson**
- Riley Reese**
- Eli Greenwaldt**
- Grace Dalquist**
- Avery Japke**
- Raina Mikhaeil**

Good Samaritan

This award is given to students who show compassion towards others and go out of their way to help those in need.

- Leah Greenwaldt**
- Axel Mertens**
- Lauren Rutten**
- Raina Mikhaeil**
- Carter Gregerson**

Discipleship Award

This award is given to students who consistently follow in the footsteps of Jesus and work to do his will each and every day.

- Axel Mertens**



Kindergarten News

Hello from Kindergarten!! We are having fun and learning a lot here in Kindergarten! We can all count to 100 and write our numbers up to 44! Whoooooo! In Science we have learned what living and non-living things are. In handwriting, we can write all of the capital letters. Now, we are working on the lowercase ones, they are a little tricky, but we will learn them. In Religion we learned about different things you see at a baptism (baptismal candle, white garment, holy fountain and the blessed chrism). In Reading, we are learning to read some short little books all together, with a partner and by ourselves! We really love reading! We are very excited about the recent snowfall! We cannot wait to go play in it! We are getting really excited to start practicing for our Christmas program soon! Have a great rest of the week and an awesome weekend!



Coats, hats, mittens, boots and snow pants are required every day!! Please have those items here so your child does not have to miss out on recess! Thank you!!



This is the *Day*
that the Lord has made,
let us *Rejoice*
and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24



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.