

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal



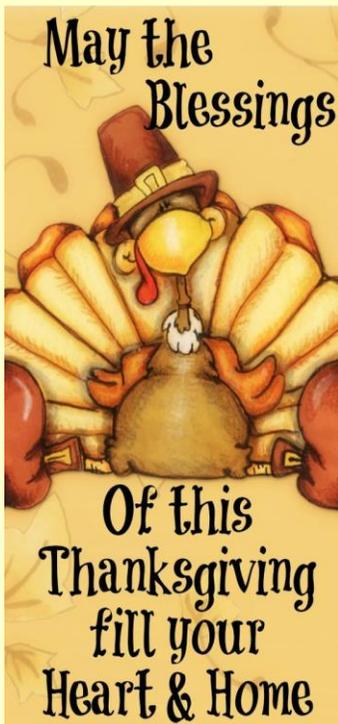
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### Honoring Veterans

Zachary McIlravy, Gabe Koval, and Carter Gregerson were our Color Guard crew for this year's Veteran Program.

The 2016 SHAS Veterans Day Program was the most heavily attended program yet, with over 100 guests in attendance. Students respectfully honored veterans in song, words, and actions. Principal Jim Opelia, was this year's guest speaker, sharing his experiences in the U.S. Air Force, and the roles of, and challenges for U.S. service men and woman. Today, more than ever, our children need to learn about patriotism, gratitude to others, and love and understanding for our great nation. Thank you, veterans, for your many sacrifices for all of us to live in peace, security, and freedom!



A packed house for Veterans Day

### New Instructional Practices Help

In the past two years, Sacred Heart Area School teachers have been studying and practicing the instructional techniques, developed by Dr. Robert Marzano. These techniques are standards based, helping students and teachers have a better focus on what they need to learn, and how well they need to learn it, to meet and/or exceed their academic standards (Minnesota Standards). The practices challenge students to excel in their studies, and encourages and guides teachers, to help students to perform at more cognitively complex thought processes. Teachers have spent a lot of time and energy at workshops

and PLC (Professional Learning Community) time, working together to develop these strategies in their classrooms that benefit our students. Our students' test scores are starting to reflect these efforts.



Sacred Heart teachers working with other teachers in the diocese at the October 14<sup>th</sup> Marzano workshop in Pierz

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*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 Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and also one more on December 12<sup>th</sup> to ensure it gets here in time for Christmas break!



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

Dec 22 No After School Care

Jan 3 No School at Sacred Heart  
Only

Jan 4 School Resumes

Jan 13 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter



Last year the parents of Sacred Heart School children donated \$500.00 for the top raffle prize for the carnival and as of today parents have donated \$100.00. 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.



We have been blessed with some nice warm days, but snow is on its way. All kids need to have snow pants, boots, coats, gloves and hats starting Friday. We want everyone to be able to go to recess and enjoy the snow. All of those items will be required every day!! Thank you!



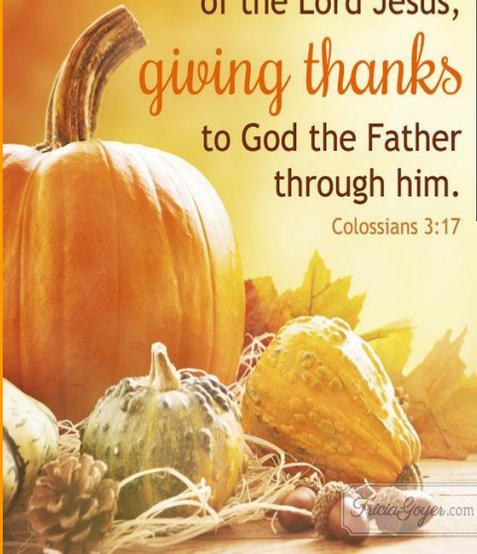
The response to the third grade service project has been awesome. If you are interested in donating to purchase a Bible Stick you still have until the end of next week. Thank you so much for helping us spread God's word to our troops!



Hello from Kindergarten!! We have been very busy in Kindergarten lately! We're learning new things every day! In Religion we just got done learning about the three trinities (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit). Now, we are on to learning the different ways God talks to us (through Sacred Scripture, the church, through all of creation and through the people who love us). In Handwriting, we just finished learning our big curve letters (C, O, Q and G). In Math, we are learning about different positions (up, down, left, right, above, below) and different patterns. In Reading, we just finished up with our story called "Fix-It Duck". He was a very good friend and helper, but everything went wrong and he just made things worse when he tried to fix them. Now we are on to the story "Plaidypus Lost". In Social, we are learning about what cooperate means and how we need to cooperate with others. We are also learning what it means to be a good citizen! The kids are anxiously awaiting the snow that is supposed to come tonight and tomorrow! Happy Thanksgiving next week as well!  
Mrs. Becker

And whatever you do,  
whether in word or deed,  
do it all in the name  
of the Lord Jesus,  
*giving thanks*  
to God the Father  
through him.

Colossians 3:17



### 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.*