

May 5, 2011

"The Mission of Sacred Heart School is to promote life-long learning and Christian Values"

Dear Parents,

Raising children is not easy! But have you thought about the fact that being a child growing up in these times is more difficult and more stressful than ever before?

What can we do to help your children, our students, face the challenges before them? We can love them, but we need to show that love. We can praise their accomplishments and empathize with their defeats. We can be their friends.

Self-esteem is the biggest ally your child has in resisting peer pressure, in overcoming temptation, and in developing positive attitudes. The child who feels friendless and a failure is easy prey to those who push drugs and alcohol. Synthetic and short-term satisfactions seem the only goals within reach.

The child who is aware of personal dignity, who feels the love of parents, and who is comfortable with the expectations of family, school, and Church is a secure child. We cannot protect children from all hazards. We cannot live their lives or make all their choices; but we can model appropriate behavior and a willingness to go on. We can live our faith and trust in God. In this way, we can strengthen both ourselves and the children whom God has placed in our charge.

CLOSING MASS AND FOURTH GRADE GRADUATION...Fourth grade students will celebrate graduation from Sacred Heart School on Friday, May 27, at our closing Mass. Mass begins at 1:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend this special occasion.

PARISH GOLF OUTING...The Sacred Heart Home and School Association is planning the Parish Golf Outing for **Monday, June 13, 2011**. We would like to invite all individuals interested to partake in the fun (attached is the registration form for this event). Teams of four people play in a scramble format (everyone hits their first shot, everyone's second shot is taken from where the best first shot of the four landed, and so on). You may create your own teams or request to be placed on a team. You do not need to be a golfer; many people who have participated in the past have not been avid golfers, but everyone has had fun. The day is designed to be fun for **all** levels of golfers.

SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM... Sacred Heart School will offer a summer program for reading and math. We will use the Read Naturally Program which focuses on reading fluency and comprehension, as well as materials and computer programs from our Everyday Math Program. This six week program will be held at Sacred Heart School and taught by Sacred Heart School teachers. The summer program will run from June 6 – July 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m. each day during the week. **Registration forms for the summer program are due today, Thursday, May 5. We will continue to take registration for this program through Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Please contact the school office if you need a new registration form for this program.**

DRESS CODE...Thank you for making sure your students are dressed properly for school each day. We appreciate your support with the dress code.

LIBRARY BOOKS...All Sacred Heart library books are due on Friday, May 20, 2011.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS...Registration forms for 2011-2012 were due back in April. If you have not yet returned it, please send as soon as possible so class lists can be put together.

SCRIP...We encourage all families to continue buying Scrip even if you have met your obligation for the school year. Please continue to use this all year as this benefits the church and school. Please make your Scrip purchases by May 29, 2011, if you want this to apply to the 2010-2011 school year. Monday, May 30, begins the 2011-2012 school year for Scrip and may be purchased at the Rectory during the summer.

LUNCH AND SHARP BILLS...If you have any outstanding lunch and/or SHARP bills, please clear them up this month. **Report cards will not be released until unpaid balances are paid.**

MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORTS...Families will receive their next stewardship report the week of June 13-15, 2011. Your final report will be included with your child/ren's final report card. A Christian Steward is *"one who receives God's gifts gratefully, tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord."* Each of us has received gifts from God; let us use them to serve one another as good stewards of God. Please remember that every family needs to meet a Scrip obligation of \$200.00 for the school year. All families also need 20 hours of volunteer service for the parish or school during the year. As a member of the parish, we ask that each family contributes a minimum donation of \$1000.00 church support for the year. If you are unable to fulfill any of the following items please contact LeAnn Dahle (835-2780).

FIELD TRIPS...The school kitchen staff can provide sack lunches for field trips. Students would get the alternative lunch of the day. The staff needs one day's notice from the school to prepare the number of lunches needed.

PICNIC LUNCH MAY 20...The Catholic Daughters will have their annual Salad Luncheon on Friday, May 20, in Nativity Hall. Therefore, we will not serve school lunch in Nativity Hall. We will provide an old fashion picnic lunch on the playground for our K-3rd grade students. The lunch will consist of foot long hotdogs, watermelon, carrots, chips, and milk. The 4th grade students will be gone at Camp Omega on this date.

CONGRATULATIONS...Congratulations to all the second grade students who will receive their First Holy Communion.

REPORT CARDS...You can pick up report cards on Monday, June 13, between 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; Tuesday, June 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 15, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We would like all report cards picked up by Wednesday, June 15. When you pick up the report cards, be prepared to pay your final lunch, SHARP, and Scrip bills.

YEARBOOKS...Life Touch will create our yearbooks for the 2010-2011 school year. Order information will be sent later this month.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS...Last call for Campbell's Soup labels for this year. Please send in any Campbell's product labels by Friday, May 13. We will be sending in an order the following week. Thank you for saving your labels. Please continue to save Campbell's and all other fundraising items over the summer months.

MANKATO REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR...Congratulations to these students who placed at the Mankato Regional Science Fair.

Ritchie Diedrich	Purple Ribbon	2 nd Place
Rebecca Morgan	Purple Ribbon	2 nd Place
Toby Skogen	Blue Ribbon	
Joshua Eustice	Blue Ribbon	
Logan Flom	Purple Ribbon	3 rd Place
Chloe Armendariz	Purple Ribbon	1 st Place Special Award
Leah Walter	Purple Ribbon	2 nd Place
Shaun Conway	Blue Ribbon	
Kylie Kehler	Purple Ribbon	3 rd Place
Keith Kubat	Blue Ribbon	
Ben Mathern	Blue Ribbon	
Clare Miller	Blue Ribbon	
William Norton	Purple Ribbon	
Ben Priebe	Purple Ribbon	3 rd Place
Jackson Rolling	Blue Ribbon	
Sam O'Brien	Purple Ribbon	
Madeline Buland	Purple Ribbon	2 nd Place
Ari Zilm	Purple Ribbon	
Jacob Butterfield	Purple Ribbon	

WASECA ART COUNCIL SHOW...Congratulations to the students who received awards at the Waseca Arts Council Elementary Art Show on Friday, April 29; Jacqlyn Mathern, Nicola deJager, Abril Marquez, Paola Hernandez, Hailey Van Winkle, Amelia Roessler, Anne Christian, Eliza Harguth, and Leah Walter. Their art work and the art work of other Sacred Heart School students may be viewed through Friday, May 27, 2011.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CONTEST...Congratulations to the following 4th grade students for the work they entered in the Local Catholic Daughters Education Contest. Poetry Winners – Joe Petracek 1st place, Logan Flom 2nd place, Crystal Veroeven 3rd place. Art Winners - Ana McCabe 1st place, Ritchie Diedrich 2nd place, Leah Walter 3rd place. Essay Winners- Rebecca Morgan 1st place, Logan Flom 2nd place. Computer Art- Rebecca Morgan 1st place, Ty Mann 2nd place, and Damien Anderson 3rd place.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 6	No School – Teacher In-service Day
Saturday, May 7	First Holy Communion
Sunday, May 8	First Holy Communion
Monday, May 9	WHS Jazz Band Visit at 8:15 a.m. in the gym
Wednesday, May 10	8:30 a.m. Mass planned by 3 rd grade followed by muffins, coffee, and juice in Nativity Hall 2 nd Grade Field Trip to Lakeshore Inn Nursing Home
Thursday, May 12	Art Show Set Up at Noon in the gym
Friday, May 13	Parent Lunch with children Sacred Heart School Art Show and Scholastic Book Fair 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the gym
Saturday, May 14	Sacred Heart School Art Show and Scholastic Book Fair 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the gym
Sunday, May 15	Sacred Heart School Art Show and Scholastic Book Fair 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the gym
Tuesday, May 17	2 nd Grade Field Trip to the Minnesota Zoo
Wednesday, May 18	8:30 a.m. Visiting Mass
Thursday, May 19	Camp Omega- 4 th grade WHS Select Choir Visit at 11:15 a.m. in the gym
Friday, May 20	Camp Omega – 4 th grade Outdoor Picnic for students in Kindergarten – 3 rd grade
Tuesday, May 24	Kindergarten Field Trip to the Hoffman Farm 3 rd Grade Field Trip to Farm America
Wednesday, May 25	Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
Friday, May 27	1 st Grade Field Trip to Boyd Fuller's Backyard 1:30 p.m. Mass and 4 th Grade Graduation Last Day of School for Students

Sincerely,

LeAnn M. Dahle
Principal

