

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Support our School!

The next Scrip order will go in on Friday, January 30th. Please see the form that was sent home with the newsletter for all of the great places you can shop with Scrip while at the same time raising money for the school!!

Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

7-Year Plan Coming Together

As mentioned in previous newsletters this year, SHAS is working on a 7-year school strategic plan (SSP) as part of our MNSAA (Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association) accreditation renewal. SHAS is now on its 7th year of its 7-year cycle, where we are tasked to develop a new 7-year SSP. The 4 objectives developed so far for our school's plan that the teachers, school advisory board, pastor, and principal have worked on, are; enhancement of curriculum, technology improvements, increased enrollment and retention of students and staff, and heightening spiritual awareness in us all. Each of these objectives include strategies and action steps to carry them out. We may develop one more objective in the next month as well. As mentioned before we invite all stakeholders to share their input for the future advancements of SHAS. Please share any thoughts you may have. A MNSSA onsite visitation team will visit us on April 11 and 12 to evaluate our status.

SHAS 5K Run



Children at the start of their 1K Run last May

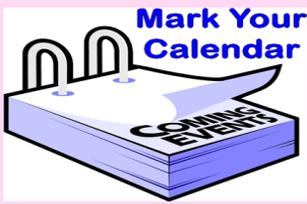
We are once again planning a 5K Run this spring. If anyone is interested in being on the planning committee, contact Amy Rutten or Jackie Doll. Last May 14th, SHAS hosted its first annual 5K Run and 1K for Kids. 47 people participated in the 5K including some SHAS students. About 24 children ran the 1K. Several participants ran / jogged more than usual in the

preceding months leading up to the event, benefiting them a great deal. This run is undoubtedly a huge service toward better health and wellness for our community, and will likely continue into the future. Thank you once again to our school families; Dolls and Ruttens, for organizing and promoting the event!

A Great Responsibility



We are not a public school. We are a parochial school that is funded 100% by you the parents, and the good will of the community. It is also kept in operation by staff, who work just as hard, but for much less than those employed at a state funded public school. All of us should take great pride in our accomplishments each year, continuing this mission for our children's future. It takes everyone involved to do their fair share of sacrifices and work to make this system work. Don't feel alone. This is how it has been for over 100 years. We do it because we believe we are giving our children something special, and better than what they would receive elsewhere. As the carnival approaches, and later in the winter, the fish fries, we will be called to do our part. Please be punctual when responding to communications from the very dedicated parents and staff, organizing these events, as not to make their job more difficult. Also, we need all families with children in grades K- 5 to sell tickets for the carnival. We have set a challenging but reasonable goal for everyone to attain. Please be sure to fulfill the goal set for your family. If we have a few families that don't do their part, it sets the hard work of others backwards. Many of these families will go above and beyond what has been asked. Please sell your tickets, or BUY them. Thank you and God bless!



- Jan 16 No School-PLC
- Jan 28 Catholic Schools Kick Off Mass at Sacred Heart Church 5:00pm
- Jan 29 Catholic Schools Kick Off Mass at St. Michaels Church 10:30am
- Jan 30 - Catholic Schools Week
Feb 3
- Feb 1 CSW Dance
- Feb 3 School IS in session
- Feb 5 Carnival
- Feb 17 Mid-Quarter 3
- Feb 27 No School
- Mar 3 2 Hour Early Out
- Mar 3 Fish Fry - Grades 2 & 5
- Mar 6 Spring Pictures
- Mar 10 Fish Fry - Grade 4
- Mar 13- Spring Break - No School
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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.

CARNIVAL

UPDATE

There are only 24 days left until the Carnival, and the kids have already brought in over \$2,000.00 in raffle ticket sales. That is amazing! If you want more raffle tickets to sell, please send a note with your student or call the office telling us how many books you want, and we'll send more home. If you have more than one child please indicate which child you would like the extra books for. Please send the money with the tickets and DO NOT send partial books! Also, please turn your raffle tickets in to your child's teacher rather than the office. Watch for signup sheets and items needed for the carnival to be coming home soon!



There was quite a bit of confusion with the early release because of weather on Tuesday. The school district makes this decision and we follow what they do. There is NO after school care if there is an unplanned release or late start, our staff also needs to get home safe and be with their families. Please have a plan in case these types of things happen. We will follow the student's normal dismissal plan, unless they are after school care. In that case we will plan on you picking them up at whatever time the district has given for a release time.



Happy New Year!
I just want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Program such a success. It was such a joy to hear all of the beautiful singing and have the message of Jesus's birth renewed in all our hearts!
We are starting our OLPA testing next week. We will finish the following week.
In math, we just finished a unit on averages. We will now work on perimeter and area.
In reading, we are working on reporting the events of Martin Luther Kings' life.
In social studies, we are learning about how European explorers were trying to find an easier route to Asia. Did the Vikings come to Minnesota??!
In English, we are now on to pronouns.
We are rapidly coming to the end of second quarter. That is unbelievable!
May you have a blessed 2017,
Mrs. Trout



It is hard to think of spring when the temperatures are as cold as they have been this week, but we are ready to start thinking about and planning our 2017 Spring Blast. We will be having a meeting on January 24th at 5:30 in the school gym. We would love to have new ideas and faces to help plan our biggest fundraiser of the year.