

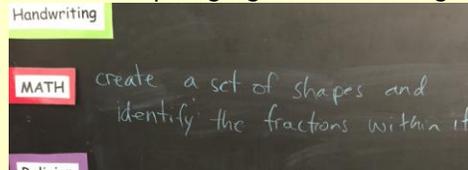
HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter #17

Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

Marzano Practices Continues

Sacred Heart Area School teachers continue their work on the theories and practices of Dr. Robert J. Marzano's "Art and Science of Teaching". Classroom teachers continue to post daily learning targets in grades 1-5 in classrooms discussing with students what their objective for the day is, and posting scales to make them self-aware of their learning to encourage higher level thinking. The implementation of the Marzano practices provides a great deal of accountability for teachers and students to perform at higher levels, and be challenged with tasks requiring higher level thinking.



Learning target for the day in math posted in second grade

One benefit for posting daily learning targets in the classroom is the students' exposure to the vocabulary. By seeing it, saying it, and acting it out in their work, a great deal of learning is taking place. Verbs like identify, depict, modify, and generalize, which normally they would not know, become common language to them. By using a 4,3,2,1 scale in the classroom, with 3 as the target for meeting the standard, students are more goal oriented to improve and can communicate to teachers what their level of understanding of new material is. Teachers are able to ask student where the students are as well, adjusting their instruction to meet each child's needs. Some students may need to do something more challenging to fulfill their sense of accomplishment. Feel free to talk to your child's teachers about these practices, while realizing some of them are very new to it.



2nd graders making fraction-bots from various shapes in Mrs. Detloff's math class



5th graders are designing and engineering a complex machine built from various simple machines that can carry out the task of popping a balloon, in Mrs Przybilla's science class.

Upcoming Fun



We have several fun events on the horizon. The SHAS 4th and 5th grade students will be hosting a spaghetti dinner after the 5pm Mass on January 30th at Sacred Heart, Staples and a pancake breakfast after the 10:30am Mass St. Michael's, Motley on January 31st Catholic Schools Week (CSW) Kick-off Masses. Free-will donations are accepted to go toward their spring fieldtrip to the state capitol and science museum. CSW will be observed across the nation January 31st-February 5th. Throughout CSW we will celebrate who we are as a Catholic school through community outreach and fun events, including a community dance February 3rd at 6pm. We will wrap up the week with our annual carnival, Sunday, February 7th from 9:30am until 1:30am, at which time we will have our raffle drawing. Finally, SHAS will again be hosting Lenten fish fry dinners every Friday during Lent. Parents in grades K-5, please keep in mind that your help will be needed for one fish fry event. One motivated group of parents that form the fish fry committee will likely be at most of these fish fries. Thank you to all of you parents!



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We need your help.

We are relying on each family in K – 5 to donate the following items to help with the carnival.

- 10 grab bag prizes in brown paper lunch bags
- 2 or more cakes per family for the Cake Walk
- 2 or more baked items per family for the Bake Sale

All items can be dropped off at the school.



- Jan 21 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 21 **Spring Blast Meeting 5:30**
- Jan 22 No School- Teacher Workshop
- Jan 30 Catholic Schools Week Kick off Mass 5:00 Staples
- Jan 31 Catholic Schools Week Kick off Mass 10:30 Motley
- Feb 1-5 Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week Dance
- Feb 7 Carnival
- Feb 10 Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30

*Sing Unto The
 LORD A New
 Song. Sing Unto
 The LORD all
 The Earth.*
 Psalm 96:1



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

Our goal as a school is to sell \$17,000 worth of raffle tickets, so far \$1,400 has been turned in. Please keep selling and returning tickets to the school. There are lots of fun prizes and incentives for your child to win!

SCHOOL INCENTIVES

\$3,000	Superhero Bracelets
\$6,000	Make Your Own Cape Day
\$9,000	Superhero Photo Booth Day
\$12,000	School Dance
\$15,000	Sleepover at School
\$17,000	Popcorn and Movie Day

TOP SELLERS

Prizes for the top three sellers are:
321 Bounce Package, \$100 Scrip, 6 passes to the waterpark or 6 tickets to the movies

The top seller will get to choose from the three prizes

The second top seller will have choice of the two remaining prizes

The third top seller will get the remaining prize

WEEKLY INCENTIVES

Every student that brings in at least 1 book a week will have their name entered into a drawing for a Kindle Fire!

Limit 1 entry per week between the dates of January 4th-January 29th

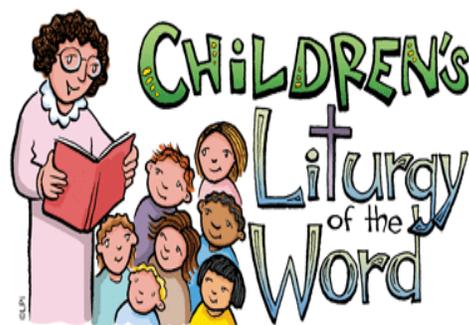
Every student that turns in 2 books of tickets will receive the weekly prize.
 January 11th - 15th: Superhero Glider
 January 18th - 22nd: Stretchy Superhero



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 2016 Spring Blast. We will be having a meeting on **January 21st, 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.

Preschool News

In Preschool, we finished up the Christmas season the first week back from break and are now having a Jurassic New Year! Each week we are discovering a little about dinosaurs. Did you know that an Argentinosaurus was the **BIGGEST** land animal that ever lived? You would fit under one of their feet! We are making our way through the alphabet, being quick and quiet last week, playing games and listening to Mrs. Thompson play her guitar this week, and next week we will be making our very own S'mores!! Wow, those curves in our letters can be tricky, but with practice we are getting better. I hope everyone is having a good New Year, even if you didn't go back in time like the preschoolers did! Take Care,
 Miss Malone



CLOW is looking for teachers and helpers. CLOW is taught during the 8:30 am masses at Sacred Heart Church. The lessons are prepared and given to you ahead of time. If you are interested in either teaching or helping out please give Jill Albie a call at 218-838-7117.