

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter # 16

Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

Half Time Report

Sacred Heart Area School started the second half of the school year Tuesday morning. It is a great time for teachers, parents, and students to refocus on what we are doing. Are we maximizing our time with students in the classroom, challenging each individual student to reach their greatest potential? Are we focusing enough time with our children in the evenings to prepare them for the next school day, and making sure they are spending some time reading? Are we listening to our parents and teachers and finishing our homework on time? And for all of us, are we remembering to keep God at the center of our lives? Thinking about what we can do to better ourselves is the first step in being a better you. I need to do this more often, and I am sure I am not alone. We wish all our families and staff the best in the second half of our school year! Thank you everyone, for your great work so far this year!

Kick-off

Catholic Schools Week is ten days away. Next weekend we will have our Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Masses in both towns. We hope your family can attend. Please have your child(ren) wear their SHAS uniform to either mass you may attend and sit with us upfront. This is the best way to show our supporting parishioners how much we value our school. If you would like your child to have a mass part, please sign up by tomorrow. The SHAS 4th and 5th grade students will be hosting a spaghetti dinner after the 5pm Mass on January 28th at Sacred Heart, Staples and a pancake breakfast after 10:30am Mass St. Michael's, Motley on January 29th Catholic Schools Week (CSW) Kick-off Masses. Free-will donations are accepted to go toward their spring fieldtrip to the Audubon Center. CSW will be observed across the nation January 30th-February 3rd.

Throughout CSW we will celebrate who we are as a Catholic school through community outreach and fun events, including a community dance February 1st at 6pm. We will wrap up the week with our annual carnival Sunday, February 5th from 9:30am until 1:00pm, at which time we will have our raffle drawing.

Someone to Lean On

Yesterday we celebrated our support staff members with a luncheon in the library, and extended free time to relax over lunch time. Lunch and duty coverage was provided by the teachers and principal. The children made cards for these special people who we count on every day to do so much for us to keep our school functioning and meet each student's needs. Thank you all so very much!



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

10 grab bag prizes in brown paper lunch bags

1 or more cakes per family for the Cake Walk

1 or more baked items per family for the Bake Sale

SHAS Support Staff



Kelly Miller
Asst. PK Teacher



Jenny Reiman
PK Aide / Para



Janelle Thompson
Title I Para



Sandy Becker
School Secretary



Connie DeVault
Business Mgr.



Terri Kangas
Church Secretary



Larry Odden
Maintenance



Mike Blessing
Music



Barb Peterson
Volunteer



Grandma
Kathy Fuller



Grandma
Anita Hove



Fr. Joe
Pastor/Super

Not Pictured: Volunteer Librarians; Mary Murray and Tammy Walz, Volunteer IT man Steve Benson



- Jan 24 Spring Blast Meeting 5:30
- 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 13-17 Spring Break - No School
- Mar 17 Fish Fry - KC
- Mar 21 Pre-K & K Roundup



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 \$4,000 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 Fishing Pail with Candy
- \$6,000 Extra Recess
- \$9,000 Game Day at School
- \$12,000 School Dance w/pizza
- \$15,000 Sleepover at School
- \$17,000 Popcorn and Movie Day at School

TOP SELLERS

Prizes for the top three sellers are: Fishing Kit, Water Park Package, \$50 SCRIP

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! Limit 1 entry per week between the dates of January 6th-February 3rd

In addition to the kindle drawing, every student that turns in 2 books vs. 1 book of tickets per week will also receive the below weekly prizes.
January 16th - 20nd: Fishing Bobber
January 23rd-27th: Inflatable Fish Beach Ball

(You will need to request more tickets from Sandy to reach each weekly prize)



Our Preschool Service Project, the December Food Drive, was a HUGE success! Our school raised over 500 pounds of food and almost \$300 in cash donations. Thank you all for supporting us! The preschool class brought in the most pounds of food, but the Fifth Grade class brought in the most overall donations. The Fifth Grade class is the winner of the ice cream party, but because the whole school went far beyond our expectations they will all receive Root Beer Floats. We are busy preparing for the School Carnival! Tickets have been coming in steadily! Please remember to return the ones you are not going to sell. They all must be accounted for and we have students willing to sell more. On a final note, the Preschool class is asking everyone to save their plastic milk caps. We will be using them to reinforce and review the alphabet with our students. Thanks!



The first school calendar that went out this fall showed that we would be having February and April 3rd off for teacher workshops. When we planned this we were following the school districts schedule, since then they have changed to school being in session those days so we will also now be having school on those days!