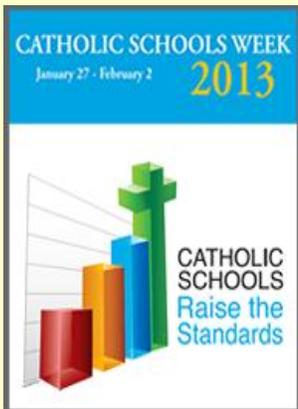


# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Family Fun

Last night's movie night was enjoyed by 55 members of our school family. We watched "Ice Age 4", with popcorn and drink. Thank you Home and School officers for hosting this event and for continuously striving to strengthen our sense of family at SHAS!

## Catholic Schools Week Fun

We are also anticipating a fabulous CSW at the end of this month. We have a lot of fun events and community outreach projects in the works for the children. These include the community dance on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, the "Dancing Gauchos" at 9:30am on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and the inter-Catholic school including SHAS, Christ the King of Browerville, and St. Henry's Catholic School of Perham. More details will be provided next week.

## Happy Expectations

We are very happy to announce our sixth grade teacher Mrs. Kasey Odden is expecting her second child this spring. Although the baby is not due for a few months, it is anticipated that the doctor will be ordering an extended bed rest. We have been advertising for a long term substitute teacher and have some wonderful candidates already.

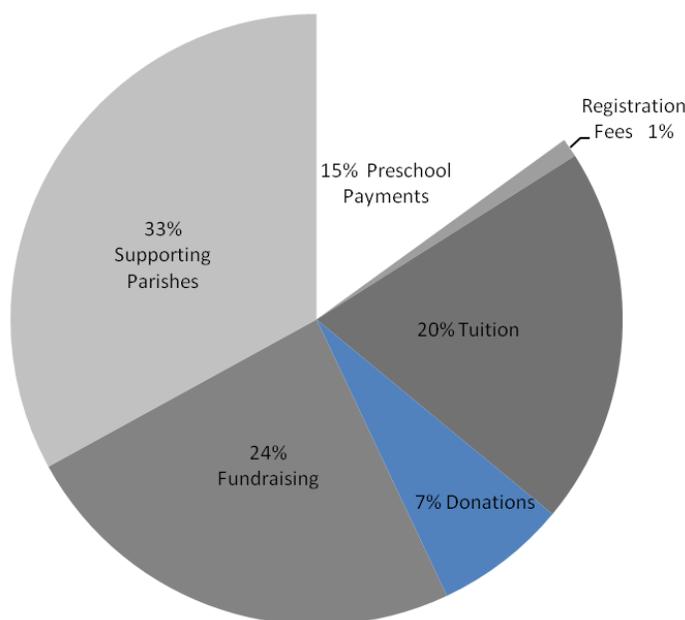
## What's at Stake for SHAS

It is important for us to keep in mind that our school is totally funded locally, by people like our parents, without any government funding. Although K-6 grade parents have the great burden of paying tuition, it pays only about 20% of the \$5,000 cost per pupil at SHAS. Other sources include (see pie chart below); supporting parishes who subsidize \$2,000 for each of their members cost per pupil, providing 33% of the income for SHAS. Fundraising makes up 24% of our annual income, donations from individuals makes up 7%, which includes stewardship from parents who feel they can pay a larger portion of their cost per pupil after tuition, or members of the community who give freely to our school because they believe in our mission. Registration fees are 1% and preschool is 15%. Every piece of the pie is critical for our school to operate. This is why we so desperately need the cooperation of our parents in the next few weeks. Is it worth it? We hope you see that it is. Our school provides small class sizes, where each child's faith, morals, discipline, and knowledge are developed for a fulfilled and happy life.

## How You can Help

Our Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Masses will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Not only do our children need to know we value the identity of our school, but our parishioners from our supporting parishes need to see what they are providing. Your family's presence at one of these masses will show our supporting parishioners who they are touching with their generosity, and how they are making a difference. Our upcoming Carnival on the following weekend is the largest fundraiser of the year. Our school is dependent on parents for success. We ask that you sign up to help with the carnival or dinner set up, supervising game or ticket booths, and serving dinner. We also ask our parents to donate cakes for the cakewalk and prizes for certain games. Details and signup sheets will be coming home soon. The sale of the raffle tickets is one more burden. A lot is asked of parents, but it is all for their children. All money raised is an anticipated part of the school's annual budget. Thank you so much!

## SHAS incomes to cover \$5,000 cost per individual pupil





- Jan 18 End of Quarter 2
- Jan 21 NO SCHOOL
- Jan 26 Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass at Staples 5:00
- Jan 27 Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass at Motley 10:30
- Jan 28 – Feb 1 Catholic Schools Week
- Jan 30 Dance at SHAS 6:00
- Feb 1 Two Hour Early Out
- Feb 3 SHAS Carnival & Dinner
- Feb 15 NO SCHOOL – winter break
- Feb 18 NO SCHOOL – winter break
- Feb 25 Mid-Quarter 3



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. Please return the tickets to school as you sell them, it is a lot easier for us if the kids turn them in as they sell instead of on the last day. Remember, this is one of our school's biggest fundraisers of the year. Please do your part to help our school meet its goal!

## First Grade News

Hello from the first grade classroom. We are putting our best foot forward in 2013! In Reading we are concentrating on suffixes like -ed and -ing, the sounds of or, ar, er and ir and reading more smoothly. We are also working on writing friendly letters. In math we are working very hard on our Math Facts Challenge. Along with basic addition and subtraction facts practice, we are concentrating on telling time. Please practice our math facts and reading digital and analog clocks with us at home. This is our last week of Social Studies. We have spent the quarter learning about history, communities, maps, and directions. Although Social Studies is fun we are looking forward to Science next week where we will begin learning about our Earth's land and water. Have a super week!



*"Spend time in prayer, and God will give you purpose."*

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you find; knock and the door will be opened to you.  
Matthew 7:7



### Mission Statement

*As believers in God, and moved by the power of the Holy Spirit, we foster spiritual and academic formation of our students in a positive, welcoming atmosphere that reflects a respect for all people.*



**Congratulations to the January students of the month**

- PreK- Blake Peterson and Sam Zimmermann**
- K - Axel Mertens**
- 1 - Zachary McIlravy**
- 2 - Colby Zetah**
- 3 - Reese Thompson**
- 4 - Cole Winkels**
- 5 - Ryan Wick**
- 6 - Jack Adamietz**

**Box Tops For Education Winner  
Skye Larson**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK  
January 27 - February 2  
2013

