

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST!**



There will be a pancake breakfast February 5th at Sacred Heart Church after the 8:30 mass. All free will donations will go to SHAS. We are blessed with many people who love our school.



Focus and Rigor for Your Child

What does rigor mean for your child? For the past two years, the SHAS faculty has been studying and practicing the Marzano teaching styles, along with teachers from the rest of the Diocese. The purpose for all these efforts has been to become the best academic schools we can be for the future success of our students. The targets have been to create a learning environment where children become self-aware of what they are or will be learning, and to facilitate rigor. Studies show that students learning increases drastically when goals and scales based on their learning standards are posted in the classroom. Because of this, they become more focused and goal oriented in their learning. Rigor is provided when a student is given opportunities in the classroom to master (able to work independently on) more cognitively complex substance from the academic standards. As a staff, we are finally at a point where we are providing this for the children. It has taken a lot of effort and we still have a long way to go. This year's focus has been on providing these opportunities with our math standards. Next year's focus will be in Language Arts/Reading. It involves dissecting the academic standards and creating learning scales for the students as a road map to rigor, and creating the activities that allow students to achieve more. We are happy to say, we are at a place where many schools would like to be. Please pray for our continued growth and success.

School Pride Opportunity

This weekend is 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 up front. This is the best way to show our supporting parishioners how much we value our school.

**I LOVE
THIS SCHOOL**

Food and Fun



The 4th and 5th grade students of SHAS will be hosting a spaghetti dinner after the 5pm Mass on Saturday at Sacred Heart, Staples and a pancake breakfast after 10:30am Mass Sunday at St. Michael's, Motley. Free-will donations are accepted to go toward their spring fieldtrip to the Audubon Center. CSW will be observed across the nation next week. 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 1:00am, at which time we will have our raffle drawing.



"Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."



Come and celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a dance!

Wednesday, February 1st

6:00 – 8:00

\$3.00 Admission

Pizza and concessions will be available

Everyone is welcome!



- 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



Set up for the carnival will start on Friday, February 3rd at 3:30 and tear down will start at 1:00 on Sunday, February 5th. Lots of help is needed. We are counting on all parents to help get the school ready for a great carnival for the kids!!

Kindergarten

Hello from Kindergarten!!! We have been very busy learning lots of new things every day in class! We almost know how to correctly write all of the little letters of the alphabet! ☺ In Reading, we are reading the story "Julius". It's about an Alaskan pig that Maya's granddaddy brought back from Alaska for Maya. Maya taught the pig how to behave and Julius (the pig) taught Maya how to have fun. We are learning about what/who the characters are in a story. We are also learning how to correctly form sentences by using a capital letter at the beginning, a period at the end, use our best handwriting and the sentence has to make sense. In Math, we are learning how to sort and make a graph. We are going to look at different pictures to and then make a graph as well. In Religion, we are learning about our parish. Our parish is a neighborhood family of Catholics. And, the pastor is the priest who is the leader of the parish. We are anxiously awaiting Catholic Schools Week! ☺ The students are very excited to have dress-up days, activities and a movie throughout the week! ☺ Have a great rest of the week and an awesome weekend! ☺



CARNIVAL UPDATE

There are only 10 days until the carnival!

In order for the carnival to be a success we need every family at Sacred Heart to help! The things we need your help with are; selling raffle tickets, bringing in grab bags, bake sale items, cakes for the cake walk and also working on the day of the carnival! **We still have 4 open spots on the second shift** that need to be filled. All of these things are needed to make the carnival a success!!

- **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**



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.