

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**There will be a pancake breakfast February 7<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Principal's News from Jim Opelia,

### Farewell



*SHAS students and staff pay homage to Grandma Mona with carnations*

Sacred Heart Area School students and staff process in before the start of Grandma Mona's funeral on Monday, paying homage with carnations (red from staff and blue from students). Thank you Janelle Thompson and Sandy Becker for coordinating this! Several young alumni and former staff who knew Grandma Mona from the school also attended the funeral, as well as many family members and parish and community friends. She has been with our school for 19 years, making it the biggest part of her life. Grandma cared dearly for all the children, and worked hard with them, to be sure they were growing academically, happy emotionally, and was the greatest role model for them spiritually. We love you Grandma!

### Grandma Anita Arrives

We are very excited about our new foster grandma who joined us this Tuesday. Anita Hove of Staples has recently joined the foster grandparent program. She is an alumna of SHAS and a very pleasant, loving person, who is a wonderful addition to our school family. Grandma Anita, we are so glad you are here!



*Grandma Anita working with a student*



SCRIP order will be placed tomorrow afternoon!!

### The Busiest Week of the Year

This week will be demanding for us all. If you get to feeling overwhelmed, you are not alone. The SHAS 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be hosting a spaghetti dinner after the 5pm Mass on Saturday at Sacred Heart, Staples and a pancake breakfast after 10:30am Mass St. Michael's, Motley on Sunday Catholic Schools Week (CSW) Kick-off Masses. Thank you families who are participating in these Masses! Free-will donations are accepted at these meals that follow to go toward the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders' spring fieldtrip to the state capitol and science museum. 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, Wednesday at 6pm. We will wrap up the week with our annual carnival, Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am until 1:30am, at which time we will have our raffle drawing.

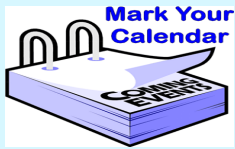
### The Challenge of the Carnival

Thank you parents for all your hard work selling raffle tickets for this year's carnival! As a parent of two SHAS students, I know the challenges you have with commitments to your school with fundraising and volunteer time. We all understand this necessity and we do our part, because we love this school for our children. The next week will be a challenge for us all, making sure our carnival succeeds, which is a big part of our annual budget to keep the school in operation. Thank you all in advance for your sacrifice to the success of this event!

### Grateful for Our Support Staff



The SHAS teachers organized a support staff appreciation day and luncheon for all our support staff, working with our children throughout the school year in classrooms and in the office and keeping our school environment clean and safe. They are a true blessing, and we love and appreciate them so much! Thank you all!



- 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
- Feb 12 No School – Mid Winter Break
- Feb 12 Fish Fry - KC
- Feb 15 No School – Mid Winter Break
- Feb 19 Fish Fry – Gr. 5
- Feb 24 Mid Quarter 3
- Feb 26 Fish Fry – Gr. 3



Come and celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a dance!  
 Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 6:00 - 8:00  
 \$3.00 Admission  
 Concessions will be available  
 Everyone is welcome!



Can you believe we have been in school for 88 days already? The year is going by fast. We celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day, talking about dreams that each First Grader has for their future. We are learning about life cycles of frogs, flowers, and butterflies. We are getting excited for Catholic School Week., lots of exciting events going on next week. I am encouraging the First Graders to be reading everyday at home, trying for at least 20 minutes, and we are finding more time in the day for read to self. We are planning a Valentine's Day party and a day to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, which will be February 17, 2016. In math we have been working on telling time to the hour and half hour and in reading we have been reading Frog and Toad stories. They are loving it.



As of today the students have turned in around \$6,800 in ticket sales. All raffle tickets sold and unsold are due in the office Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>!! So far the kids have earned a superhero bracelet day, and a superhero make a cape day. The students also get 2 game tickets for every book of tickets they sell. Please keep selling.

**THE CARNIVAL IS ONLY 10 DAYS AWAY!!!**

**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 either Friday anytime or Sunday before the Carnival. Don't forget all set up is going to be done on Friday at 1:30!



PSALM 119:105



**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.



Set up for the carnival will start on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and tear down will start at 1:30 on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Lots of help is needed. We are counting on all parents to help get the school ready for a great carnival for the kids!!



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to work a shift at the carnival. We still have a lot of open spots on the second shift. If you have not signed up yet please consider working from 11:30-1:30!