

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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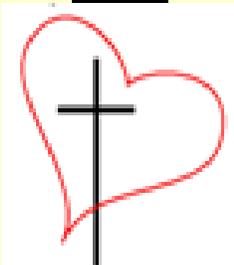
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Goal: **2,000**
Total this month:
1,000



Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

A Huge Thank You... NWEA Testing

to everyone who made our Catholic Schools Week complete! Thank you parents and students for attending and participating in the CSW Kickoff Masses, spaghetti dinner, and pancake breakfast last weekend at St. Michael's and Sacred Heart. Thank you staff for making CSW so fun and memorable for the children! Thank you parishioners for your continued support of our mission in so many ways! And, thank you all for the many efforts and offerings to make our school's carnival a success this weekend!

Volunteer Hours

As the carnival approaches, we ask our K-6 parents to keep track of their volunteer time. Volunteer cards will be available at the school and church for you to fill out for easiest tracking. If you have not completed your minimum 8 hours of volunteer time and you fill out the volunteer cards, your time working at the carnival or dinner should be reflected on your February billing statement.

Starting this year, students at Sacred Heart Area School are taking the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association online MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test. MAP assessments are designed to find where each student is at academically and give data that will guide teacher instruction to meet the needs of each individual student. It is an adaptive assessment, which means the testing system adjusts the question to the appropriate level of each individual student based on previous responses. The key factor to this test is that it is given 3 times a year (fall, winter, and spring), measuring the progress they make. Therefore, instead of comparing students to each other, the MAP test compares individual accomplishments. SHAS students' fall testing was completed last September. The winter testing window is the weeks of February 4th and 11th. We will continue to test our students with standardized tests, which serve a different purpose, each spring. Have a blessed week!



WILD Carnival, Raffle, and Dinner
February 3, 2013 11:00 am – 3 pm
Dinner 11:00 am – 1:30 pm in
Sacred Heart Church Basement



- Feb 1 2 Hour Early Out
- Feb 3 SHAS Carnival
- Feb 15 NO SCHOOL – winter break
- Feb 18 NO SCHOOL – winter break
- Feb 20 Spring Blast Meeting
- Feb 25 Mid – Quarter 3
- Mar 1 2 Hour Early Out
- Mar 18 Spring Pictures
- Mar 27 End of Quarter 3
- Mar 28-Easter Break – No School
Apr 1
- Apr 9 Pre-K & K Roundup
- Apr 12 2 Hour Early Out



*Believe in Jesus,
Learn from Jesus,
Be humble like Jesus.*



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.



THE CARNIVAL IS ONLY 3 DAYS AWAY!!!

We need your help. We are relying on each family in K – 6 to donate the following items to help with the carnival. If you have any questions, please call the school and we'll be happy to help you.

- 5 grab bag prizes in brown paper lunch bags
- 5 Bingo prizes
- 2 or more cakes per family for the Cake Walk
- 2 or more baked items per family for the Bake Sale (take to church basement)

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. We will be starting at 1:30. We need lots of help so please come and do your part!!!



All raffle tickets sold and unsold need to be returned by 3:00 on Sunday.



Greetings from the Third Grade Classroom!

We have been very busy in math with subtraction and trying to remember the steps to take when having to regroup. With the help of a computer activity we found called "xtramath" the students have the chance at school or at home each day to master basic addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts. If you have not seen this before for your children, we encourage all of you to look into it - free of charge - and possibly sign up to practice - the students love it so far. We are now moving into the exciting world of multiplication. The students were amazed when they found out that all along they have known how to multiply if they have ever skip counted. In reading we have been reading stories about people and nature and how they are connected. The stories are written differently each time - some as a regular story but others as a play or several written letters. This makes reading them very interesting and has made the students question why an author would write like this - and that's a great thing! Science has been about learning the relationships between the Sun, Earth, and moon. Many cool activities have taken place and much information has been learned about their size, what each is like, how seasons occur, why the moon changes shape, and what causes shadows.

We hope you all have a great weekend. Have a ton of fun at the carnival and eat lots at the dinner!