

Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Principal's News

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Dates:
September 26-29
Shopping Hours:
7:30am-3:30pm
Special Events:
Grandparents
Day, Thursday
September 29th

End of the Day Dismissal

For your children's safety, the remote access security doors at the front entrance of the school are closed from 8:10am until 3:00pm during the school day. The opening of these doors at 3pm does not mark the end of the school day, but rather a convenience for parents entering the building to pick up their children. The school bell marks the end of the academic school day at 3:05pm when our Motley school bus riders are picked up. The remainder of the students are not dismissed until the bell at 3:20pm when the main bus picks up the remainder of the bus riders to transfer at Staples Elementary. During the 15 minutes (3:05-3:20pm) between these two bells, students and teachers are utilizing the time to work on unfinished work, clean their work areas for the next day, etc. When picking up your child(ren), please do not call your children out of the classroom prior to this time, unless you talk to his or her teacher beforehand. Doing so can be very disruptive to the class and make it difficult for the teachers to keep track of where students are. Teachers are asked, not to dismiss any students from their class until this time for the sake of keeping them supervised and safe.

A New Board Position

Sacred Heart Area School Families will again be represented this year by the SHAS School Advisory Board. This year's board members are; Katie Noska, Chris Perius, Michael Cole, Tom Brichacek, Susan Storry, and Sarah Gregerson. In addition, for the first time this year, we have an **ex-officio parent representative, Tina Maros**. Welcome Tina! We are so glad you are part of the team. This position is a new opportunity for SHAS parents that are not members of a local Catholic parish, who have not been able to serve on the board in the past, to do so. The board is very excited to have this new member, whose membership, without a doubt, will be just as valuable to the school as any other board members. Together, these advisory board members will work with the principal and pastor in developing school policies, problem solving, and decision making. All board members are elected to serve 3 year terms.

NWEA MAP Testing Continues

Students in grades kindergarten-fifth grade will be testing the next two weeks with the NWEA MAP tests. This first test of the year gives us a baseline to measure student progress against our later winter and spring testing. This is a great tool for students and teachers to self-evaluate their performance of learning and instructing through the year. In the past, we have seen a drop in achievement between our spring test and our fall test, as children are away from the classroom for 3 months during the summer. It will be very interesting to see what the results are this year in comparison to other years with kids having summer bridges workbooks over the summer.

Addressing Concerns

As concerns arise that we recognize with your child or family, we will be sure to address them to you as soon as possible. Please be sure to address your concerns with your time at SHAS with us as soon as they arise. Concerns with your child's success and happiness at school should be brought to the attention of their teacher. Health concerns, changes of after school plans, and other scheduling related concerns should be brought to Sandy's attention in the office. Your concerns with the school, staff, or your personal financial concerns involving the school should be brought to the principal's attention.

Grandparents Day and Book Fair

Next Thursday is Grandparents Day at SHAS. Grandparents are invited to 8:30am Mass at the church, followed by coffee, milk, and juice at the school with the children. They are welcome to checkout their classrooms and tour the school. The book fair is also available for grandparents to shop at with the kids. We are so blessed with the presence of our grandparents in our lives, watching over us, guiding our families, and so often helping us in many different ways. Thank you grandparents, for all you do and all your love! Thank you staff, Home and School officers, and parents for all your hard work, making this event special!

GRANDPARENTS
fill the world
with LOVE



- Sept 30 Mid-Quarter 1
- Oct 7 No School-PLC
- Oct 14 No School
SACRED HEART ONLY
Marzano Training for Teachers
- Oct 17 No School-PLC
- Oct 19 Work-a-thon
- Oct 20- No School MEA
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- Oct 26 Halloween Dance
- Oct 31 No School-PLC
- Nov 1 End of 1st Quarter

Scrip



Support our School!

An easy way to help support our school is by ordering Scrip. Scrip are gift cards that you buy at face value and the school gets a percentage of what you buy from us through the company. Everyone goes to Target or Walmart, buys gas, goes out to eat. If you plan ahead a little the school benefits from that. They also make great gifts. An order form was sent home today, we try to place orders at the end of each month. Our next order will be going in on, Friday, September 30th!

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Hello from Kindergarten!! ☺ We are having a great start to our 2016-2017 school year! Everyone seems to be getting settled into our daily routine and is eager and ready to learn numbers, sounds, letters, counting, etc. This next Thursday September 29th is Grandparents Day – all of the grandparents are welcome to come to mass at 8:30 am and then to the school to have some refreshments! In Kindergarten, we always love visitors! If you would like to come in and help us with a project or to come read a story, we would love to have you! Just give me a heads up so I know! ☺ We are very excited to see what the rest of the year brings! We are really happy with all of this nice, Fall weather already! ☺ Have a great rest of the week and a great weekend!!!

☺
Miss Becker

Every good and perfect gift comes from above

James 1:17



The after school dismissal form you fill out for your child at the beginning of the year is what we use to determine where students are supposed to go at the end of the day. We take those forms very seriously and follow them. Without a note or phone call **from a parent** we will do what is on that form. If at anytime during the school year you need to change after school instructions please request and fill out a new form. Thank you!



If you have not been receiving emails from the school but would like to be on our email list, please email Sandy at sacredheartareaschool@arvig.net



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.