

Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Dates:
September 26-28
Shopping Hours:
7:30am-3:30pm
Special Events:
Grandparents
Day, Thursday
September 28th

Principal's News

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 muffins at the school with the children. They are welcome to check out 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 helping us in so 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!

Remembering Those Suffering
Last week, the 4th graders were writing letters of support to Hurricane Harvey victims, and learning about what they are going through. We encourage families to talk about disasters as the children may view them in the newspapers, television and internet devices. Talk to them about what we can do to help people in need and ensure them that they are safe. We pray for all victims of the most recent violent storms around the world.



4th graders writing to Harvey Victims

NWEA MAP Testing Continues
Students in grades kindergarten-fifth grade have been or will be testing 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 student and teacher 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

Jim Opelia, Principal

for 3 months during the summer. It will be very interesting to see what the results are this year for those students who completed a significant amount of their Summer Bridges workbooks over the summer.

Homework

The Sacred Heart teaching staff collectively discussed the value of homework for our students, as well as the value of consistency of homework between grade levels. Items mentioned were: First of all, the value of having the home connection in the children's learning, where parents engage with their children, realizing what they are being taught and understanding how well they are learning the material. Secondly, the importance of teaching children the skill and responsibility of completing homework, which they will certainly have plenty of for the remainder of their life after leaving our school. The last but not least item, was that we should not over do homework, as to not burn the children out, when their families' lives are very busy, and play time and family interaction time is incredibly important. The classroom teachers all agreed that we should be consistent in providing homework that the children can accomplish in a relatively short time. Please keep in contact with us with your concerns regarding homework throughout the year.

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 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 the secretary'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.

Help Wanted Secretary/Health Aide at SHAS (during the school day)

Minimum Requirements:

enjoys working with children, good people skills, team player, computer skills/office experience, high school diploma, and comfortable in a faith based environment.

Please contact Mr. Jim Opelia at 218 894-2077 to apply.



- Sept 25 No School/Diocesan Workshop
- Sept 28 Grandparents Day Mass
- Oct 5 Mid-Quarter 1
- Oct 13 No School
SACRED HEART ONLY
FELT Training
- Oct 16 No School
- Oct 18 Work-a-thon
- Oct 19- No School MEA
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- Oct 25 Halloween Dance

thank you...
...AND good-bye

Thank you to my Sacred Heart family for the wonderful 7 years spent here. I am going to miss the students so much but it is time for me to move on to the next chapter in my life. I will never forget their smiling, sweet faces and plan to stop by often to visit so they don't forget me. Thank you for the sweet messages and words of encouragement. I am blessed to have so many people that love and care about me.
Miss Sandy



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Hello from Kindergarten!! We have been having a great school year so far! This week, we are learning how to write the letters D, P and B. We are also learning how to write the numbers 1-10. In Religion, we are learning that God is our father. We also learned another name for God which is "Abba". We have been reading a story for Reading called "Fix-It Duck". It is about this Duck who tries to fix things, but he just keeps breaking things instead of fixing them! We have also learned a few words like: I, am and some animal names. We have also learned how to read a couple of stories together as a class and by ourselves for our parents!!!! In Math, we are learning how to sort things by alike/different, by color, by size, by shape and by kind. Lots and lots of sorting! We have also been working a lot on our listening and following direction skills. We would like to thank Miss Sandy for all of her hard work, dedication, time and commitment to our school! We are so sad that she will be leaving us! Her last day is tomorrow! We wish her well at her new job and we hope she comes back to visit! Have a great weekend everyone!!!

Mrs. 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!



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.