

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News from Jim Opelia, Principal

What We Did

The past two weeks have been very challenging for Sacred Heart Area School families and staff. We completed Catholic Schools Week and our annual carnival in 8 days. The school asked a lot of us all. In response, people came forward to answer the call and our school, benefited from it. The children enjoyed and learned from the fun theme days, activities, community service, and dance (see sacredheartareaschool.org for more details), and our school has stayed on a track toward success.

What Was Accomplished

Several families attended our Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Masses at our supporting parishes, St. Michael's and Sacred Heart. Our children witnessed that we value the identity of our school and supporting parishioners saw the children who they help, through their generosity, to provide a faith based education. This year's carnival was second to none. Everything came

together like clockwork, as nearly all of you came forward, donating game prizes, cash, selling raffle tickets, and working carnival shifts. It was wonderful to hear of new friendships created among old and new school families, and past year overworked volunteers overjoyed with the relief of extra support. Together we raised a net profit of approximately \$22,000, which \$17,000 came from raffle ticket sales. Was all this necessary? Below is a chart (which has been on a previous newsletter) showing where our school gets income to operate. Yes everything was necessary. The burden to parents with the October Marathon and February Carnival is part of who we are as a Catholic School with no state or federal funding. Your school is grateful for a job well done!

I Love to Read Month

February is "I Love to Read Month". We are encouraging student reading with creative celebrations of children's literature and providing reading incentives. As the month progresses, families and visitors to SHAS will see our school bookworm grow on the walls of the gym. Each time a student finishes reading a book, they will add a body segment with their book's title to the bookworm. We ask parents to especially encourage a love for reading with your children this month. Thank you all for all you do!



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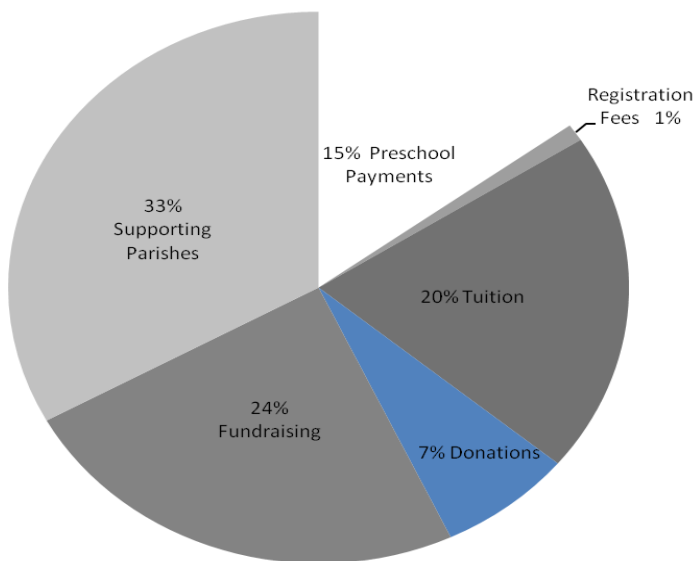
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SHAS incomes to cover \$5,000 cost per individual pupil



When a child learns to read independently that skill unlocks the door to a whole new world of information and imagination. So be sure to take the time to read to your child.



Feb 13 Ash Wednesday
Mass 8:30 a.m

Feb 14 School for SHAS (No
school @ Staples
Elementary)

Feb 15 No School

Feb 18 No School

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
-Apr 1

January



PreK - Ronnie Noska
Skye Larson

K - Sophie Albie

1 - Leo Mathews

2 - Isaac Calix

3 - Mitch Lisson

4 - Ryker Beckner

5 - Katelin Olander

6 - Morgan Dolezal



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 preschool class is in need of empty paper towel rolls. If you have any you would like to get rid of please drop them off in the office. Thank you!



Earn Cash for Our School!

The deadline to mail in box tops for this school year is March 1st. If you have box tops at home please get them in to the school before then. We collect all year round so please keep collecting and sending them in throughout the rest of the school year and during the summer also. They only mail out checks twice a year so this is the reason for the deadline. If you don't get them in before then don't worry we will get them in on the next mailing. Our last check we got from them was for \$540.00!!!! Thanks to all of you who collect and bring in BOX TOPS!!!!



The beginning of the new year brought us a new student, Ryker Beckner. Although new to the 4th grade, he is not new to our school. He attended here through 1st grade. To celebrate the month of January, we learned about Martin Luther King Jr., as well as, researched and reported on penguins. Each grade is starting a novel unit. We will be doing our NWEA testing next week.



Celebrating 100 days of school on Monday!!!