

Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Halloween Costume
Dance

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 23RD WILL
BE THE SACRED
HEART AREA SCHOOL
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COSTUME DANCE FOR
PARISH AND SCHOOL
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Principal's News

Great People / Great School

Students and staff are especially focusing on school-wide discipline, in the loving and respecting of God, each other, and all His creations. Together, with our wonderfully supportive SHAS parents, we will certainly make great strides this year. Our newly updated computer labs is up and running, thanks to the many hours of volunteer work by Steve Benson. Our library updates continue thanks to Mary Murry, who volunteers each Tuesday to our school. Our home and school officers met last night to discuss plans for another year of building our school's sense of family / community. Plans also continue for this upcoming centennial year (2014).

NWEA MAP Testing

Students at Sacred Heart Area School will again be taking the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) online MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test starting next week. 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 window will be the weeks of September 23rd and September 30th. This is our second year of taking these tests. Our students' fall test scores will be measured up to last fall's scores as a strong indicator to measure each individual's growth over the past year. We will continue to test our students with standardized tests, which serve a different purpose, each spring.

Jim Opelia, Principal

Grandparents Day & Book Fair

Next Thursday, September 26th, is Grandparents Day at SHAS. 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 so many different ways. Grandparents are invited to Thursday morning Mass with the children and fellowship after at the school. Muffins and coffee will be provided. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be available throughout the week. Thank you grandparents for all you do and all your love!

Marathon

We are very excited to announce that the SHAS Marathon will be held October 16th. We chose this day because Staples Elementary does not have school in session, which means our students will not have PE, music, or art. Our plan is to have a walk-a-thon. Our new route will take all students 1-6 down 3rd Street from Sacred Heart Church, past the backside of Burger King to the new overpass. The new overpass has a walking path for pedestrians. This route will take us to Lincoln Park next to the old Lincoln Model School. We will have cookies and drink, a short time to play, and then the return walk. Preschoolers and kindergarteners will have an alternate shorter route which will take them to the Burlington Northern Park and back. Remember, this is one of our 3 biggest fundraisers of the year, and one of two that all K-6 families are responsible to help raise funds for our school. We welcome, encourage, and count on preschool family participation as well. This year's goal is \$10,000 for our school. We are counting on all K-6 students, with the help of family, to raise \$150 each (individual marathon goal). Next Tuesday will be our Marathon Kick-off. We have some fabulous incentive prizes for our students that we will share at that time. Watch for more information coming home Tuesday!



- Sept 23 Book Fair Starts
- Sept 26 Grandparents Day Mass
- Sept 27 District Wide Evacuation Drill
- Sept 30 Diocesan Ministry Day
NO SCHOOL at SHAS
- Oct 1 Mid-Quarter 1
- Oct 4 2 Hour Early Out
- Oct 16 School in session for SHAS no school at SE
- Oct 16 Marathon
- Oct 17 No School
- Oct 18 No School
- Oct 21 No School
- Oct 23 Halloween Dance



Do not forget small kindnesses and do not remember small faults.



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.



Dear Parents and Families,
 We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair September 23-27. This year, one of our goals is to ensure as many children as possible receive books and have access to books. One of the ways we can do this is through the "All for Books" program. With your help, all of the money collected goes to purchasing more books for Sacred Heart Area School. Not only does your donation help our school but Scholastic Book Fairs will match monetary donations raised with a donation of up to one million books to two non-profit organizations dedicated to helping children, families, and teachers acquire books and educational resources. Please take a moment to donate \$1 or loose change today. Simply send your change with your child and have them give it to their teacher by Friday, September 27th. Thank you for your support!
 Hope to see you at the Book Fair!
 Book Fair
 Dates: Monday, September 23rd – Friday, September 27th
 Shopping Hours: 7:30 am-3:30 pm
 Special Events: Grandparents Day on Thursday, September 26th



Order forms will be coming home next week for our new Sacred Heart Area School t-shirts. Please note the color on the order form is a little off and they are more neon green. If you would like to see the actual color stop in to Sacred Heart!



Kindergarten has been a busy place. We've made it to our 3rd week of school and we have done so much already. We've done a couple of different themes that included apples and colors. We learned lots of fun things about apples and even did an art project using a real apple. This week we've been learning more about colors and have been reading lots of color books. The best part of the color books is trying to find the hidden crayon on each page. We have also finished our first chapter in math and will be taking our test for that on Thursday. In reading we are learning new words like, *am* and *I*, and love the fun songs that go with our story. We are slowly getting our classroom routine down and still have a few days where things get a little crazy, but that's kindergarten. We are all so happy to be here and continue to grow and learn every day. I can't wait to see all the growing and learning the kindergartners do this year!!



Grandparents are special people and have a wealth of experience and information they can share with all of us. Join us in celebrating all of our grandparents and grand "friends" at a special Mass on Thursday, September 26th at 8:30 am at Sacred Heart. Muffins and coffee will be available in the school gym after Mass and the Book Fair will be open to browse. All grandparents and grand "friends" are invited to join us for this special day. Students brought special invitations home this week.