

# Heart to Home School Newsletter

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Newsletter #2



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## Evacuation Drill

**Tomorrow is the district wide evacuation drill. Please keep in mind that busses will be dropping kids off a little later than usual and if you are picking your child up they may not be ready until around 3:30.**

## Principal's News

### Grandparents Day Today

Today was Grandparents Day at SHAS. Grandparents enjoyed celebrating Mass at church, along with coffee, milk, juice, and cookies at the school with the children. The book fair was 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 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 a special event!

### End of the Day Dismissal

For your children's safety, the remote access security doors 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 school day at 3:05pm. 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. We also ask that when stopping at the school during school hours to drop things off or leave messages for your child(ren) please check in at the office and check in with Sandy rather than interrupting your child's class.

### 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

Jim Opelia, Principal

testing. This is a great tool for students and teachers to self-evaluate their performance of learning and instructing through the year.

### Sacred Heart Area School



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sacred Heart Area School Workathon will take place on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 12:00pm and ending around 2:30pm. The Workathon replaces the Marathon, where in the past, students rode bike or walked for pledges. Instead the children and their parents reach out to family, friends, and neighbors for donations to the school for their service the day of the Workathon.

**The Workathon benefits both the Staples community and Sacred Heart Area School while providing a service experience for our students.** Our goal is to raise \$9,000 for SHAS. Remember, this is one of our 3 biggest fundraisers of the year, and one the two that all K-5 families are responsible to help raise funds for our school. We welcome, encourage, and count on preschool family participation as well. Awareness of the Workathon will be brought to the attention of the community through posts in the Staples World and in the church bulletin.

Students in 1st–5th grades will work in local city parks, picking up sticks and raking leaves. Preschoolers and kindergarteners will remain on our playgrounds and city block cleaning up the area. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the workathon, however we realize not everyone can, due to your their schedules. As Christians, we are called to serve God and His people. Our Workathon facilitates just this. Thank you in advance for your contribution to its success.

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- Sept 25 District Wide Evacuation Drill
- Oct 2 2 Hour Early Out
- Oct 5 Mid-Quarter 1
- Oct 14 Work-a-thon
- Oct 9 No School  
SACRED HEART ONLY  
Marzano Training for Teachers



*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](mailto:sacredheartareaschool@arvig.net)*

# Kindergarten

Hello from Kindergarten!! ☺ We are having a great start to our 2015-2016 school year! Everyone seems to be getting settled into our daily routine and is eager and ready to learn numbers, sounds, letters, counting, etc. As the new Kindergarten teacher I am getting to know all of my students and some of the parents! Everyone has been a great help! I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings for us! This past Thursday was Grandparents Day. The Kindergarteners were very excited to have visitors in our classroom. They each made some hand print posters that say 'I love my Grandparents' to give to them when they visited our room. We are very excited to see what the rest of the year brings!  
Miss Becker

Give thanks  
TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS good:  
His love ENDURES forever.  
PSALM 107:1

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### 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.*



### 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, October 2<sup>nd</sup>!



In order to keep your child safe **PLEASE** call the school right away in the morning if your child is ill so we are not looking for him/her. We have an answering system, so please leave a message if your call is not answered. Also, please **check in at the office** when coming to the school during the day, and if you are picking your child up we ask that you come into the school and check them out at the office.