

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principals News



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### NWEA MAP Testing

This year, students at Sacred Heart Area School will be taking the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association online MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test. 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 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will continue to test our students with standardized tests, which serve a different purpose, each spring.

### Marathon

We are very excited to announce that the SHAS Marathon will be held October 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 tentative (new) route will take all students K-6 down 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 the 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 \$9,000 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.

Dear Parents and Families,

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair September 24-28. 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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support!**

**Hope to see you at the Book Fair!**

**Book Fair**

**Dates: Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Shopping Hours: 7:30 am-3:30 pm**

**Special Events: Grandparents Day on Thursday, September 27th**



- Sept 21 School Wide Evacuation Drill
- Sept 24 Book Fair Starts
- Sept 25 Conservation Day for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Sept 27 Grandparents Day Mass
- Oct 2 Mid-Quarter 1
- Oct 5 2 Hour Early Out
- Oct 15 School in session for SHAS no school at SE



## Honoring Grandparents

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 this week.



Greetings from the first grade classroom. We are off to a great start; learning about vowels in reading and taking our first spelling test! In math we are working on addition and learning to recognize large numbers. This week in Religion we read the story of Creation and learned about all of God’s wonderful creatures. We are also learning about creatures in science as we are studying living things. Please be sure to read with us at home and work on adding too. Have a super week!



“Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper.”  
Proverbs 19:8



### 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.*



**Minnesota law 157.22 requires a trained food safety volunteer to be at each church or school event that involves food. There will be training for volunteers working with serving food at church dinners, funeral luncheons, refreshments served after church services, etc Tuesday, September, 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This free training will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church. Please try to have a representative there.**



**REMEMBER:** The district wide evacuation drill takes place TOMORROW afternoon (Friday). Make sure your signed instruction form has been returned to the office.