

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter #3

Jim Opelia, Principal

Principal's News

Grandparents Day Today

Today was Grandparents Day at SHAS. Grandparents enjoyed celebrating Mass at church, a short program, along with coffee, milk, and muffins 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 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!

Evacuation Drill Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be our district-wide evacuation drill, starting off with a lockdown drill at 2:45pm in all the buildings. Thank you for sharing your Friday afternoon instructions for your children's dismissal with the school office earlier this week. If you are planning on picking up your children after the drill, realize they will not be done and back to the school until 3:30pm.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY

Monday, October 30th is Diocesan Ministry Day. School and Parish staff will be attending this conference at the River's Edge Convention Center in Saint Cloud, with a celebration of the Mass, learning sessions, and keynote

speaker Fr. Fred Kammer. We wish all of our families a wonderful 3 day weekend!

NWEA MAP Testing Continues

Students in grades kindergarten-sixth grade are testing this week and next. This is our second year they have taken the NWEA MAP 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.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week will be celebrated at SHAS October 7th-11th, with fire drills, classroom discussion, a student visit to the fire hall, and 3rd-5th grade students taking part in the fire prevention week poster contest. This annual tradition is meant to make children more aware of the dangers of fire and how to stay safe at home and school. We thank all the men and women of the Staples Fire Department for their service to our community.

Marathon Update

Tuesday was our kick-off for the 2013 SHAS Marathon for Non-public Education. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 for the school, or \$150 per student. If we raise the \$10,000, the students in preschool and kindergarten will be bused to the Leroy and Julie Peterson farm for pony rides, while the 1st through 6th grade students will enjoy a swim party at the Community Center. The top fundraising student in each class will receive a ride on a fire truck to the Staples Dairy Queen and a \$5 gift certificate to have lunch there. Each student who reaches the \$150/person goal will receive a SPECIAL prize. Remember, this is one of our 3 biggest fundraisers of the year, and one 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.



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Goal: **1,000**
Total this month:
500



PLEASE KEEP
COLLECTING AND
SENDING TO THE
OFFICE!! THANKS!



The Marathon is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th. All money needs to be turned in by 3:00 on October 16th to be considered for prizes.



- 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



Sacred Heart Area School wants your Box Tops! Please don't throw them away. We receive 10 cents cash for every Box Top we send in!!! Our goal is to send in 1000 Box Tops at the end of October.

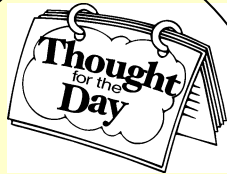
We also want your:

- Labels for Education
- Name brand ink cartridges (NOT toner)
- Used cell phones
- Ernie's receipts only the ones dated from September 2013 to April 2014

We are no longer collecting any milk caps. These programs have been discontinued.



Well it is almost the end of September and I think we are finally getting into a good routine. Students are all adjusting well to the new school year. Spelling words are being learned, reading skills are improving and the gears are turning during math. We have really been working hard on learning the correct way to kneel and make the sign of the cross at church and when we pray. The marathon kick off for 2013 was yesterday and we are encouraging each student to shoot for the goal of raising \$150 each, bringing the whole school goal to \$10,000. GOOD LUCK!



“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.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD WILL BE THE SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE FOR PARISH AND SCHOOL CHILDREN. SAVE THE DATE. WE SHOULD HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR TIME.



Order forms were sent home this week for our new Sacred Heart Area School t-shirts. Please return the order forms and money by October 4th! We will only be doing one order so don't miss out!