

# HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tomorrow, September 26<sup>th</sup> is Cardinal Pride Day, the students will be watching the homecoming parade at 2:30. Please help us celebrate Cardinal Pride by having your children dress in Cardinal gear or colors tomorrow!

## 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 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!

### NWEA MAP Testing Continues

Students in grades kindergarten-fifth grade are testing this week and next 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 testing. This is a great tool for student and teacher to self-evaluate their performance of learning and instructing through the year.

### Sacred Heart Area School Workathon

The 1st Annual Sacred Heart Area School Workathon will take place on **Wednesday, October 15, 2014** 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 school wanted to change this practice to incorporate Christian service to God and His creation. This Workathon will benefit both the Staples community and Sacred Heart Area School while providing a service experience for our students. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for SHAS. Remember, this is one of our 3 biggest fundraisers of the year, and one of 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

Jim Opelia, Principal

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 welcome and encouraged to participate in the workathon, however we realize not everyone can, due to your 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.

### A Lifetime of Service



*Mrs. Bernie St. Pierre*

On September 12th, 2014, during recognitions at the SHAS Centennial reception with Bishop Kettler, Mrs. Bernie St. Pierre was awarded the Sacred Heart Area School, first ever, Centennial Award for a lifetime of giving. Mrs. St. Pierre started teaching at Sacred Heart in 1957. When called upon in 1975, she took on the role as principal / teacher, where she continued to work for the good of the school until she retired in 1993. Even after retirement, she continues to this day working for her school, church, and community through many volunteer works, in many organizations. Mrs. St. Pierre, we so greatly appreciate you, and love you!



Sept 30	Mid-Quarter 1
Sept 30	Conservation Day - Grade 5
Oct 1	School Advisory Meeting 5:00
Oct 3	2 Hour Early Out
Oct 16	No School
Oct 17	No School
Oct 20	No School
Oct 21	Picture Retake Day
Oct 29	Halloween Dance
Oct 31	End of Quarter 1

# Scrip



## 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 normally place orders the last Friday of the month, but our next order will be Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!



We just finished taking the Reading and Math NWEA tests this week. The students all did excellent and parents should be very proud of your child and/or children. Your children are working very hard each day and all seem to be enjoying school. It's hard to believe it's the end of September. Students and teacher are settling into a good routine. We have been reading many stories together, in small groups, with partners, and by ourselves, which is working on improving our reading skills. In math we have started Unit 2, and I am proud to say that all students did wonderful on their first Unit 1 test. For church and religion, we have been working on kneeling, praying, and the sign of the cross. First Grade is off to a wonderful start!



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



Sacred Heart will be having a Halloween Dance on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendar and plan on dressing up and joining us for this fun family event!



**We are a drop off site for the Lions glasses recycle program! Donate glasses and change someone's life. Imagine if you could help a child read an adult succeed in his job, a senior maintain her independence. All of these provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive.**



### 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.*