

HEART TO HOME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CARNIVAL

I know it is hard to believe but it is already time to start planning the carnival. The first planning meeting will be Tuesday, October 28th at 5:30 in the school gym. Please come help us plan for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Principal's News

Parent Teacher Conferences

The Sacred Heart Area School staff is excitedly anticipating **parent/teacher conferences**, which are scheduled for Thursday, **November 6th**. The preschool date could be extended due to numbers of students. Please take advantage of this time to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s), to work together, to strengthen our ability to make this his or her best year possible. We continue to strive to provide an excellent Catholic school education for your children. Let us know if you ever have concerns, or want to share ideas to make our school greater yet.

Tools for at Home

The SHAS website has a great **tool for families to use at home to develop specific skills based on NWEA MAP test scores**. Ask about these scores at conferences. To use the MAP based educational games, go to the sacredheartareaschool.org homepage, click on the "4Family" tab, scroll down to Educational Links, and then click on MAP Reading Games or Map Math Games. You will want your child to play games that are at their Rit score level for best results. You will learn more about these scores at Parent Teacher Conferences.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 29th, will be the Sacred Heart Area School Halloween Costume Dance for parish and school children. Save the date! We should have a marvelous time. The SHAS Home and School (H&S) Organization is also planning to host a Hayride with Hot Cocoa and S'mores on Saturday, October 25th at 3pm. H&S facilitates several family fun events throughout the school year. Watch for them in the school newsletter throughout the year. Also, the SHAS Veteran's Day program will be held in the school gym on November 11th, at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

from Jim Opelia, Principal

Halloween Costumes

Next week will be Halloween. There will be costume and treat parties in classrooms. Please keep costumes, non-violent/evil nor terrifying to young children. Obviously we cannot have pretend weapons such as; swords, guns, and pitchforks. Boys and Girls, please have a very safe and blessed Halloween!!!

Teamwork Brings Success

The 1st Annual Sacred Heart Area School Workathon took place on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 starting at 12:00pm and ending around 2:30pm. Parents, staff, and students in 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades worked at Pine Grove Park, 2nd grade worked at Veterans Park, 4th grade at Northern Pacific Park, and preschool and kindergarten on the school grounds, picking up sticks and raking leaves and pine needles. The event was enjoyed by all. **Thank you families** for your service to the community and **for raising \$7,600 for SHAS!** Thank you members of our school and parish families and community members for donating to their efforts!



SHAS 1st Graders at the Workathon in Pine Grove Park



- Oct 25 Hayride, S'mores, and Hot Cocoa
- Oct 26 Sacred Heart Church Fall Dinner
- Oct 28 Carnival Meeting
5:30 SHAS Gym
- Oct 29 Halloween Dance
- Oct 31 End of 1st Quarter
- Nov 6 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov 7 2 Hour Early Out
- Nov 10 School **IS** in Session at Sacred Heart
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day Program

You're invited!

Family Fun
 Hayride/Bonfire Night
 Saturday, October 25th
 3-5pm
 Jim and Kathy Rutten's
 1365 85th Ave SW
 Motley, MN 56466
 Popcorn, hot chocolate,
 s'mores, and fun!
 Dress warm!

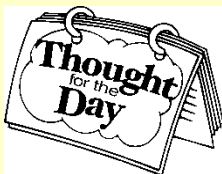


Welcome back to school after such a long weekend! We have been mighty busy here in 4th grade. In Religion, we are learning the 10 Commandments and different ways to remember them, how they affect our lives, and even creating a book about them. We especially love the Fifth Commandment: Honor your father and mother.

In Math, we have learned to make change, round large numbers, and even know the difference between exact answers and estimates. We are about to learn the relationship between multiplication and division.

Our reading and spelling skills continue to grow each and every day. Let us read to you every once in awhile to show you how well we can do.

Last week, the class cleaned up Northern Pacific Park during the workathon. It was a massive job cleaning up all the leaves, but we got most of them. We even had a stick picking up contest. Thank you to everyone that helped donate money, made cookies, and helped with leaves. We are having a blast in 4th grade!! - Mrs. P and the 4th Graders



**“Turn to Jesus
 for protection in
 your time of
 need!”**



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.



Sacred Heart Church in Staples will serve their annual fall turkey and ham dinner on Sunday, October 26th, from 11:30am – 1:30 pm. In conjunction with the dinner a bazaar will be held at the school from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm, with bingo, a bake sale, produce, jams, jellies, plants and Halloween treasures. A raffle drawing will be held at 1:30 pm.

SCRIP NEWS

The next Scrip order will be going in on Friday, October 31st. If you have questions about what Scrip is please call Sandy in the office.

Thank you!