

St. Helen's School Newsletter

October 2023



Principal: Waldemar Sambor

Vice Principal: Anthony Canosa



Dear Parents,

This month our teachers will be preparing our students to celebrate Thanksgiving. We encourage you as a family to pray and help those who need it the most. Celebrating Thanksgiving challenges us to move beyond being thankful to having an active concern for the poor. The poor teach us the true meaning of gratitude. Those who seemingly have nothing can pray as though God has given them everything, that is faith. How can we make other people's Thanksgiving special? Who would benefit from extra attention at Thanksgiving? Give your child the opportunity to name what they are grateful for and to ask God to help the less fortunate. This year is also very special since all the food banks are experiencing challenges due to the economic status in BC and across Canada.

Sincerely,

Waldemar Sambor

Principal

October Calendar

OCT 2ND—NO SCHOOL—TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION STAT

OCT 4TH— CROSS COUNTRY FINALS AT SWANGARD

Oct 5TH— ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE PETS @ 9:15AM

OCT 6 TH —WALK-A-THON (ALL DAY)

OCT 9 TH —NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING

OCT 13TH —GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION

OCT 20TH- PRO-D NO SCHOOL

OCT 25TH— GR. KA & KB FIELD TRIP TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH

OCT 27TH— SCHOOL MASS @9 AM

FAMILY NIGHT (MONSTER BALL) @5:30 PM

OCT 31TH — FALL FIESTA ASSMEBLY

Searchers News

Late or Absentee Note Reminder

We ask for your cooperation in submitting absentee notes no later than **9:00 AM** if your child is going to be late or absent. **Notes are required by the Ministry of Education.** Notes need to be sent **through our St. Helen's app.** It is important that your children arrive to school on time so that they begin the day with everyone in their class for morning prayer.



Blessing of the Pets—Oct 5th

Blessing of the Pets will take place on Thursday, Oct 5th in the parking lot at 9:15 am. Parents are welcome to bring their pets and join their child(ren) for this assembly.

Walkathon—Oct 6th



“A Walk Through the Heights”

I cannot emphasize enough the need to do our personal best collecting pledges for our Annual Walk-A Thon. We have provided excellent facilities for our students with new resources and new technology. Money can be donated online through Charitable Impact, which is on our school website.

Any donation of \$5 or more will automatically receive a tax receipt. We highly encourage you to donate online. Due to our tremendous need to raise funds, we are asking parents to please raise \$150 minimum per child. Proceeds will go towards modular classroom resources and the balance will go towards the new East Wing fund. Pledge forms will be provided to you by our Athletic Director, Mr. Perrotta. More detailed information will follow regarding times and prizes.

Searchers History

Our centennial volunteers have been working very hard at organizing photos to decorate the Centennial Gala. So far 250 tickets have been purchased. Our goal is to sell 400. Please invite your friends and family to buy tickets. To purchase tickets please see link <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-helens-school-centennial-gala-tickets-660164538907?aff=oddtcreator>



Searchers *Personal Best*

The following students are recognized for their efforts in the published class work:



KA

Alia Belmondo
Makena Marach
William Wu

KB

Aaron Zhang
Elise Bluejacket

1A

Caela Chung
Olivia Pineo

1B

Miguel Garcia
Steve Park
Kaya Wang

2A

Emmy Cirillo
Leo Hu
Flora Chiappetta

2B

Ian Zhao
Analisa Macera
Olivia Hall

3A

Nicolas Bastante
Mila Cirillo

3B

Rikki Tse
Airi Sanchez

4A

Sean Kim
Cadence Ho

4B

Malia Quashie
Benjamin Lacuna

5

Margaret Van Woerden
Victoria Lancheros Gomez
Kosta Corea

6A

Elena Katusa
Isaac Carlos
Aanya Jain

6B

Katia Najim
Bryan Han
Eliah Landingin

7

Elly Song
Angelica Van Woerden
Tonino Tempesta

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." ~ Maya Angelou

SAMMY THE SEARCHER

Sammy the searcher is a symbol of love and kindness. Students are invited to take Sammy on trips .

Sohan Sodhi Gr 4A



Adam Chou Gr 3B



Terry Fox Run



Truth and Reconciliation Assembly



Playground



See link more photos of the Terry Fox Run https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOf-HWliZ8RiF4RBJN58vw5ltn93t5sd_8QwMsUx74gFI49TWj7ga0SKjGk80N1gw?key=cHpmVE90Nk5VRVE4dDhOWDBkNExTOEI0d2c4ZTBn

See link for our assembly on Truth and Reconciliation <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9fy5xrVYpkUYG4mA8>



ST. HELEN'S FOOD BANK THANKSGIVING DRIVE

Dear Parishioners,

Once again we are asking for your support in feeding the poor in our community. As Christians we are called to help them without judgement.

Please bring your donations to the rectory during the office hours, or to the food bank bin in the lobby of the church.

Thank you for your generosity!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

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| Cake Mix | Coffee | Oatmeal - variety |
| Canned Beans | Cookies | Olive Oil |
| Canned Chicken | Cooking Oil | Olives |
| Canned fish | Cornmeal | Pasta Sauce |
| Canned fruit | Crackers | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Fruit salad | Dish soap | Popcorn- regular (not microwave) |
| Canned Green Beans | Family Size Juice | Puddings |
| Canned Ham | Flour | Raisins- lunch size |
| Canned Mandarin Oranges | Honey | Rice |
| Canned Milk | Instant Mashed Potatoes | Rice cakes |
| Canned mixed fruit | Jam or jelly | Salt |
| Canned Mixed veggies | Jello | School Snacks |
| Canned pastas | Kidney Beans | Small Juices |
| Canned Pears | Laundry detergent | Soups |
| Canned Peas | Lentils | Spaghetti |
| Canned pineapple | Lima Beans | Spices- variety |
| Canned Spinach | Macaroni & Cheese | Sugar cubes |
| Canned Stews | Maple Syrup | Tea |
| Canned Turkey | Mayonnaise | Tomato Sauce |
| Cereals | Mushrooms | Toiletries (soap, pads, toilet paper...) |
| Chocolate | Nuts (walnuts, almonds, peanuts...) | Toothpaste, toothbrush |
| Chunk Soups | | Gift certificate- \$20 or more for groceries |

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRY DATE!



*"A generous man will himself be blessed,
for he shares his food with the poor."
Proverbs 22*