



ST HELEN'S SCHOOL



December Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Monday, December 1 marks the beginning of Advent and our preparation for the birth of Christ. Our community is blessed with lots of talents and gifts and I invite you to make this season one of peace and sharing. Let us continue to work together to serve others. I have been continually impressed with the dedication and devotion of both the faculty and parents to Catholic Education. It takes a special commitment to send your children to a Catholic School. It is my firm belief that the education your child receives at St. Helen's is of the highest quality since it is based on Catholic faith and values.

On behalf of the entire staff and my family,

I would like to extend to you and your families the love, joy and peace that comes with this season, as we celebrate the birth of Christ

Sincerely in Christ,

Waldemar Sambor

Principal



December 1– Advent Begins

December 4– Report Cards

December 5– Parent Teacher Interviews

December 18– Christmas Concert at 1pm

December 19– Christmas Concert at 1pm
and 7pm



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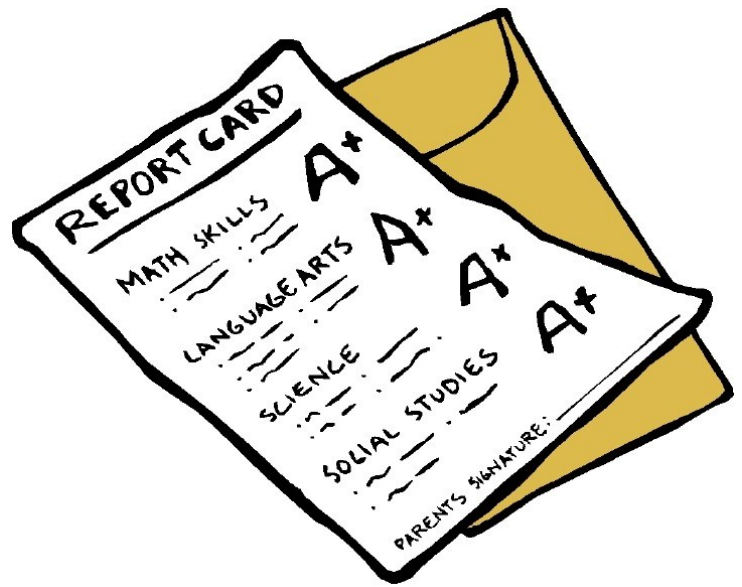
Parent Teacher Interviews:

Reports cards will be sent home with students on **Wednesday, December 4th** and parent-teacher interviews will be taking place the following day on **Thursday, December 5th**. Book your appointments online starting November 29th.



This month we had 6 different schools come to visit St.Helen's for Networking Day. This was a great opportunity to share different teaching styles, and creative ideas in the classroom.

[Teachers Networking Day / St.Helen's](#)



Cellphones

Students are not permitted to use their cell phone during school hours, in or out of the classroom, including hallways and washrooms. Students may use their cell phone **only** during non-instructional time with a teacher's permission.

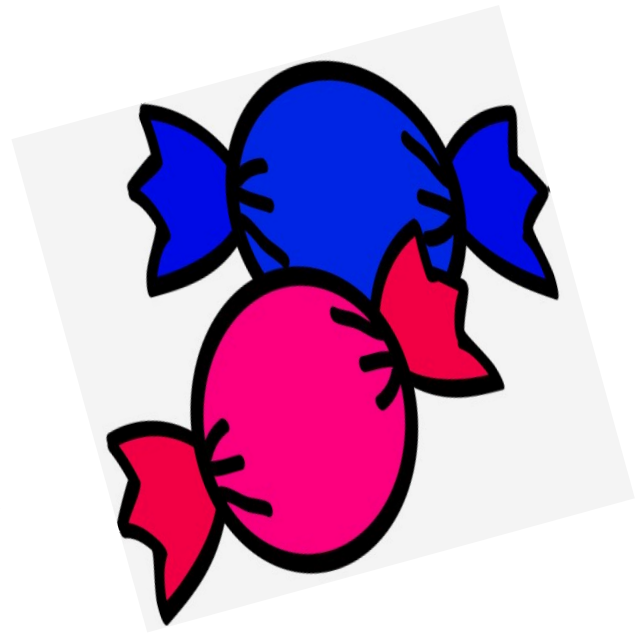
FSA

Grade 4 & 7 students took their FSA's at the beginning of October and the results will be sent home with their Report cards individually to each family.

As well, an explanation on FSA components. The main purpose of FSA's is to provide system level information on student performance and provide districts and schools with information on student performance. These exams are separate from students marks on their report cards.

Candy Drive

A very big thank you to all the students who donated candy for our candy drive. We filled 29, 10 kilogram pales of Candy!!! Your generosity is truly amazing and the candy from you will show so much love to kids and adults that are suffering everyday. Thank you to our Student Leadership club for organizing the candy collection. Well done! This has been our largest collection ever! 50% of the donations were sent to our Missions Society and 50% to Agape Street Ministries.



Kindergarten interviews will be on December 5th.

Applications are available on the School Website.



Intermediate Choir Rehearsal (Grade 3-7)

Primary and Intermediate Choir Performance at Seton Villa at 1:30pm

Primary Choir Performance at Lonsdale Quay





In the event of severe snowfall, St. Helen's school may be closed and the St. Helen's bus may be cancelled or altered to the Snow Route. It is important that parents visit the school website at www.sthelensschool.ca and download our school app, and Facebook. Going forward school closure will also be announced on the CKNW 980 radio station.

Parents are always encouraged to do what is in the best interest of their child and family in these types of conditions, as well as in health issues.

Parents must make the individual decisions as to the safety, and feasibility of sending your child to school.

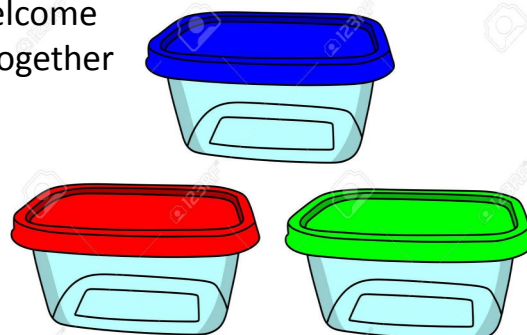


Hot Lunch Pilot Container Program

St. Helen's will be implementing a trial period where students will be bringing containers from home for their hot lunch on Wednesday's. This will help us reduce food waste and garbage.

The 4B and 6B classes will be piloting this program starting in January 2020, with the intent to implement the Hot lunch containers school-wide, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Students will be asked to bring a container from home where they will receive their food. Any leftovers will be sent home. Since this is a trial period, if a child forgets their container we will provide them with a plate. Students from other classes are more than welcome to bring in their containers from home as well. Let's work together to reduce our carbon footprint.



Searchers Personal Best

Grade K

Riccardo Fortugno

Mathew Guilbault

Michael Hogan

Grade 1

Milania Russo

Xaviar Soligo

Luis Suzin Araque

Grade 2A

Mason Piovesan

Bhagyaa Singh

Ryder Ruic

Grade 2B

Isla Wong

Anthony Barichello

Grade 3

Angelica Van Worden

Michael Kram

Logan Auchter

Grade 4A

Sienna La Chimea

Vittorio Dente

Grade 4B

Ethan Fast

Dario Aiello

Alyssa Lepore

Grade 5A

Christian Shaback

Jenaya Wong

Grade 5B

Alexa Ferrari-Buttendahl

Annie Kwok

Grade 6A

Jasmine Ciccone

Hayden Cheung

Grade 6B

Stefania Cirotto

Luka Mrsic

Grade 7A

Taeyun Chou

Cassia Coelho

Romano Clark

Grade 7B

Luca Silveri

Sabrina Beauregard

Emilia Dente



[Father Rob Galea Concert](#)

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