



## St. Helen's School Newsletter

### January 2018

Principal : Mr. Waldemar Sambor

Vice Principal : Ms. Dawn Currie



Dear Parents,

I would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. I hope your "holy" days are filled with wonderful memories with family and friends and good health as well! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Christmas Concert. Thank you for the support you showed to the students and teachers for their efforts in performing for you. On behalf of the staff, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank students and parents for their many Christmas wishes, cards and gifts.

As we move into the new year, we continue with our focus on our academics, physical activities and fine arts. There never seems to be a "down-time" in an elementary school, but may we always remember to enjoy each other and God's blessings. As always, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding their education at St. Helen's. Thank you for raising such wonderful, responsible children, and sharing them with us each day.

May God bless you and your family in the New Year as we grow in our knowledge and love of him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Waldemar Sambor  
Principal

### Monthly Highlights

- 8th School re-opens
- 11th Gr. 6 Snowshoeing
- 12th Whole School Mass
- 18th Gr. 7 Skiing
- 23rd Gr.7& K Grad photos

*\*Please refer to our [online calendar](#) for further events & information. You may also download our [school app](#).*



# *Searchers* Fine Arts

## *The Gift of Giving*

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the grade 7's went on a fieldtrip to help those less fortunate during the holidays. We want to thank the whole school for their shoe box donations. We delivered the shoeboxes and backpacks to the Covenant House. These much needed gifts will go to youth that are homeless or can't provide for themselves. As well, the Grade 7 classes donated and made a pancake and egg breakfast for underprivileged children at an elementary school in Burnaby.



[Grade 7's Serving Breakfast](#)

## *Special Thanks*

To Mrs. Ivanovic our Fine Arts Director, Mrs. Jussinoja, Mrs. Utini, Ms. Ruggier, Mrs. Rakic, Mr. Perrotta, Teachers, EA's and students for the wonderful performances at our Christmas Musical. Special thanks to Mrs. Meira and Mr. Knoll for installing lights. (Grad Project)

[Christmas Musical](#)



To Mrs. Ivanovic and the Primary & Intermediate Choirs for their performance at Seton Villa on Dec 11th and Brentwood Mall on Dec 13th.

[Seton Villa & Brentwood Mall](#)

To Mrs. Maria Salituro, Mrs. Melina Ivanovic, Miss Tina Perizzolo, Raffaella Caffo, St. Helen's Student Choir, altar servers and readers for their participation at the children's Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm.



# *Searchers Community*



On Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at our 4:00 pm Mass, St. Helen's school and Parish celebrated the Enthronization of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Grade 6B class organized the Mass and 120 Students in full uniform came including Notre Dame students from Gr.8.

Students had a non-uniform day and collected enough money to donate the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Click the link below for photos

[Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)

# ***Searchers** Athletics*

## ***Basket Ball Season updates:***

*Basket ball practices will resume after the Christmas break. All tournaments will be held at the end of January. Please ensure to check the school calendar for the latest game information.*



# *Searchers* News

## **Kindergarten Applications**

St. Helen's School has completed Phase 1 of the Kindergarten application process for the school year 2018/2019. All additional applications from this point on will be placed on a waiting list.

## **Pub Night Fundraiser**

Our Pub Night Fundraiser is scheduled to take place on February 17th, 2018. Please save the date and stayed tuned for further details!

## **Be Ready for Winter Weather!**

Please be sure to send your children to school with warm jackets, gloves and hats as they will be spending time outdoors. "Playing outside is one of the greatest joys of childhood, but it serves a larger purpose than just being a way to have a good time. Spending time outdoors is a crucial part of healthy growth and development", according to the National Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play. We also ask that you label their jackets as many clothing items have found their way into the lost and found box located in the parking garage.

## **Thank you & Congratulations**

To Alessia Raffele and Romano Clark for being Principal's for a day on Dec 8th!



Thank you to Matthew Fediuk in Gr. 6A for returning money that was found on the school grounds. We would like to recognize him for his honesty. This money has been donated to the St. Helen's Food Bank.

## **Parish Fundraiser**

Thank you to those who purchased tickets to support our Parish. More tickets are available at the school or Parish office. 1st price is worth \$4,600 in cash.



# *Searchers* Excellence

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



**K**

Ryder Ruic  
Mason Piovesan  
Anthony Skoko

**1**

Christian Banicevic  
Tonino Tempesta  
Angelica Van Woerden

**2A**

Mason Iorio  
Eva Perrotta  
Noa Campanile  
Neviah Higgoda–Gamage

**2B**

Valentino Crudo  
Emma Kenny

**3A**

Christian Shaback  
Nicolo Mauro  
Alyssa Bartolone

**3B**

Lennox Poersch  
Dominic Iachetta  
Giorgia Stancic

**4A**

Blake Tagulao  
Paolo Di Fluri

**4B**

Portia Chapman  
Tereza Erlic

**5A**

Anushka Dsouza  
Alessandro Cavasin

**5B**

Miguel Lloren  
Ava Lopez

**6A**

Mia Lecce  
Ava Nakhla

**6B**

Danika Sigur

**7A**

Valentina Funaro  
Harrison Lin

**7B**

Zoe Gregoric  
Garbriela Raffele  
Maya Da Costa  
Diego Medina

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



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