Dear Parents,

As the 2018/2019 school year draws to a close, I want to express to all of you my deepest appreciation for your support and a most earnest commendation for a job well done.

We had an extremely successful year at St. Helen’s School. I would like to thank all of you for giving the staff and myself complete support in the education of your children. Many thanks also to our staff for their never ending enthusiasm, professional leadership and dedication to extra-curricular activities.

We extend a special welcome to our new Kindergarten class who attended their orientation day on Wednesday, May 15th.

To our Grade Seven students and all others who are leaving St. Helen’s, we wish you much happiness. We trust that the Christian attitude you have developed and the skills you have learned will contribute to your success in the future.

Thank you very much for believing in what we are trying to do for our young people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Waldemar Sambor
Principal

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**Monthly Highlights**

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*Please refer to our [online calendar](#) for further events & information. You may also download our [school app](#) for notifications.
BBQ-May 23rd

On Thursday May 23rd, the community gathered together to celebrate a great school year! Thank you to our PEC, Staff and Parent Volunteers who helped to put on this wonderful family event!

Family Fun Fair

Golf Tournament-May 31st

Thank you to Mr. Emmanuel Soligo, Mrs. Carla Muoio, Mr. Perrotta as our school liaison and all our committee members and our volunteers for organizing another successful Golf Tournament. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all of our sponsors who have been so generous to our community year after year. Proceeds for this event will be going towards the mortgage of the West Wing and PSG Student Resources. [Link]

Hats off Day June 1st—Grade 7’s

Grade 7 students and Parents were Fundraising for the Grad legacy gift Selling water and snacks to the Burnaby Heights community during Hats off Day. The Grad legacy gift this year will be a Covered area for students.

Staffing

Allocations for classes and grades will be announced at the end of August. We want to thank Dawn Currie for 18 years of service at St. Helen’s as a teacher and Vice Principal. We wish her the best in the future in the province of Nova Scotia, her home town. Thank you Tina Perizzolo after 19 years as an EA in order to pursue other interests in her future and also thank Erin Callaway after 14 years of EA service. Congratulations to Jessica Spitale, Andjela Didak, Gabriel Haney, Sylvia Halpert who have been excepted in the PDP full time program and leaving St. Helen’s. We have been successful in replacing all positions. Next year a Leadership Team will take on the role of Vice Principal. It will include the following; Anthony Canosa, Sandra Drjle, Gemma Chavez, Melina Ivanovic, Gillian Holland, and Enrico Perrotta

Thank you

I would like to thank Mr. Perrotta for arranging swimming classes. Exposing our students to the outdoor environment is extremely valuable. Thank you to all the parents for supporting us and thank you to our students who have learned a lot of skills in this outstanding environment. I highly encourage parents to continue with swimming lessons during the summer months.
Congratulations to all of our Students, Parents, Teachers and Coaches for winning 1st place in our Annual St. Helen’s Track Meet.

Our Annual CISVA Track Meet will take place next Wednesday, June 5th. After the first day St Helen’s was in 3rd place.
St. Helen’s Parish Education Committee

For the 2019/2020 St. Helen's Parish Education Committee, we needed to elect three members and appoint one member from our parish to the St. Helen’s School Education Committee. This year there were no elections, PEC committee was formed by acclamation for the coming 2019/2020 School year.

These members are Gerardina Trasolini, Fritz Gimenez, Marco Holzer, Bryce Clark, Angela Coelho, David Jacobucci, and, Lidija Bosa.

Notre Dame PEC election 2019/2020 needed to appoint one member and this member is Robert Coelho. Thank you Al Blesch for serving on the ND PEC.

PSG

Our PSG election for the 2019/2020 school year will take place at 4:30 pm on Monday June 10th.

THANK YOU!

For all the beautiful garden flowers that were brought to honour our blessed Mother at the Crowning of Mary Mass.
Project Advance

Project advance is in full swing and as a school community we have a plan to involve our students to contribute to the Parish goal like we contribute to other charities. We will be having a non-uniform day asking students to please donate a toonie. It will take place this Thursday, June 13th. We are counting on you all for 100% participation.

For those parents who want to contribute, please see Biba at the Parish office or donate online at https://rcav.org/donate-project-advance/

Food Bank

We would like to thank all our parents, students, and staff for all the support towards the St Helen's Food Bank. Once again we are asking for your help, since the end of the school year is approaching, to assist 32 families every two weeks. We are asking you and the students to help us with the most need items: Pasta, sauces, juices, canned meat, fish, ham, canned fruit, canned soups and cereals, etc... We know that one item or more for each student will be appreciated in order to go through this season. We Thank you, and wish everyone a Safe Summer.
Searchers  Excellence

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

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Luis Suzin
Margaret Van Woerden
Aria Yen

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Gianluca Mauro
Justin Plomp
Mile Pocrnic
Thomas Sun

3A
Elessia Ciofi
Liam Ferraro
Daniel Sentieiro

3B
Alyssa Lepore

4A
Jacob Mohan

4B
Lennox Poersch
Joseph Santorelli
Justin Wong

5A
Joseph Lecce
Hayden Ruus
Jerry Zhao
Tony Wang

5B
Portia Chapman
Cruz Muoio
Matteo Passaglia
Amadeo Perizzolo

6A
Elijah Perozzo
Garrett Picarello

6B
Ethan Hung
Jordan Kasalo
Miguel Lloren

7A
Branden Meira
Marco Simpson

7B

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