

# *St. Helen's School Newsletter*

*March 2023*

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Thank you cards by St. Helen's Students to our Parishioners for working with us during this challenging time

Dear Parents,

Lent, the forty days leading up to Easter in the Christian Calendar, has traditionally been used as a time to reflect and rejoice in God's love as shown in Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. The more time we take to reflect upon the meaning of the season, the greater will be our joy on Easter morning and the deeper our faith will grow.

Traditionally, Lent has been a time of penitence and fasting in order to recognize our need for God's forgiveness and seeking to deepen our relationship with him. The important thing is to find something that will help us focus more on God and what he wants for our lives.

May this Lent be a time for all of us to reflect on what is good in our lives and invite God to help us put right what is wrong, and remembering just how much **He loves us**.

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Waldemar Sambor  
Principal*

# March Calendar

MARCH 3RD—NON- UNIFORM DAY (*ST. PATRICK'S DAY COLOURS*)

MARCH 3 RD- COOKIE & HOT CHOCOLATE SALE AFTERSCHOOL

—CLASS PHOTO DAY (*TBD DUE TO BBALL FINALS*)

MARCH 8TH—GRAD LUNCH (*FRESH SLICE*)

MARCH 8TH—TERM TWO REPORT CARDS (*PUBLISHED ON MYED*)

MARCH 10TH—SCHOOL MASS (*FULL FORMAL UNIFORM*)

MARCH 13TH—24TH—NO SCHOOL (*SPRING BREAK*)

MARCH 27TH—FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

FEB 28TH—100 DAY'S OF SCHOOL & SNOW DAY PHOTOS

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/aPCee8W9a1xFmzE77>



## ***Kindness Names!***

KB—Kaya Wang

1A—Flora Chiappetta, Matteo Iannicello, Emmy Cirillo, Jamie Huang, Elyse Lacuna, Leo Hu

## ***Bridges Contest at STA winners!***

Gr. 6 Eli Luketic , Logan Auchter, Leah Lee, Cameryn Cruz

## ***Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Contest Winners!***

Poster Winner—Katia Najim—Gr. 5B

Essay Winner—Diana Lee—Gr. 7B



# *Searchers Community*



Celebrating Claudia Martinelli's 25th year in the CISVA at our Annual Catholic Educator's Conference. Congratulations Claudia!



One of our students, June Chang in Gr. 5A representing a new math program called New Dimension of Math Learning at our annual CEC. The family was kind enough to donate their license which we will be implementing as a supplement of our Math program for our students.

Gr. 4 is raising salmon eggs which recently turned into alevins. Once they turn into fry, they will be released to the local river two weeks after spring break. What a great opportunity for our students to learn about the wonderful journey of the salmon and how to protect them.

Our students attended ND for a choir festival on February 15th.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/qmvwmjUamrSDqg2G9>



# *Searchers Community*



Some of our St. Helen students with Sammy the Searcher on their travels to Squamish, Dubai, Qatar, and Mexico.



Our Sr. Girls & and Sr. Boys Basketball teams have advanced to the Olympic Oval in Richmond!



# Centennial Anniversary

Only 6 months left to go!



You are all invited to our first Telethon which will take place March 9<sup>th</sup>. The main purpose of the Telethon is to fundraise for the modular classrooms which will be placed where the soon to be demolished building is located.

Please see the link below for the **Telethon**. The link will be active March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

<https://youtube.com/@sthelensschool4556>

If you donate \$250, you will receive a complimentary copy of our centennial book which is in the process of being published. You will also be recognized during the live telethon.

If you donate \$500, you will receive a complimentary copy of our centennial book and a centennial hat.

If you donate \$1500, you will receive a complimentary copy of our centennial book, a centennial polo shirt & a bronze fish which will be placed on our stream of gratitude wall.

If you donate \$5000, you will receive a complimentary copy of our centennial book, a centennial polo shirt, a gold fish on our stream of gratitude wall, and a wooden plaque with your families name.

If you donate \$25,000, you will be recognized in a very special way! TBA

**Our goal is \$200,000 to raise enough for an extra modular classroom. So far, we have received \$35,000. We only have \$165,000 left to go!**



# ***Searchers*** Excellence

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



**1A**

**Gia Baruffa  
Lorenzo Piovesan  
Gianluca Rinaldo**

**2B**

**Adam Chou  
Niko Drlje**

**4**

**Mason Boal  
Cornelis Bobeldijk  
Noah Mohan**

**6**

**Angelica Van Woerden  
Ari Tsogas  
Carlo Bocca  
Gianluca Mauro  
Tonino Tempesta  
Tomaso Bocca**

**KA**

**Luke Poniz  
Valentina Villagra**

**1B**

**Adrian Sainz-Trapaga  
Jayden Shen**

**3A**

**Mathew Guilbault  
Luka Tabako**

**5A**

**Thomas Chung  
Ryder Ruic  
Mila Crudo**

**7A**

**Celeste Barassi  
Michela Caldarella  
Joshua Clarke**

**KB**

**Presley Dong  
Miguel Garcia  
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**2A**

**Tim Dae  
Ashley Fischer  
Nate Luu**

**3B**

**Milan Bogdanovich  
Nicole Lopez**

**5B**

**Mateo Arbulich  
Dante Zen  
Anthony Kim**

**7B**

**Diana Lee  
Emma Kenny  
Valentino Crudo**

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