

St. Helen's School Newsletter

May 2021

Principal : Mr. Waldemar Sambor

Vice Principal : Mr. Anthony Canosa



Dear Parents,

As we begin the month of May, we reflect on Our Blessed Mother's example of faith, courage, perseverance and fortitude. May God bless all mothers and give us the love and wisdom to raise and guide our families as our Blessed Mother modelled for us. We will continue to ask her to intercede for us and hope that you can join us on zoom for the Crowning of Mary on May 7th. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all mother's a wonderful Mother's Day on May 9th.

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to congratulate our students who have shown improvement in achievement over the year. We are grateful for the continued parental support of your children's education and we encourage you to continue communicating with us as we enter the final few months of the school year. Encouragement and effort from home and school is just as important in the last few months and must continue to be an ongoing commitment.

Sincerely in Christ,
Waldemar Sambor
Principal

MAY CALENDAR



7TH — CROWNING OF MARY—MASS GR.3A
9TH — MOTHER'S DAY
12TH— KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
(FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR)
19TH— JEANS DAY—(NON UNIFORM)
21ST— NO SCHOOL
24TH —NO SCHOOL—(VICTORIA DAY)
28 TH—SCIENCE FAIR
31ST— BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK BEGINS

Crowning of Mary youtube link here- <https://youtu.be/yJY8CErqDho>

We are asking all students to bring flowers from their garden to honour our heavenly mother.

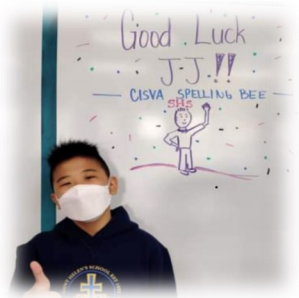
PEC elections have been postponed until September 2021. More information to come.



Our Gr. 7 Students attending Spirit Day this past weekend.

SEARCHERS News

Congratulations to JJ Park on winning this year's Spelling Bee! Well done!



Congratulations to James Rogers for being the winner of this year's Remembrance Day Literacy Contest!



Photo link from Earth Day! <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mW69jTgLgPEPRuf37>

Using DNA kits, Daisy Barassi with daughters Celeste, 11 centre, and Giulia, 15, and photos of Daisy's grandfather, Ernie Bodnar, and mother Sherry Fullwood. Barassi recently learned details about the life of her mysterious grandfather, a Canadian soldier who met her mother during the Second World War.

The Vancouver Sun—April 12, 2021



SEARCHERS Community

I am proud to announce that for the second year in a row, St. Helen's School has been recognized as the best independent private school by the readers of the Burnaby Now. Thank you to our parents, students and staff for making our school so amazing!

More information will be published in the Burnaby Now issued on April 29th.



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About Bike to School Week

Event Dates: Mon, May 31 - Fri, June 4, 2021

Website: bikehub.ca/btsw

Bike to School Week is an annual celebration where we encourage students of all ages to bike, roll, or walk to school. The event includes the third annual **Bike Reels Student Video contest**, where students are encouraged to film a 60-90 second film.

St. Helen's School is celebrating Bike to School Week this year from May 31st to June 4th! We're encouraging students and families to use active transportation for their trips to school all week - walking, biking, scootering, skateboarding, and using mobility aids all help reduce congestion in our school neighbourhood and help students arrive at school energized and ready to learn.

K-12 students from Metro Vancouver are invited to submit a 60-90 second video about biking, walking or rolling in their community for a chance to win some amazing prizes. Our E.A Ms. Sorriento was appointed to guide our students to help submit any videos for the contest. Bikes will be stored on our bike rack outside the Learning Centre. If you do not have bike locks we will provide a long line and secure the bikes during school hours.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc037-vEeWj4sxz4s7b66TiIVrSlz2SH56sP4MuDE15khSsGQ/viewform>

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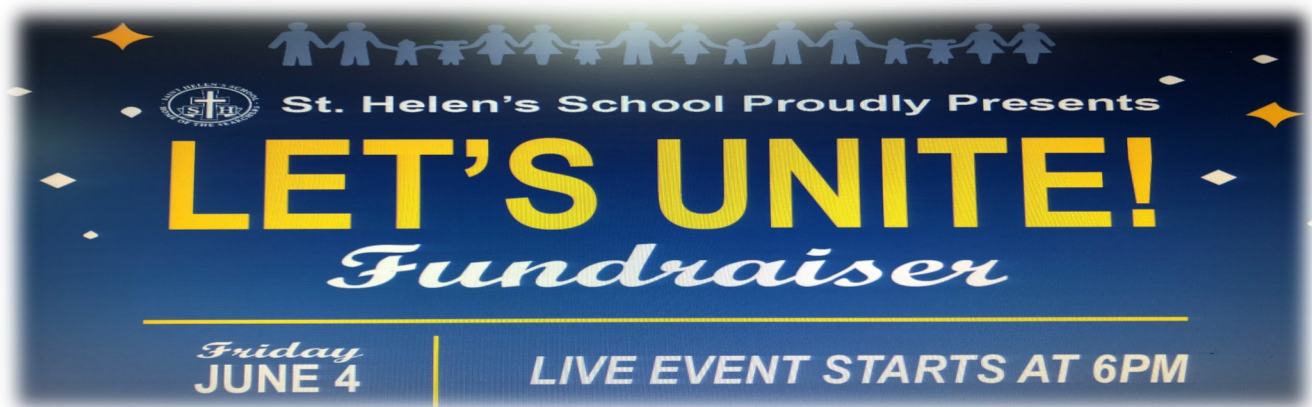


ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL—YEAR 1926



Mr. Justice Kelly, requested that the Church be called St. Helen in memory of his daughter Helen. On August 11, 1912, Saint Helen's Church was blessed.

Twelve years later in 1923, a second dream was realized with the construction of St. Helen's School. The Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul would staff the school for over fifty years, dedicating their lives to the education of thousands of children.



<https://event.auctria.com/f44ceb94-8546-4666-b096-9668515a7e0a/> - Please click here to support this amazing event!

SEARCHERS *Excellence*

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



1

Tatiana Ibrahim
Elena Soligo
Zeny Paskellidis
Olivia Matrundola

3B

Dante Zen

5B

Gianluca Russo
Daniel Elm
Ava Funaro

7A

Isabel Elm
Keanna Oulovsky

KA

Alaya Arora
Mateo Piovesan
Olivia Zen

2

Rayan Amisi
Kosta Corea
Joseph Funaro

4

Christian Banicevic
Tonino Tempesta
JJ Park

6A

Maddex Auchter
Aiden Chou

7B

Noah Cruz
Mason Kram
Luka Mrsic

KB

Niko Drlje
Valentina Kennedy-Marin

3A

Lila Funagayama

5A

Aleksander Szelag
Celeste Barassi
Jun Yang

6B

Ava Arrotta
Giorgia Stancic



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