

ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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We encourage all our students to walk or bike to school when possible.

Dear Parents,

Our students and teachers have now completed the first two months of the school year. We have enjoyed a very busy and productive start with a wide range of activities that compliment our classroom and extra-curricular activities. Events and activities such as our school masses and prayer services, walk-a-thon, fieldtrips, choir, outdoor education, Terry Fox, student council, and various athletic programs are just a few of the opportunities that have helped engage the students in experiential learning and friendship building. I would also like to thank our grad committee and PAC for fundraising and bringing community spirit to our school.

All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) & All Souls Day (Nov. 2nd) remind us of our relationship with those no longer living on this earth. Teachers will organize prayers and activities in their own classrooms.

On Tuesday, November 10th, please join us as St. Helen's students lead us in prayer at a special Remembrance day assembly at 2pm. This will be broadcast live from our gym. On these days we remember, celebrate, and pray for those living in Heaven and for those souls destined for Heaven. This year's theme is "Don't Leave A Stone Alone" which the Gr. 6 classes will honor our fallen soldiers by visiting their cemetery in Vancouver. During this month of November, let us also remember all members of our Canadian military, past and present, for whom we owe our gratitude and freedom.

Sincerely in Christ,

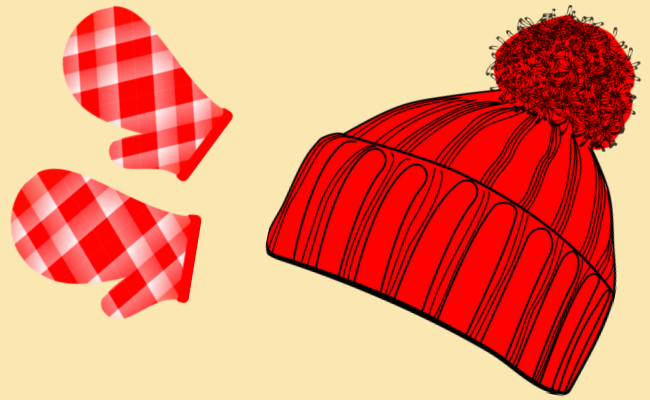
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BE READY FOR FALL/WINTER WEATHER!

We are blessed to live in one of the most beautiful coastal rainforests on the planet! As we have entered the glorious months of autumn, please remember to send your children to school with warm jackets, hats, gloves and boots (with school shoes packed in their backpacks). Be sure to label all articles of clothing!



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS COVID 19

This year Halloween will look a little different.

Our provincial health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, indicated to all of us that we should not have more than six visitors in our houses. Traveling to different houses should be limited. If you plan to trick or treat please ensure that the candy is given to children in a sanitary way.

Preferably organize activities in your own household.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Picture retakes —November 9th

Remembrance Day Assembly—November 10th

Remembrance Day (No School) —November 11th

Pro D day (No school) – November 20th





Halloween zoom link

Please join us from 11am –12pm on Friday, Oct 30th to see all the students dressed in their costumes. Click the zoom link below and enjoy!

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/64597155646>

Dear St. Helen's Parents and Students,

This year our Spooktacular school is going to celebrate Halloween a little differently. On Friday, October 30th, we invite all students to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes for a little trick or treating around the main building and learning centre. Keeping all necessary Covid-19 protocols in mind, students will walk through 10 different stations to collect Halloween treats and trinkets. The school will provide each student with a brown paper bag, which they can decorate prior to their Halloween adventure. Treats will not contain any nuts and if you do not wish your child participate, please let their classroom teacher know. Because we are not having a candy drive this year, we ask that each child donate a loonie or toonie for this event. Half of the proceeds will go toward the Mission's Society and the other half will go towards our project advance campaign. If you haven't had a chance to donate to project advance and wish to, please see the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iM9lKShMOs>

Thank you,

St. Helen's Social Committee

Mrs. Utini, Mrs. Zen, Ms. Chavez & Mrs. Erlic





THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parents who participated with parking patrol & raking of leaves. If any parents are looking for parking patrol hours please contact the office .

WALK-A-THON

If you have not already done so, please submit your Walk-a-thon pledge form as they are due November 2nd. Proceeds from this event go to the Outdoor Education and Fine arts Programs (including rental of band instruments which are free in our school). As a school, we are responsible for every pledge form, so please return whatever amount you have. Our goal is 100% participation so please contribute as best as you can. It is very important that every child is a part of this fundraiser since every child participates in the Outdoor Education and Fine Arts programs. Anyone who has donated at least \$25 by cash or cheque is able to receive a tax receipt.

TEMPORARY TRANSITION OPTION

Temporary transition option (*Option 4*) was extended to Jan 4th 2021. Students are welcome to return to school November 16th. If not, you will continue on the program until Jan 4th.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

The Royal Canadian Legion, North Burnaby Branch has again asked our teachers to sell poppies this year. They will be selling them in the classrooms until *Tuesday, November 5th* by donation. There will be a **Remembrance Day** Service on Tuesday, November 10th.



KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten Applications are now being accepted. If you have a sibling going into Kindergarten 2021/2022 please fill out an application form on our school website with your child's birth certificate and baptism certificate and submit it to the office ASAP!

How Parents Can Help Keep St. Helen's School Safe

School staff is working very hard to follow Public Health Rules and Guidelines. The students are doing an excellent job adjusting to the many protocols we have put in place. We need the support of the parents to ensure our school remains safe.

1. Pack your child's lunch in the morning and avoid dropping off lunches or picking up your child for lunch.
2. If you are waiting outside your car for your child, please wear a mask.
3. Leave immediately after drop-off and pick-up.
4. Respect designated drop-off and pick-up areas. Don't make alternate arrangements with your child.
5. If your child has forgotten something, please do not bring it to the school, we will accommodate their needs (ie. mask, gym clothes).
6. Students are only allowed to use the school phone for emergencies.
7. Please notify teachers the day before or before 8:30am the day of if you plan to pick up your child before dismissal so they can make arrangements.

SEARCHERS ***PERSONAL BEST***



Grade KA

Tim Dae

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Gyuwon Lee

Luis Suzin Araque

Grade 3A

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Gavin Kuseler

Grade 3B

Isla Wong

Sarah Kenny

Grade 4

Jianqi Yang

Miles Jacobucci

Ella Chung

Grade 5A

Noa Campanile

Julia La Chimea

Grade 5B

Martina Holzer

Cristina Barichello

Grade 6A

Victoria Marando

Aiden Chou

Grade 6B

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Grade 7B

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CREATIVE EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES

