Dear Parents,

Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend our Open House last month. We appreciate that you took the time to pray with staff at the commissioning celebration in addition to learning about the various educational opportunities that your child will have this school year.

We also held our Annual Walk-A-Thon this past Wednesday. This event is our major fundraiser for the year. Over the past years we have been able to purchase much up-to-date educational tools and materials for the school’s growing needs. Let’s continue to make this one the most successful year yet! Pledges will continue to be accepted up until the Thanksgiving Day weekend. Please note that you can donate online using the CHIMP website. It is located on the front page of our school website in blue reading “donate online powered bychimp”.

(please ensure that you put your child’s full name and grade)

This month our teachers will be preparing our students to celebrate Thanksgiving. We encourage you as a family to pray and help those who need it the most. Celebrating Thanksgiving challenges us to move beyond being thankful to having an active concern for the poor. The poor teach us the true meaning of gratitude. Those who seemingly have nothing can pray as though God has given them everything, that is faith. How can we make other people’s Thanksgivings special? Who would benefit from extra attention at Thanksgiving? Give your child the opportunity to name what they are grateful for and to ask God to help the less fortunate.

“Take care of God’s creation. But above all, take care of people in need.”

~ Pope Francis

Sincerely in Christ,

Waldemar Sambor

Principal
Oct 1st                          Gr. 6 Vaccinations  
Oct 2nd                         CISVA Track Meet  
Oct 4th                             Blessing of Pets  
Oct 8th                                 Thanksgiving  
Oct 11th                                   No school  
Oct 18th                           School Mass 6B  
Oct 19th                         Enrollment Mass  
Oct 25th                          School Mass 6B  
Oct 25th                                 Family Night  
Oct 29nd                   Sacrament meeting  
Oct 31st                                  Fall Fiesta
**Walkathon**

*A Walk Through the Heights*

We are still accepting pledges for our annual walkathon. Our goal is to help the fundraising committee raise at least $30,000. All proceeds will go towards our Outdoor Education and Fine Arts Programs. We hope that each family will participate in the walkathon to the best of their ability. If each child raise $100, we will achieve our goal. Thank you for your continued support!  

**Family Night**

Friday October 25th. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Come join us for a fun-filled family evening! The PAC committee is asking for your help to make the St Helen’s Family Night event a big success.

**Fall Fiesta**

Thursday, October 31st, the children are invited to wear their costumes to school and we would like to remind parents to be sure that these costumes are both safe and appropriate for a Catholic Elementary School. In particular, we remind you that, in the interest of safety, weapons are not allowed in the school. As usual, all fireworks are strictly prohibited.

Primary Assembly will begin at 9:15 am

Intermediate Assembly will begin at 11 am
**LATE OR ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

We ask for your cooperation in notifying the school by 9:00 AM if your child is going to be late or absent. It is important that your children arrive to school on time so that they begin the day with everyone in their class on time for morning prayer.

**Notes are required by the Ministry of Education.**
Notes may be sent via email to secretary@shschool.ca or via our St. Helen’s app.

Simply go to School info, Absence by Grade, and then fill form and submit.

**HOT LUNCH & FOODIE KIDS PROGRAMS**

Our Hot Lunch and Foodie Kids programs are successfully up and running. We are asking all parents to please provide forks and spoons for their children going forward.

**THANK YOU**

To all our students and parents for supporting our Annual Book Fair! We sold $3,046.20 in product!!! Mrs. Erlic would also like to extend her gratitude to the parent, student, and teacher volunteers who offered their assistance to help make this a successful book fair!

To all students and parents who participated in our Annual Terry Fox Run: thank you for donation to this important cause! **Terry Fox Run 2019**
This year we were lucky enough to have two principals come all the way from Australia! We exchanged many teaching ideas to benefit children in the classroom!

Thank you to Mr. Paul Mobilio and Mr. Tony Merandi for putting gaga ball equipment for our students!

Thank you PSG for providing funding! We appreciate it.
Father Alessandro Lovato presenting Liturgy for St. Helens staff

Father Larry talks about the importance of priests visits in the classroom

Father Aloyous talks about diversity in the classroom and the challenges we may face
Let us help those in need. On **October 13th** please bring your food items to the church!

Kindergarten: Children's healthy snacks (granola bars, fruit-to-go)

- Grade 1: juice (1L cartons, juice boxes)
- Grade 2: pasta sauce, pasta, macaroni & cheese
- Grade 3: canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit
- Grade 4: canned tuna, canned salmon, canned ham
- Grade 5: oatmeal, cereal, powdered milk
- Grade 6: mashed / scalloped potatoes, stuffing, rice
- Grade 7: salt, sugar, soap

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,*
*Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;*
*For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.*

~ St. Francis of Assisi
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Who Is Rob Galea?
Watch below!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgfKLr8Lotk

Rob Galea is a well known priest travelling the world spreading the word of Jesus through music. We welcome him to St. Helen’s on November 14th
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