



St. Helen's School Newsletter September 2019

Principal : Mr. Waldemar Sambor



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2019/20 school year! This year's theme is "I can do all things through Christ". We are excited to see all our new and returning families next week and are committed to providing your children with an excellent faith-based Catholic education. Our teaching team has been busy getting classrooms ready and planning exciting learning tasks for your children.

Taking risks is an important part of learning and I feel very motivated with this new CISVA School Theme, "I can do all things Through Christ." If we have trust in the Lord, we can accomplish goals we have set and ideas we have been waiting to try. What are your goals for the year?

A recent article in the Aug. 25th Vancouver Sun studied reasons why parents choose to send their children to an Independent School. "The top three reasons are shared by nearly every independent school parent are because they offer a truly supportive and nurturing environment for students, are safe, and emphasize character development." We know our parents sacrifice to send their children to our school and our staff is working very hard to ensure our programs and clubs provide students with diverse hands on learning experiences.

We are always available to discuss school issues with our families. By working together, and respecting each other in our words and actions, our students will succeed and we will create a positive atmosphere for learning.

I will continue to work with Fr. Alessandro Lovato as our pastor, and his new assistant Fr. Larry Lynn. I invite each and every one of you to pray for them daily, to support them in being fruitful and effective in their new role as leaders in our Parish and School.

Together at St. Helen's we will seek to build a better world.

Waldemar Sambor



September Highlights

- 3rd School Opens 9am
(12:00 Dismissal)
- 4-6th Outdoor Education (Gr. 4-7)
- 5th Mass at Camp 4pm/Parents welcome
- 9-12th Book Fair
- 12th Individual Picture Day
- 12th Open House (7pm)
- 13th Terry Fox Run (1:15 pm)
- 20th School Mass-Gr. 7A
- 20th Green Thumb Theatre
- 24th PEC meeting (6:30pm)
- 24th St. Mary's Track Meet
- 25th Walk-a-thon (Dismissal 1pm)
- 27th School Mass -Gr.6A

**Please refer to our online calendar for further events & information. You may also download our school app.*

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School

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Mrs. Linda Zen
Mrs. Mac Santalucia
Ms. Rosa Bastone
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Ms. Gina Coughlan
Ms. Daniella Trevisan
Ms. Christina Henderson

E.A.
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E.A.
E.A./SUB
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Miss. Erica Busto & Miss. Alyssa Sommers &
Miss. Julianna Cerminara & Mr. Nick Belmonte & Miss. Jenna Mobilio

Note: Grades A & B remained the same as last year (except grade 7).

SUPPORT STAFF

Office Manager
Secretary
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Note: Please note all staff emails are posted on the school website.

Teacher email is for general communication purposes. This form of communication is **not** a replacement for parent-teacher conferences. **For all absentee notes please email Secretary** or submit through **school app**.

PEC MEMBERS 2019/20

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Fr. Alessandro Lavato

Participation
Participation
Maintenance
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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:

Students are expected to arrive punctually, attend regularly, and behave appropriately by:

- Preparing for lessons and having the appropriate books, materials and assignments ready for class,
- Showing consideration for others: the rights of peers, staff and visitors,
- Making a sincere, concentrated effort to do well in studies,
- Wearing the correct uniform at all times,
- Bringing a written note signed by a parent/guardian explaining the lack of uniform or incomplete assignments,
- Respecting and complying with school regulations,
- Participating attentively in all religious observances.

In addition to the above, a pleasant co-operative attitude is expected of each student. This is to be shown both to peers and staff. We believe that the display of good manners reflects proper home training including "Please" and "Thank you", "Excuse me", "I'm Sorry", and other such expressions. Gestures and behavior should also show proper manners. Consistent courtesy will encourage mutual respect and continue to build a caring community.

INTERMEDIATE OUTDOOR EDUCATION—Sept 4-6th:

Students from Grades 4 to 7 will be attending Outdoor Education starting Wednesday, September 4th. Please refer to Mr. Perrotta's letter which was sent out by email. Students are required to bring a binder, pen and pencil to camp this year. Camp pictures will be on the website.

CAMP LETTERS

Parents who wish to send letters to their child at camp should have them at the school office by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 4th. Mass Thursday Sep 5th at 4pm *Parents Welcome (Evans Lake Forest Education Centre, Levette Lake Forest Service Rd, Squamish. Map attached on school Calendar/or office)

SCHOOL UNIFORM—Sept. 9th:

Students are expected to be in full uniform by Monday, September 9th. Students may wear the summer uniform. Please remember shoes must be **black** or **navy blue** and the height of the heel must not exceed 3.5 cm or 1.5 inches. September 4th to 6th is a non uniform week, students may wear appropriate summer clothes. The policy regarding Hair Colour/Haircuts and Accessories will be in effect from Sep. 3rd (including all interm. students going to Camp).

We understand that Neat Uniforms can have backorders so please ensure that your children wear similar colors to our St. Helen's uniform until your uniform arrives..

Used Uniforms - If you have any used uniform pieces in good condition that you wish to donate, please bring your donation to the school office.



SCHOOL BUS & MORNING SUPERVISION:

Our **bus service will begin on Monday, September 9th** (\$45.00 monthly one way, \$50.00 monthly round trip). **As we are now planning the Bus Route**, please advise the office no later than the 1st day of school if your child will be taking the bus. You will receive a letter regarding bus stops and pick up times. **REMINDER: we do our best to accommodate everyone but our time is limited to one hour on the road. Our AM BUS this year starts 7:30am.**

***SUPERVISION** will start first day of school at **8am**, thank you to all parents who submitted their feedback.

Afterschool supervision ends at **3:20pm**.

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LIBRARY BOOK FAIR—Sept 9-12th:

Once again we will be hosting a “Scholastic Book Fair” - September 9-12th. This is a great opportunity to see the latest and most popular children’s books and could be a great chance to stock up on birthday and Christmas presents.

More information to follow at a later date.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES—Sept. 12th

Thursday, September 12th. Students are required to be in full uniform with sweaters.

OPEN HOUSE—Thursday Sept. 12th

7:00 p.m. Meeting in the church for prayer and the Commissioning of teachers.

7:20 p.m. Teachers meet with parents in the classroom.

Students who will be attending with their parents will be supervised in the gym.

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS—Oct 9th & May 6th

Will be taking place on Wednesday, Oct. 9th and Wednesday, May 6th.

****Please make arrangements now to see your doctor if needed for updated immunization information.**

ST. HELEN’S SCHOOL APP

Our school app, which can be downloaded onto your smartphone, gives parents and students access to information regarding the upcoming school year. To submit an absentee letter on the app click the ‘*School Info*’ tab then ‘*Absence Form*’, pick your child’s grade, fill form and submit.

This will directly notify both the office staff and teacher of your child’s absence.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Tuition payments made through the pre-authorized debit service must be kept updated. If your chequing account changes please notify the office asap.

WALKATHON

Wednesday, September 25th. More information to follow at a later date.

FAMILY NIGHT HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 25th. Save the date, more information to follow at a later date.

Please note that dates for Communion have been confirmed and they are as follows:

1st Communion *Rehearsal*: Thursday, April 30th at 7:00pm

1st Communion: Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00pm.

(Confirmation TBA)

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HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Starts on Wednesday, September 11th. We will accept cheques up until Monday, September 9th. (\$150.00 full year). All lunches will be accompanied by a healthy snack. The School calendar will be updated with September's hot lunch menu.

FOODIE KIDS

Foodie Kids lunch program schedule is every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Foodie Kids has a NEW ordering system more details TBA .

<http://foodeaze.ca/>

LATE OR ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is absent from school, you need to submit a note through our School App or e-mailing the school secretary at secretary@shschool.ca by 9:00 am.

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.

- ♦ **Please advise the school office of any change of address, phone numbers, email, chequing account information or emergency contact information that has changed since registration.**

HEADLICE

With the end of summer vacation and the start to the new school year, we would like parents to take a pro-active approach this year to head lice. Please examine your child's hair today and on a regular basis. If head lice is found, please start treatment immediately and notify the school office.

More information about this event TBA soon.

Please mark your calendar. See link below

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=BgfKLr8Lotk>

Fr. Rob Galea invites you to **LISTEN**

"I LOVE BEING A PRIEST. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT I AM ABOVE ALL A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST,
THEN A PRIEST AND ONLY THEN DOES MY MINISTRY OF MUSIC MAKE SENSE.
THE VOCATION OF EVERY ORDAINED PRIEST IS TO BE A MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT."
- FR. ROB GALEA

Thursday, **November 14, 2019**
St. Helens
Elementary School, 1 pm
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THANK YOU

- ◆ To all the parents who came during the summer to help us with the maintenance of our school.
- ◆ To the Maintenance Participation Group and all of our staff for preparing their classrooms and common learning areas during the summer for the new school year.

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS

Congratulations to all our teachers who work very hard and took time in the summer to prepare their classrooms. Welcome to our new staff, please refer to the staff list.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

I would like to thank all the volunteers Mr. Mobilio, Mr. Merandi and Mr. Marco Holzer for co-ordinating maintenance during the summer.

We have put in a new desk in the Library. Set up Grade 1 classroom with new furniture and chairs. New technology in the main building and learning centre. Upgraded our staffroom. We created a new resource room upstairs. New resources for various subjects for both primary and intermediate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teachers who worked many hours during their summer break to organize their classrooms. We have a fantastic year ahead of us and again, I am counting on your continuous support to educate our students.

One of the resources we will be implementing to assist in improving the wellbeing in school age children is "My Wellbeing Journals". Below is a picture of me with my grandchildren at Joffre Lake Provincial Park.





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