



ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL | FEB 2026

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NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

After our recent Professional Day, we identified several key areas of focus that we will continue to strengthen and also highlight at our AGM on February 3rd. I truly hope you will be able to join us.

First, Competency-Based Learning.

Yes, we continue to teach strong foundations — what students know.

But we are also intentionally growing how students think, communicate, collaborate, and respond to challenges. Problem-solving, teamwork, and adaptability are life skills, and they matter deeply in today's world.

Second, Literacy.

Literacy remains a cornerstone of learning.

We are committed to teaching students to read well, write clearly, and express their ideas with confidence — skills that open every door in education.

Third, Early Intervention and Individualized Support.

Every child learns differently. Our goal is to identify needs early, provide targeted support, and ensure that every student can succeed with confidence.

Fourth, Student Well-being.

Today's children face more pressure, distractions, and anxiety than ever before.

Teaching self-regulation, resilience, empathy, and emotional awareness is not optional — it is essential. Without well-being, learning simply cannot flourish.

Fifth, Technology with Purpose.

Technology plays an important role, but it must be used wisely — to support creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving. It should never replace relationships, play, hands-on learning, or faith formation. The future of education is not more screen time — it is better use of time.

And finally, our Catholic Identity.

This is our foundation. As a Catholic school, we educate the whole child, mind, body, and spirit. Faith allows us to form students of integrity and compassion, who care for others and contribute meaningfully to the world.

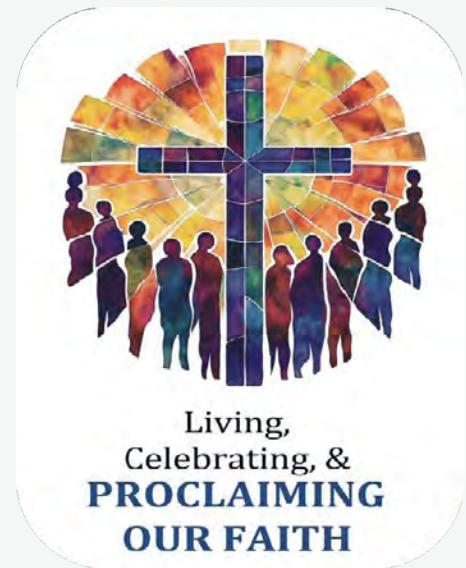
This work cannot be done alone.

We need you — our parents, families, and community — as partners.

When educators and families work together, we truly become a village, united in purpose and care.

That is the heart of our Blue Ribbon vision.

Sincerely in Christ,
Waldemar Sambor
Principal



I recently spent a few days in Whistler and attended Mass at the new Church, Our Lady of Mountains which will be completed soon. I highly recommend attending if you happen to visit.

FEB 4TH
UPCOMING AGM
Zoom Link Below

[https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/69270173367?
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Learning to lead, create, and make a difference! Our Grade 6 classes are taking part in "Enspire" this year, a program put on by Enactus through UBC's Saunders School of Business that builds global awareness and inspires young minds to think like change-makers. Students are exploring business fundamentals and social entrepreneurship to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond!

MONTH AT A GLANCE

FEB 4 **AGM ON ZOOM (7PM)**

FEB 6 **SCHOOL MASS (GR.3'S)(FULL UNIFORM)**

FEB 6 **GR.3 GRANDPARENTS TEA**

FEB 11 **RED DAY (NON-UNIFORM/\$2.00/RCIA CHARITY- SOUP KITCHEN)**

FEB 11 **GRAD LUNCH (A&W)**

FEB 12 **NO SCHOOL (CATHOLIC EDUCATORS CONFRENCE)**

FEB 13 **NO SCHOOL (CATHOLIC EDUCATORS CONFRENCE)**

FEB 16 **NO SCHOOL (FAMILY DAY)**

FEB 17 **SHROVE TUESDAY (FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST)**

FEB 24 **CLASS PHOTO DAY**

FEB 25 **PINK SHIRT DAY (ANTI-BULLYING DAY/NON-UNIFORM)**

FEB 27 **NO CLASSES (STUDENT LED CONFRENCE)**

FEB 28 **COUNTRY AFTER DARK PUB NIGHT**



Our library was recently reorganized to accommodate our chess club and many other activities. We currently have over 70 chess club members and I would like to personally thank Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Utini & Mr. Lacuna for coaching and helping out! We are also in the process of putting in four new bathrooms in the Learning Centre.

SEARCHERS NEWS

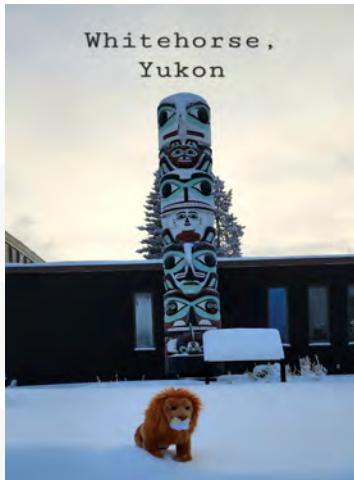


More photos can be found on our website at
<https://www.sthelensschool.ca/photos-2025-2026.php>

PERSONAL BEST



KA -Noa Alviar, Cedric Cheng, Jameson Lui
KB -Gia Grippo, Atticus Woo
1 -Marko Cirjak, Jaxson Hermus, Erick Sainz-Trapaga Figueroa
2A -Daisy Baianu, Giordano Chiappetta, Aiden Tran
2B -Gianluka Busto, Giovana Macera, Luciano Timmins
3A -Maddie Alviar, Kingston Cheng, Olivia Pineo, Leo Vanderboon
3B -Miguel Garcia, Gavin Purewal, Kaya Wang
4A -Elyse Lacuna, Ella Quashie, Matteo Iannicello
4B -Elsie Rattray, Matias Timmins
5A -Rio Turvey, Olivia Zen
5B -Isabella Ranallo, Mateo Iorio
6A -Vanessa Chedid, Ada Secchiati
6B -Olivia Matrundola, Anthony Wu
7 -Joseph Funaro, Mattias Campanile, Romano Rinaldo



Top Left: Mr. Belmonte took Sammy to Alaska to see the Northern Lights!

Top Right: Students admiring nature around our school and getting ready for our scientific experiment dicecting owl pellets.

Bottom Left: Thinuth Fernando with Sammy in London!