



ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL | JAN 2026

Principal Waldemar Sambor
Vice Principal Anthony Belmonte
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NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

First of all, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for the beautiful Christmas cards, warm wishes, and meaningful gifts. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated.

The beauty and vibrancy of our school community would not be possible without our dedicated teachers and staff. In many ways, they go above and beyond expectations, and this is one of the reasons I proudly refer to our school as a Blue Ribbon School. We work every day with the most vulnerable and precious human beings, our children, and they deserve nothing but the very best.

To provide that level of care and excellence, a strong and united community is essential. Our teachers are constantly challenged to grow, to improve, and to move toward excellence. This ongoing journey is what we call "Moving Toward the Blue Ribbon."

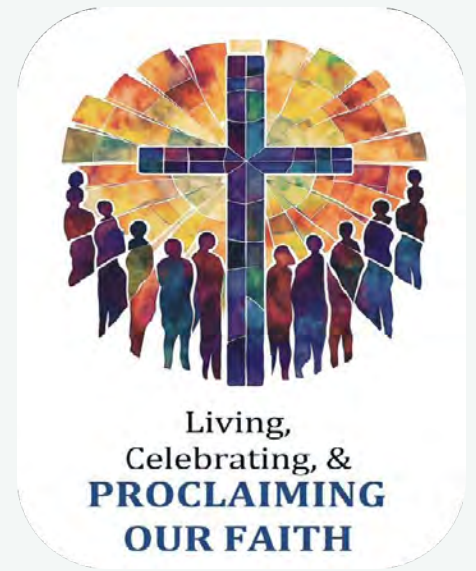
I was especially moved during our Christmas performances when I reminded everyone that Jesus is the true reason for the season. In all three performances, this message was met with a very loud and heartfelt ovation from the large audience. That response clearly affirmed for me that we are a strong and faithful community—one that wholeheartedly supports our teachers and walks together in the journey of faith.

In a society that often celebrates Christmas without recognizing its true meaning, it is our responsibility as a Catholic community to remind ourselves, and the world, that Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ. Everything we do as a school is grounded in our faith and virtues, which we strive to instill in our children each day.

This shared faith is what strengthens our community. It allows us to support one another in challenging moments and calls us to be kind, generous, and peaceful people.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!
God Bless,

Sincerely in Christ,
Waldemar Sambor
Principal



MONTH AT A GLANCE

JAN 5	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
JAN 9	SCHOOL MASS LED BY GR.4B (<i>FULL FORMAL UNIFORM</i>)
JAN 14	GRAD LUNCH (<i>WHITE SPOT</i>)
JAN 20	KINDEGARTEN & GR.7 GRAD PHOTOS
JAN 23	NO SCHOOL (<i>PRO D DAY</i>)

ST HELEN'S MASS TIMES

December 24th - Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm & 12:00 am (Midnight) December 25th - Christmas Day - 8:30 am, 10:00 am (Italian) & 11:30 am December 31st - 4:00 pm
January 1st - New Year's Day - 8:30 am, 10:00 am (Italian) & 11:30 am



Top Left :

I am always so happy when I unexpectedly meet our students while hiking, biking, or fishing. Just a few weeks ago, I ran into Gavin & Haydrn from our school while they were fishing in the Capilano Canyon. Moments like these truly bring a smile to my face. I hope I might run into some of you and your children during this holiday break as well. Stay healthy, stay active, and enjoy this special time together.

Bottom Left :

Makena Marach was our principal for the day and she decided to spend most of her time teaching in the grade 2 classroom.

Top Right:

Hudson Peorsch, Tiago Coelho, & Kosta Corea helping Mr. Perrotta with lights and sounds during our Christmas Concert.

Bottom Right:

Thank you to Stefano and Macera family for donating the black top which we had repaired.



SEARCHERS NEWS



Cees Bobeldijk with Sammy at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican



Christmas spirit at St. Helen's!
More photos can be found on our website at
<https://www.sthelensschool.ca/photos-2025-2026.php>

PERSONAL BEST



KA - Mattias Busto, Madelyn Hong
KB - Ava Cocco, Oscar Rakic, Teo Zaharija
1 - Stassi Ciachurski, Teo Grippo, Audrey Luu
2A - Daniel Blyth, Lorenzo Lopez, Makena Marach
2B - Natalie Ballarin, Zeno Mobilio, Mason Sorace
3A - Sofia Barbaro, Valentina Esparza, Vince Hui
3B - Alessio Cappellano, Coco Lam, Inara Soni
4A - Emmy Cirillo, Marcus Kung, Lorenzo Piovesan
4B - Auston Lam, Rebecca Van Woerden
5A - Allen Tang, Fredrick Lee
5B - Olivia Borthistle, Amedeo Canosa, Niko Drlje
6A - Cadence Ho, Gianluca Tinaburri
6B - Alyssa Utini, Hudson Poersch
7 - Mason Boal, Alessandra Bogdanovich, Tiago Coelho, Victoria Lancheros Gomez



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