



## St. Helen's School Newsletter | Feb 2025

Principal Waldemar Sambor  
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**NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents

Welcome back! January 2025 marks the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Hope, a Holy Year following the ancient practice begun in 1300 of holding special years of repentance and renewal regularly every 25 years. When announcing the Jubilee last spring, Pope Francis identified its specific spiritual focus "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision". As we step into this new year – a Year of Hope, we are reminded of the steadfast love of our Lord, who is the source of all hope. Your leadership as parents reflects this hope, guiding your students into a future filled with faith, hope and love.

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Catholic Church every 25 years. The faithful are encouraged to embark on pilgrimages, repent of their sins, forgive others and renew their focus on their spiritual life.

Learn more about this special year, stay updated with the latest news, and explore how you can participate at [rcav.org/jubilee](https://rcav.org/jubilee)

Our Annual AGM will take place on zoom, Wednesday, Feb 5th at 7 pm. Please see the zoom link below.

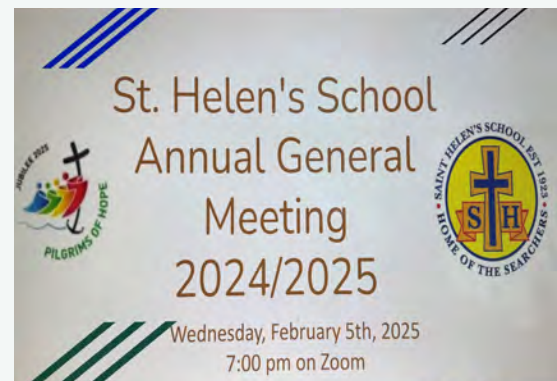
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/68653299543?pwd=VLm47PUpaEDRDZwuo1Tq7bJoGIFwyd.1>

Meeting ID: 686 5329 9543

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Sincerely in Christ,  
Waldemar Sambor  
Principal



# *Month at a glance*

FEB 5TH - AGM @ 7 PM VIA ZOOM

FEB 6TH - 100's DAY (PRIMARY STUDENTS GR. K-3)

FEB 7TH - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS & GR. 3 GRANDPARENTS TEA

FEB 11TH - NON UNIFORM DAY (RED DAY)

FEB 12TH - GRAD LUNCH (PIZZA)

FEB 13TH - NO SCHOOL (CATHOLIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE)

FEB 14TH - NO SCHOOL (CATHOLIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE)

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week - You are invited to join all Catholic schools across the province in celebrating Catholic Schools Week, taking place in February. This year's theme is Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming Our Faith

FEB 17TH - NO SCHOOL (FAMILY DAY STAT)

FEB 19TH - GR. 4 SKATING AT ROBSON SQUARE

FEB 20TH - STUDENT LED (3-5:15PM)

FEB 21ST - GR. 5 SKATING AT ROBSON SQUARE

FEB 25TH - CLASS PHOTO DAY (FULL FORMAL UNIFORM)

FEB 26TH - PINK SHIRT DAY (ANTI BULLYING)

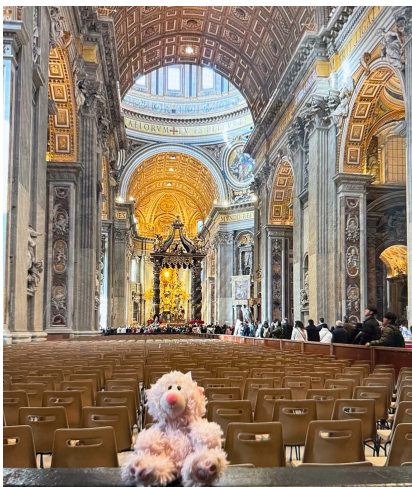
FEB 26TH - GRAD LUNCH (WHITE SPOT)

FEB 27TH - SCIENCE FAIR IN THE GYM (4-5:30 PM)



# Personal best

- K -Taron Braico, Alessia Katsionis, Carson Pang
- 1A- Daisy Baianu, Matteo Barichello
- 1B- Giovana Macera, Gloria Rakic
- 2A- Caela Chung, Juan Lancheros Gomez, Steve Sanish
- 2B- Mila Calderon, Avalyn Matrundola, Daniel Jeon
- 3A - Gia Baruffa, James Tan
- 3B- Olivia Hall, Charlie Tse, Ian Zhao
- 4A- Mila Cirillo, Agostino Fortugno, Alessia Yi Carolo
- 4B- Adelyn Lee, Maks Drlje
- 5A- Matthew Guilbault, Starlight Park
- 5B- Ellie Park, Olivia Matrundola
- 6- Giordano Canosa, Noah Mohan, Victoria Lancheros Gomez
- 7A- Margaux Bacomo, Chiara Cioffi, Emilia Damy
- 7B- Nicolas Marando, Luca Artuso, Dior Cruz



Analisa & Giovanna Macera with  
Sammy in the Vatican City!



Lena & Ryan Min with Sammy in Florida!

# Respect



This month in our "Virtues in Practice" program, we will focus on the virtue of **"respect"** which means **"recognizing the dignity of all people"**.

*Our society often bases a person's value on their appearance or abilities. But that is not how God sees us. In reality, what we are is much more important than what we can do. Each one of us is created in the image and likeness of God, and we are unique and unrepeatable gifts of His love. God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us, that we might live forever with Him in heaven. When we look at people from this perspective, we can't help but respect them! The Gospel calls us to have deep respect for all people including people of different ages, cultures, ideas, and abilities.*

*The goal of Catholic Education is heaven, but knowledge alone will not get us there! The "Virtues in Practice" program is helping us to live our faith in our everyday lives.*



## Lost & Found

Every few months, we sort through the Lost and Found, and we were fortunate to have another opportunity to reunite items with their owners.

We encourage you to please check the lost and found bin before or after school and take whatever belongs to your student. Some items are labeled with names, while others are not. Please ensure that all your children's clothing is labeled with their first and last name.

As a reminder, the Lost and Found is located beside the gym on the left side. The gate is always open, so you can access it at any time without needing a key.

# Athletics

The CISVA elementary basketball season is in full swing and St.Helen's School is locked in! With over seventy players amongst seven intermediate grade level teams, our students are learning the value of cooperation, a good work ethic, and how to be a good teammate this season. It is wonderful to see these students commit to the goals of each team, all while having fun and cheering each other on in tournaments and league play. Families are invited to come and cheer on our teams. Join in on the fun and let's root for our Searchers!

We were also fortunate to have Joel Haywood, also known as "King Handles". Joel shared his expertise with our students, focusing on skills like dribbling, shooting and sharing inspirational stories about his journey. The students loved learning from him! Thank you, Joel!

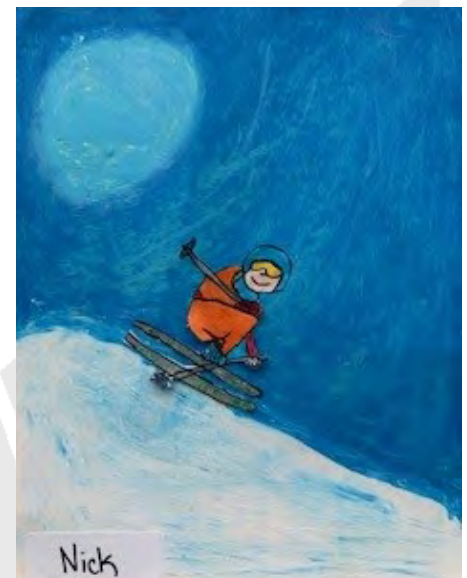


# *Lunar New Year Celebrations*

This week marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year celebrations. This year ushers in the year of the Snake, symbolizing power, strength, prosperity, and good fortune.



# Creative Winter Art



*The Grade 7 class created beautiful winter art inspired by their skiing and snowboarding field trip up in Whistler.*

