



St. Helen's School Newsletter February 2019

Principal : Mr. Waldemar Sambor
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Dear Parents,

St. Helen's School provides opportunities for personal excellence in educational, academic and extra-curricular activities. Programs include: Leadership, Athletics, Fine Arts, Technology, Enrichment and Student Support. With our philosophy of educating the whole child, the spiritual development of the children is integrated into all areas of the curriculum.

Registration packages for the 2019/2020 school year have been distributed to all returning in-school families at the end of January, prior to our February 6th Annual General Meeting. All parents must register on Feb 6th or sooner if you are going to be out of town. If you do not register, your spot will be given to the new families. Please note that our AGM is required for all parents to attend.

Sincerely in Christ,
Waldemar Sambor
Principal

[Gr.7 Skiing](#)



Monthly Highlights

- 6th AGM (Annual General Meeting)
- 8th Grandparent's Tea
- 12th **Non-Uniform Day** (Red/Pink Day for Valentine's)
- 14th No School (**Pro D Day**)
- 15th No School (**Pro D Day**)
- 18th No School (**Family Day**)
- 26th Student Led Conferences (4-6pm)
- 27th **Non-Uniform Day** (Wear Pink for Anti Bullying Day)
- 28th Gr. 7's leave for Bamfield

**Please refer to our [online calendar](#) for further events & information. You may also download our [school app](#).*

Searchers News

February 14th and 15th

The Catholic Educators' Conference (CEC) is held each year to provide opportunity for the spiritual and professional growth of Catholic educators, for the development of Christian community, and to provide leadership in the development of a dynamic, evangelistic school system.

Some CEC 2019 Highlights

Our **two-day conference** will once again be held at the Pan Pacific Vancouver Hotel and Convention Centre in downtown Vancouver.

DAY ONE will begin with Morning Mass and then an opportunity to listen to our Opening General Session speaker Hallie Lord, in addition to being a wife and mother of eight, is a speaker, host of Hallie Weekly on Sirius XM, co-founder of the Edel Gathering, and author of *On the Other Side of Fear*. After a break and a visit to our vendors, attendees can select from among three breakout sessions – which include: Deborah Macnamara, Kevin Honeycutt, and Tiffany Poirier

DAY TWO, following Morning Prayer, is our 2nd **General Session speaker, John O'Leary. Following the break several speakers will be featured in 'Edtalk' style presentations. Our day will end as we gather once again to listen to our Closing General Session speaker.**

Student Led Conferences

Prior to reports cards being sent home on Thursday, March 14th, your child will have the opportunity to communicate their learning to you, the parents at the Student Led-Conferences on Tuesday, February 26th, 4pm – 6 pm.

The focus will be on Core Competencies.

More Details to follow at a later date

Student Benefits

- Accountability for their learning
- Students learn to evaluate their own progress
- Students gain greater commitment to school work and learning
- Builds self-confidence and self esteem
- Encourages student/parent communication
- Builds communication and critical thinking skills
- Allows students to become actively involved

Parent Benefits

- Increases the amount of information given to parents
- Learn more about their child's learning and skills
- An opportunity to help their child set positive goals
- Active participant in their child's learning

Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 11th-Feb. 15th



This annual event was started as a means of recognizing the importance of Catholic Education. Our school offers us many opportunities to explore our talents – spiritually, academically, through fine arts, athletics, reading programs, computer classes, field trips, and leadership opportunities.

We will be kicking off Catholic Schools week by starting the mornings with daily prayers as a whole school over the P.A. system. St. Helen's students will be involved in the parish masses this week.

We thank you for your continuing support of Catholic Education at St. Helen's School.

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AGM & Registration Night

Wednesday, February 6th

All registrations must be submitted to the school by the evening of Feb 6th or a late penalty of \$50.00 will be applied

Grandparent's Tea

Friday, February 8th

Non Uniform Day (Wear RED or PINK for Valentine's)

Tuesday, February 12th

Pub Night Fundraiser

Saturday, February 23rd

Student Led Conference

Tuesday, February 26th

Pink Day for Anti-bullying

Wednesday, February 27th

As part of the anti-bullying prevention program we are organizing Pink Day for all our students (Non- uniform Day).

Spring Break

The last day of school before Spring Break is March 15th

School will re-open on April 1st

Congratulations to Brendan Wong in Gr.7A as he was selected to the Winter Games for his skating!

Congratulations to all basketball teams and coaches.



Searchers Excellence

The following students are recognized for their efforts in the published class work:



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**Gabriel Cruz
Joseph Funaro
Enrique Gimenez**

1

**Hannah Carolo
Miliana Crudo
Nicolas Marando
Anthony Skoko**

2

**Logan Auchter
Ella Chung
Mikayla Gimenez**

3A

**Katarina Boal
Isaac Parrotta**

3B

**Sebastian Artuso
Christina Barichello
Marta Pizzolato**

4A

**Aiden Chou
Kamryn Murray**

4B

**Ava Arrotta
Sienna Bosa
Giorgia Stancic**

5A

**William Craig
Eliana Medina**

5B

**Pola Debski
Olivia Hayre
Daniel Santarelli**

6A

**Cassia Coelho
Rachel Kung**

6B

**Aiden Perizzolo
Luca Silveri
Isabella Naruki-Chew**

7A

**Antonio Capolongo
Nicolas Lee**

7B

**Alessia Raffele
Amalia Espanol**



"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." ~ Maya Angelou



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