

# ST. HELEN'S NEWSLETTER

*JANUARY 2021*



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Dear Parents,

I would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and New Year. I hope your "Holy" days are filled with wonderful memories of family, friends, and good health! Thank you for the support you've shown the students and teachers for their efforts in performing for our annual Christmas concert. On behalf of the staff, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank students and parents for their many Christmas wishes.

As we move into the New Year, we continue with our focus on our academics, physical activities and fine arts. There never seems to be a "down-time" in an elementary school, but may we always remember to enjoy each other and God's blessings. Thank you for raising such wonderful, responsible children, and sharing them with us each day.

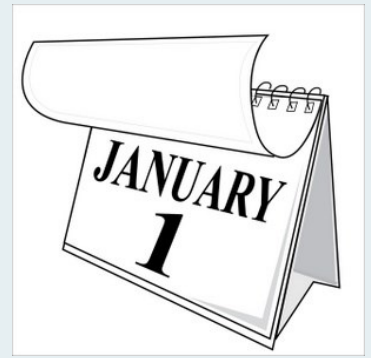
May God bless you and your family in the New Year as we grow in our knowledge and love of Him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Waldemar Sambor

*Principal*

# ***JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS***



JANUARY 4TH	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
JANUARY 18 & 19TH	BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
JANUARY 26TH	KINDERGARTEN & GR.7 GRAD PHOTOS
JANUARY 27TH	GR.7 SKIING
JANUARY 28TH	GR.6 SNOWSHOEING

We are in the process of getting ready for our AGM which will take place on Feb 2nd and in the process of revising the categories for our tuition. Masses are currently online so I do understand difficulties in contributing to your Sunday envelopes. Please do your best during this Christmas season to contribute within your means to maintain your category since the difference in tuitions vary in hundreds of dollars. If you wish sign up for Pre Authorized banking, click here. <https://sthelen.ca/about/pre-authorized-bank-withdrawals-form> If you are able to do so, please donate before the end of the year for tax purposes and category assignment which we will revise in January. See the attached links for credit card contribution option as well as PAD. Forms need to be printed and given to the Parish office.

<https://sthelen.ca/about/credit-card-authorization-form>

<https://sthelen.ca/about/mass-times>—Mass Schedule

Thank you so much to everyone for helping complete and distribute the Christmas art during this busy time. It raised almost \$2000 dollars for the school.



Please see the photo links below regarding Advent activities & Bell assemle.  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wD8jej7zCgq2567o6>

Dr. Bonnie Henry has announced an extended order till January 8th. Please be aware that during the Christmas Holiday we have to respect her mandates. As a school, we are doing extremely well and we want to continue to do so. By respecting these guidelines, we are not putting the community in danger. *"Schools really are a safe place, and an important place, for our educators and for our students," "We've made a decision that the downsides of it would be far greater than the safety and the protection of the education and the interaction that's needed in the schools."* - Dr. Bonnie Henry



In grade 6B students had to write about a hero. One of our students. Annie Kwok chose Bonnie Henry. Here are a few lines: *"There are many heroes and heroines in this world, however there are many things that stand out to me about Bonnie that make her different. Firstly, I like how she's always working towards a better planet. A place where we can be safe and happy together. I like how she's compassionate but able to take charge when needed. Her solutions aren't extremely ridiculous, and they make sense. I also like how she tries to make others happy, her humour showing during interviews. All in all, she seems like a fun person to be around"*.

This year every grade has participated in an outdoor fieldtrip. Please preview some of the links below. More photos can be found on our school website.

[Grade 6 b Field trip](#)

[Pumpkin Patch K class](#)

[Grade 2 at Grouse Mtn](#)

[Grade 4 Capilano Field Trip](#)

# ***PERSONAL BEST***



## ***Grade 1***

***Mathew Guilbault  
Michael Hogan  
Kensington Chung***

## ***Grade KA***

***Vanessa Artuso  
Nico Bastante***

## ***Grade KB***

***Gabriella Pantelakis  
Rikki Tse***

## ***Grade 2***

***Harrison Barnard  
Adriano Cremona  
Mattias Campanile***

## ***Grade 3A***

***Mila Crudo  
Jinran Yang***

## ***Grade 3B***

***Francesca Lopez  
Eliah Landingin***

## ***Grade 4***

***Logan Auchter  
Carlo Bocca  
Olivia Mrsic***

## ***Grade 5A***

***Ana Erlic  
Joshua Clarke***

## ***Grade 5B***

***Anastazja Szlag  
Ethan Fast***

## ***Grade 6A***

***Mattias Banicevic  
Christian Shaback  
Jacob Mohan***

## ***Grade 6B***

***Ella Ho  
Isla Lopez***

## ***Grade 7A***

***Jake Banicevic  
Mia Cirotto***

## ***Grade 7B***

***Giuliana Arreola  
Daniel Santarelli***

