

St. Helen's School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Lent, the forty days leading up to Easter in the Christian Calendar, has traditionally been used as a time to reflect and rejoice in God's love as shown in Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. The more time we take to reflect upon the meaning of the season, the greater will be our joy on Easter morning and the deeper our faith will grow.

Traditionally, Lent has been a time of penitence and fasting in order to recognize our need for God's forgiveness and seeking to deepen our relationship with him. The important thing is to find something that will help us focus more on God and what he wants for our lives.

This year, during Covid-19, we managed to have a Paraliturgical service and distribute ashes and communion to all of our students. In preparation of Lent, our leadership club, under the direction of Mrs. Ruggier and Mrs. Brini, created a beautiful display of affirmations and commitments. Each class generated one set of wings. Please see the photo above from our Gr. 7 display.

May this Lent be a time for all of us to reflect on what is good in our lives and invite God to help us put right what is wrong, and remembering just how much **He loves us**.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Waldemar Sambor
Principal*

March Calendar

March 3rd —Gr. 2 Reconciliation (6:30pm)

March 10th—Picture Day—All classes

March 11th—Report Cards

March 12th—Last day of school

March 15th—Spring Break begins

March 29th—First day of school

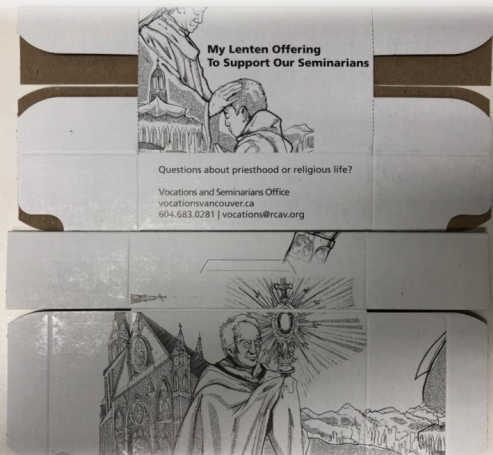
March 30th—PEC meeting

Updated Covid-19 procedures are on our school website under the Covid-19 tab

Thank you to Mr. Canosa for working with our staff and updating our Covid-19 policies

Mite Boxes

Every child has received a Lenten box. This year's offerings will be going towards our seminarians. Please encourage your child(ren) to do their best and put some personal coins into the mite boxes. Please return these to your child's classroom by Friday, April 9th at the latest.



Remembrance Day Legion winners for essay & poster contest

Thank you to the North Burnaby branch 148 for providing monetary prizes for our students.

Congratulations to the following students:

***Jacob Mohan
Stefania Cirotto
James Rogers***



Searchers News



Here is a look at our new STEM room which is located above the library in the Learning Centre. We have set up a new schedule so that every child from K-7 will have access to new resources starting in the third term after spring break. Thank you to Paul Mobilio, Tony Merandi, Frank Artuso, Dori Artuso, Rob Alvarez, Daniel Lee & Rico Perrotta

Since parents no longer have access to our school, we have generated a 3D virtual tour of our three buildings and Church for you to view online. Please see the links below which can also be found on our school website. .

[Church](#)
[West Wing](#)
[Main School](#)
[Learning Centre](#)

Check out this cute little video that the Gr.3A class did regarding going green!
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s_hFh5ckenCArXL67L2XMLo4_oFXehN3/view?ts=603187eb

Searchers News



We are happy to announce that we have arranged a hip hop activity for K-7 during the week of March 1st-5th. All of you will receive a link to preview our students' final routines.



[Grade 4 Field Trip and Safety](#)



[Grade 6 Field Trip](#)



[grade 5 winter fun](#)



[Grade 7 Skiing](#)



A big thank you to the following volunteers who helped make our rock climbing wall for students to enjoy.

Rob Alvarez, Nelson Sentiero, Daniel Lee, Rico Perrotta, Paul Mobilio, & Tony Merandi.

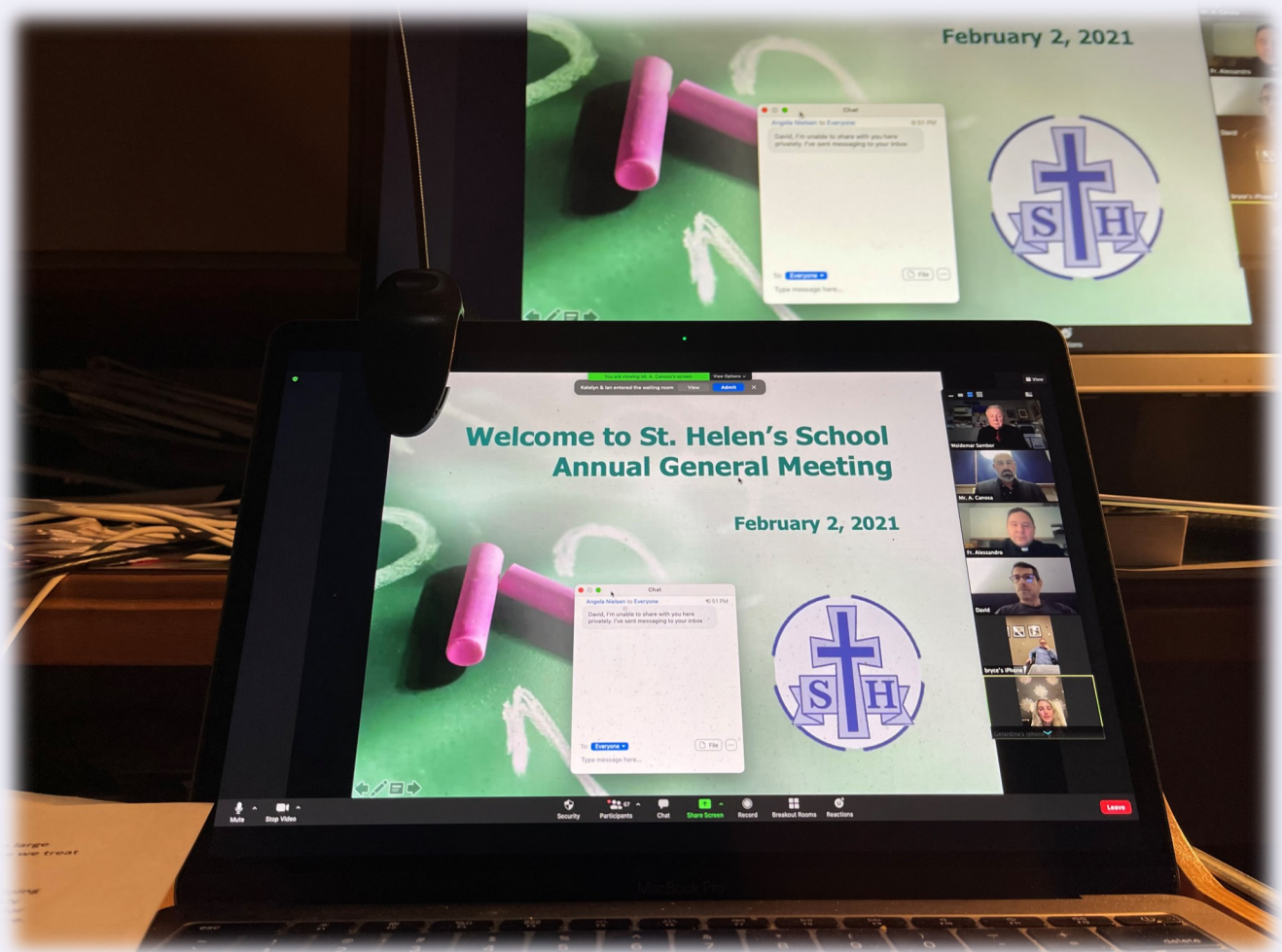


Searchers News

Thank you to all our parents who attended our first ever AGM over zoom. Thank you for all the positive comments and emails complimenting our teachers and safety procedures that we have in place. During these difficult times, we are trying to improve as a school and also continue to provide our students with a creative approach to curriculum and outdoor activities.

Thank you to our PEC for all their hard work and support.

- Lidija Bosa
- Bryce Clark
- Angela Coelho
- Gavin Dsouza
- Marco Holzer
- David Jacobucci
- Gerardina Trasolini



Searchers Community

School of Rock <https://globalnews.ca/video/7633490/burnaby-school-builds-outdoor-curling-rink>



This is our outdoor curling rink created by our wonderful maintenance crew, Mr. Merandi & Mr. Mobilio. Every child in our school was able to experience this beautiful winter activity. We received tremendous media attention and inspired many schools and communities to promote curling. One of Canada's curling pioneers, Ed Steeves, was so impressed that he decided to donate 16 curling rocks including one of his father's rock from 1940 and two rocks from the beginning of the 18th century. These were made out of cannonballs. We are planning to restore them and showcase it in our trophy case. Going forward, these will continue to be used for ceremonial curling tournaments. Mr. Perrotta will be sending out a general memo to other schools in our community. Ed Steeves was responsible for bringing this sport to the winter Olympics and was also inducted in the Curling Canada Hall of Fame. Thanks to Ed and his committee, after three years of hard work, curling had returned to the Olympics as a demonstration sport in the 90's and then as a medal sport in 1998.



PREPARATION FOR OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY



We are continuing to prepare for our centennial year coming in September 2023. In the coming newsletters, I will be publishing something from the past. Here is a photo from 1956. All of these students are currently 75 years old. Our first pre centennial activity will be coming up on June 5th with our virtual dinner. More information regarding this fundraiser will be coming soon.





St. Helen's School Proudly Presents

LET'S UNITE!

Fundraiser

Friday
JUNE 4

LIVE EVENT STARTS AT 6PM

Searchers Excellence

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



1

**Salvatore Mauro
Ansh Dsouza
Julianna Tempesta**

3B

**Elena Katusa
Nicolas Marando

Emma Kenny
Liam Benning-Harris
Sebastian Artuso**

7A

**Paolo Di Fluri
Matteo Passaglia**

KA

**Rafaela Salles Barbosa
Ryle Eucapor**

2

**Katerina Banicevic
Gabriel Cruz
Margaret VanWoerden**

4

**Sienna Tran
Matteo Tinaburri
Oscar Parris
Tomasso Bocca**

6A

**Alyssa Bartolone,
Moukthika Devarapalli
Kamryn Murray**

7B

**Caleb Parrotta
Olivia Hayre**

KB

**Logan Zhou
Kyle La**

3A

**Saverio Lopez
Bhaygaa Singh**

5A

**Marcus Zamprogno
Eva Perrotta**

6B

**Gabriela Krol
Annie Kwok**



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