



St. Helen's School Newsletter May 2018

Principal : Mr. Waldemar Sambor
Vice Principal : Ms. Dawn Currie



Dear Parents,

As we begin the month of May, we reflect on Our Blessed Mother's example of faith, courage, perseverance and fortitude. May God bless all mothers and give us the love and wisdom to raise and guide our families as our Blessed Mother modelled for us. We will continue to ask her to intercede for us and hope that you can join us for the Crowning of Mary on May 11th. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all mother's a wonderful Mother's Day on May 13th.

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to congratulate our students who have shown improvement in achievement over the year. We are grateful for the continued parental support of your children's education and we encourage you to continue communicating with us as we enter the final few months of the school year. Encouragement and effort from home and school is just as important in the last few months and must continue to be an ongoing commitment.

"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers."
-- Jewish proverb

Sincerely in Christ,
Waldemar Sambor



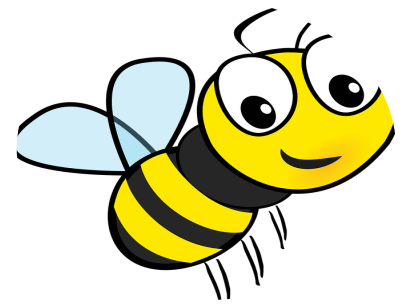
May Highlights

- 1st OLA Track Meet
- 2nd Gr.6 Vaccination
- 3rd Jean's Day- Non Uniform Day
- 7th HC Track Meet
- 9th Kindergarten Orientation
- 10th Human Growth & Development
- 11th Crowning of Mary
- 13th Mothers Day
- 14th St. Helen's Track Meet
- 18th No School—Pro D Day
- 21st No School—Victoria Day
- 23rd School BBQ/PEC Election
- 25th Golf Tournament
- 30th CISVA Track Meet

Crowning of Mary - May 11th

The children are asked to bring flowers from the garden to honour our Blessed Mother. We will be praying the rosary during the procession before Mass. Upon entering the Church, the flowers will be laid in front of the altar.

Searchers Athletics



Girls Soccer

Congratulations to both our Junior and Senior girls teams who played in the big 8 CISVA championship tournament. Our Gr.5 Girls finished 1st place overall and our Super 8 team finished 3rd. Special thanks to our coaching staff, Mr. Canosa, Mrs. Canosa, Ms. Reilly, Ms. Caffo, Mrs. Santalucia, Ms. Trevisan and Mrs. Drlje

Grade 5 girls take first place in Juvenile girls soccer! Congratulations searchers!



SHS Girls Super 8 Soccer team won a Bronze medal today in the CISVA tournament! Congratulations!!!



Track & Field

Our Searcher Track and Field season has begun! Please refer to notices that have been sent home detailing practice times.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all our intermediate students who participated in our school spelling Bee.

Congratulations to our winners:
1st - Alyssa Sevilla in Gr.7A
2nd- Carmen Flowers in Gr.5A
3rd - Danijela Erlic in Gr. 6A



Readers Are Leaders

Congratulations also goes to our students from grades 5-7 who have been reading selected books since December to compete in the annual Readers are Leaders competition. Our zonal contest took place on April 11th .



Students from this year's Spelling Bee

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Popsicle Sales!

On sale every Friday from May 4th until June 15th. Proceeds will go towards the grade 7 legacy fundraiser.

Human Growth & Development Meeting—Thursday, May 10th (Gr. 4,5,6 &7)

The goal of this archdiocesan program is to communicate the Church's approach to human growth and development and to provide parents with support in dealing with issues concerning the growth and development of their children. This meeting is intended for all parents of intermediate-aged children.

St. Helen's School BBQ—Wednesday, May 23rd

Annual Golf Tournament—Friday, May 25th

Our highly anticipated annual golf tournament is around the corner! Spaces are filling up fast on the greens. If you are unable to golf, you are also welcome to join us for dinner.

Thank you Father Leonardo and Father Rosemond!

The Scalabrini order is leaving our Parish of St. Helen's School and we would like to thank Father Leonardo and Father Rosemond for their dedicated years of service at St. Helen's Parish. Fr. Leonardo will be Pastor in San Jose, California and Fr. Rosemond will be pastor at St. Anne's Parish in Abbotsford. St. Helen's Parish will now be under the Archdiocese of Vancouver Parish. There will be a goodbye family dinner celebrating both Priests and recognition of the Scalabrini order and their long time work in our Parish on June 23rd following the 4:00 pm Mass in the Gym for those who would like to attend. Tickets will be available at the Parish office.



Missions Society & Food Bank

We received a thank you card for all of your generosity donating to the food bank and Missions Society over the Easter break. Thank you!

Congratulations to our Gr.2's on receiving the sacrament of 1st Communion

[1st Communion](#) - click the link for photos



Searchers Community



Parish Education Committee (PEC)

Notice is hereby given that advance poll to St. Helen's Parish Education Committee will take place on May 23rd and if needed Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and May 27th, 2018.

For the coming year, we need to elect 2 members and appoint 1 from St. Helen's Parish for the Parish Education Committee. For Notre Dame we need 1 member to be appointed.

Eligible to nominate and to be nominated for election are all registered parishioners (Catholics living within our parish boundaries), over 21 years of age and Catholic non-parishioners who have been attending our parish upon written agreement of their proper canonical pastor. (Pastor Authorization Forms are available in the parish office).

Eligible to vote are:

- Parishioners 19 years of age and a registered member of St. Helen's Parish
- Your name must appear on the Parish list.
- Members of registered families, whose name is not on the list, must contact the office, or register under their own name before the day of elections.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Gerardina Trasolini, Marco Holzer, Angela Coelho, and David Jacobucci. Nomination forms must be received in the school office no later than **May 16th, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.**

Reminder: Student drop off/Pick up procedure

The "safety first" procedure for dropping off and picking up of students is as follows:

- The posted speed limit is 30 km/hr during school hours (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)
- The drop off areas are the west side parking lot, school gate on Ingleton, and West Wing entrance on Pandora. Supervision and lanes will be set up to assist you.
- If you need to park your car, please be conscientious of our neighbors. Please do not double-park as the road becomes blocked and inconveniences other motorists.
- Unless authorized, do not park or stop in the area designated by sign for handicapped persons. The two minutes you choose to stop there could be the same two minutes that spot is needed.
- Do not park within 6 meters of a stop sign.
- Please do not honk your horn to attract your child's attention. Children will often run into the street without looking for other cars.

The safety of our children in a school zone is everyone's responsibility! Thank you for making our students' safety a priority.

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Humboldt Bronco's Day

On April 10th & 12th the students gathered in the gym & Church and prayed to honour the Humboldt Bronco's and their families.

Peer Conflict Mean Behaviour & Bullying

Click the link above to view this short video which was presented to us during the erase bullying workshop organized by the Ministry of Education.



Earth Rangers

Students learning about different species of animals at our Earth Rangers Assembly on April 11th.



Milo The Robot

Thank you to the Arbia, Funaro, Plomp, Ferrari –Buttedahl, PSG, Grad Committee and the Ministry of Education for your generous donations. We are still short \$1500 to be able to purchase a Milo Robot for the school. If you are able to donate, please contact the office. You can view the link above.



Vancouver Sun Run

Congratulations to all Vancouver Sun Runners and the St. Helen's Track and Field for training hard this season.



Searchers Excellence

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



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Onaya Higgoda-Gamage
Bronson Tagulao
Aviana Lee

1

Jake Drlje
Carlo Bocca
Peter Mudrovic

2A

Vittorio Dente
Liam Ferraro

2B

Ethan Fast
Ava Funaro

3A

Tomas Sablic-Bastable
Sienna Soligo

3B

James Rogers
Adam Kuseler

4A

Jordan Plomp
Mia Cirotto
Eliana Medina
Hayden Ruus

4B

Luigi Arbia
Olivia Hayre
Cruz Muoio

5A

Adriano Canosa
Cassia Coelho

5B

Jaiden Gill
Luka Banovic

6A

Giulia Barassi
Matthew Fediuk
Paris Iorizzo
Nicolas Lee
Brendan Wong

6B

Alessandra Della Coletta
Alexa Malet-Veale

7A

Vincenzo Jir

7B

Milan Babich
Adriano Pizzolato
Elissa Raffele

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



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