

# St. Helen's School Newsletter

May 2021

Principal : Mr. Waldemar Sambor

Vice Principal : Mr. Anthony Canosa



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 on zoom for the Crowning of Mary on May 7th. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all mother's a wonderful Mother's Day on May 9th.

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.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Waldemar Sambor  
*Principal*

# MAY CALENDAR



- 7TH — CROWNING OF MARY—MASS GR.3A
- 9TH — MOTHER'S DAY
- 12TH— KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION  
(FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR)
- 19TH— JEANS DAY—(NON UNIFORM)
- 21ST— NO SCHOOL
- 24TH —NO SCHOOL—(VICTORIA DAY)
- 28 TH—SCIENCE FAIR
- 31ST— BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK BEGINS

Crowning of Mary youtube link here- <https://youtu.be/yJY8CErqDho>

We are asking all students to bring flowers from their garden to honour our heavenly mother.

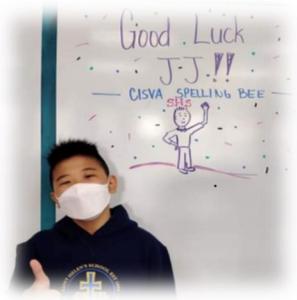
PEC elections have been postponed until September 2021. More information to come.



Our Gr. 7 Students attending Spirit Day this past weekend.

# SEARCHERS News

Congratulations to JJ Park on winning this year's Spelling Bee! Well done!



Congratulations to James Rogers for being the winner of this year's Remembrance Day Literacy Contest!



Photo link from Earth Day! <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mW69jTgLgPEPRuf37>

Using DNA kits, Daisy Barassi with daughters Celeste, 11 centre, and Giulia, 15, and photos of Daisy's grandfather, Ernie Bodnar, and mother Sherry Fullwood. Barassi recently learned details about the life of her mysterious grandfather, a Canadian soldier who met her mother during the Second World War.

The Vancouver Sun—April 12, 2021



# ***SEARCHERS Community***

I am proud to announce that for the second year in a row, St. Helen's School has been recognized as the best independent private school by the readers of the Burnaby Now. Thank you to our parents, students and staff for making our school so amazing!

More information will be published in the Burnaby Now issued on April 29th.



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## **About Bike to School Week**

**Event Dates: Mon, May 31 - Fri, June 4, 2021**

**Website: [bikehub.ca/btsw](https://bikehub.ca/btsw)**

**Bike to School Week** is an annual celebration where we encourage students of all ages to bike, roll, or walk to school. The event includes the third annual **Bike Reels Student Video contest**, where students are encouraged to film a 60-90 second film.

St. Helen's School is celebrating Bike to School Week this year from May 31st to June 4th! We're encouraging students and families to use active transportation for their trips to school all week - walking, biking, scootering, skateboarding, and using mobility aids all help reduce congestion in our school neighbourhood and help students arrive at school energized and ready to learn.

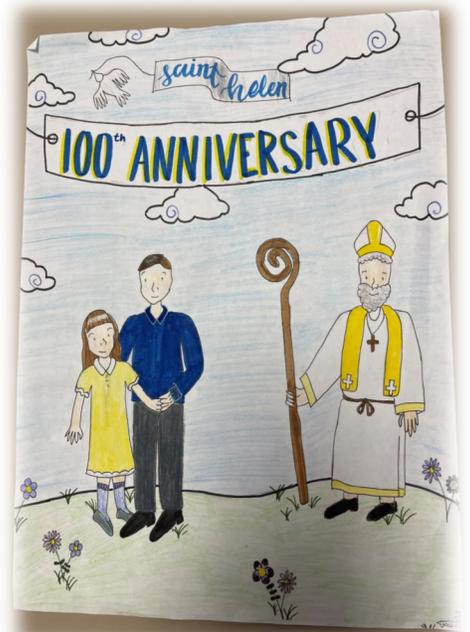
K-12 students from Metro Vancouver are invited to submit a 60-90 second video about biking, walking or rolling in their community for a chance to win some amazing prizes. Our E.A Ms. Sorriento was appointed to guide our students to help submit any videos for the contest. Bikes will be stored on our bike rack outside the Learning Centre. If you do not have bike locks we will provide a long line and secure the bikes during school hours.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc037-vEeWj4szx4s7b66TiIVrSlz2SH56sP4MuDE15khSsGQ/viewform>

# SEARCHERS *History*



ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL—YEAR 1926



Mr. Justice Kelly, requested that the Church be called St. Helen in memory of his daughter Helen. On August 11, 1912, Saint Helen's Church was blessed.

Twelve years later in 1923, a second dream was realized with the construction of St. Helen's School. The Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul would staff the school for over fifty years, dedicating their lives to the education of thousands of children.

St. Helen's School Proudly Presents

## LET'S UNITE!

*Fundraiser*

Friday  
JUNE 4

LIVE EVENT STARTS AT 6PM

<https://event.auctria.com/f44ceb94-8546-4666-b096-9668515a7e0a/> - Please click here to support this amazing event!

# **SEARCHERS** *Excellence*

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



**1**

Tatiana Ibrahim  
Elena Soligo  
Zenya Paskellidis  
Olivia Matrundola

**3B**

Dante Zen

**5B**

Gianluca Russo  
Daniel Elm  
Ava Funaro

**7A**

Isabel Elm  
Keanna Oulovsky

**KA**

Alaya Arora  
Mateo Piovesan  
Olivia Zen

**2**

Rayan Amisi  
Kosta Corea  
Joseph Funaro

**4**

Christian Banicevic  
Tonino Tempesta  
JJ Park

**6A**

Maddex Auchter  
Aiden Chou

**7B**

Noah Cruz  
Mason Kram  
Luka Mrsic

**KB**

Niko Drlje  
Valentina Kennedy-Marin

**3A**

Lila Funagayama

**5A**

Aleksander Szelag  
Celeste Barassi  
Jun Yang

**6B**

Ava Arrotta  
Giorgia Stancic



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