



St. Helen's School Newsletter | May 2025

Principal Waldemar Sambor
Vice Principal Anthony Canosa
NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents,

As many of you may have heard, Pope Francis has recently passed away. As the leader of our global Catholic Church, he inspired millions with his humility, compassion, and unwavering commitment to peace and justice. His example of servant leadership and deep faith will remain a guiding light for generations. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

As a school community, we continue to offer our prayers for the repose of the souls of those who passed away during the Lapu-Lapu Day Festival. We also pray for the swift recovery of those who remain in the hospital.

Please see below for the dates and times of the Masses dedicated to the Filipino community.

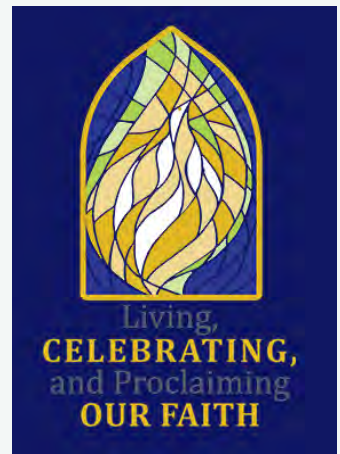
Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver
Friday, May 2, at 5:10 p.m.
Celebrant: Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB

Immaculate Conception, Delta
Saturday, May 3, at 9:00 a.m.
Celebrant: Father Amador Abundo

St. Andrew's, Vancouver
Saturday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m.
Celebrant: Father Jun Reyes

If you wish to donate to support victims and families of the Lapu-Lapu tragedy, please check the archdiocesan website rcav.org or click bellow.

Sincerely in Christ,
Waldemar Sambor
Principal



I am incredibly proud of our students, who collected hundreds of recyclable bottles as part of their Earth Week initiative. Their efforts contributed to the planting of three trees in front of the modular school building. Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and commitment to the environment!



Congratulations to our Juvenile girls who ended up in 2nd place in the CISVA soccer championship!

MONTH AT A GLANCE

- MAY 1 - 1ST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL @ 6:30 PM (GR. 2)
MAY 4 - 1ST HOLY COMMUNION @ 3PM (GR. 2)
MAY 5 - ST HELENS TRACK MEET @ SFU
MAY 6 - KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION (FOR NEW K FAMILIES 2025-2026)
MAY 9 - CROWNING OF MARY MASS (LED BY GR. 6 - FULL FORMAL UNIFORM REQUIRED STUDENTS ARE TO BRING FLOWERS TO MASS)
MAY 9 - GR. 1 MOTHERS DAY TEA
MAY 11- MOTHERS DAY!
MAY 12 -HOLY CROSS TRACK MEET @ SFU
MAY 13- SPRING MUSICAL @ 1 PM
MAY 13 - PEC NOMINATION FORM DEADLINE
MAY 14- SPRING MUSICAL @ 1 PM & 7 PM
MAY 14- HOT LUNCH (PIZZA DAY)
MAY 16- NO SCHOOL (DAY IN LIEU)
MAY 19- NO SCHOOL (VICTORIA DAY)
MAY 20- NO SCHOOL (DAY IN LIEU)
MAY 21- GR. 7 CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL @ 6 PM
MAY 21 - LIVING ROSERY JUBILEE EVENT (9:15 AM @CHURCH)
MAY 22- GR. 7 CONFIRMATION
MAY 23- GR. 6 IMMUNIZATIONS
MAY 23- SHS GOLF TOURNAMENT
MAY 24 & 25 - PEC ELECTION (IF NEEDED)



Top: Congratulations to Aria Yen in Gr. 6 for becoming the winner of this year's Spelling Bee!



Middle: Congratulations to Seoyoun Yi for becoming the winner of the Remembrance day contest put on by the Legion.

Right: We've finalized the plan for our new playground. We decided to go with a Canadian-designed playground structure that is primarily vertical. This choice was made due to space limitations—there simply isn't enough room to safely accommodate horizontal equipment such as swings or slides that extend outward, especially with the proximity to fences, concrete, and trims. PSG along with the school will cover most of the expenses. We are currently looking for donors for \$2000 or more who will be recognized on a plaque beside the playground. The total cost will be approx. \$30,000.00



Thank you to Marko & Mirko Jukic for helping us with the removal of our old playground.

PERSONAL BEST

K - Marko Cirjak, Teo Grippo, Ellie Kung

1A - Angelina Cappellano, Jude George

1B - Zeno Mobilio, Nathaniel Silva, Maksim Vujicic

2A - Valentina Villagra, Noah Yen

2B - Thinuth Fernando, Ella Mrsic

3A - Maria Hogan, Elyse Lacuna, Ryan Min

3B - Emery Nguyen, Adrian Sainz Trapaga Figueroa, Rebecca Van Woerden

4A - Emilia Meneses, Rafaela Salles Barbosa, Nathaniel Luu

4B - Rikki Tse, Mateo Iorio, Ilya Zarghami

5A - Luka Tabako, Kensington Chung, Sohan Sodhi

5B - Chizitere Okorie, Zenya Paskellidis

6 - Adriano Cremona, Gabriel Cruz, Xaviar Soligo

7A - Onaya Higgoda- Gamage, Bronson Tagulao

7B - Matthew Kinane, Francesca Lopez, Sarah Kenny



Maks & Niko in Niagra Falls



Ashley Fischer in Asia



Hannan & Cees Bobeldijk in California



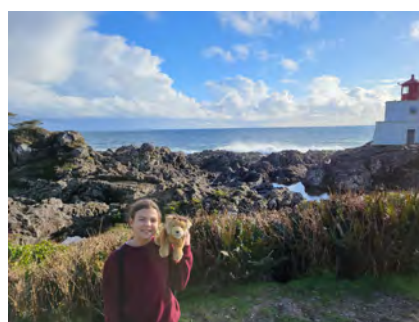
Vanessa & Serena Chedid in Disneyland



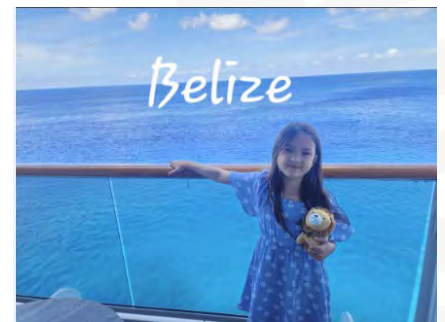
Gianluca & Romano Rinaldo in Mexico



Matteo & Nico Iannicello in Turks & Caicos



Rafaela Salles Barbosa in Tofino



Olivia Hall in Belize

ELECTIONS TO ST. HELEN'S PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC)

Notice is hereby given that an advance poll to St. Helen's Parish Education Committee will take place on Wednesday, May 21st. Elections will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 24th and May 25th, 2025 (after Masses).

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 parish office, or register under their own name before the day of elections. Before elections voters will be able to check if they are registered parishioners at the entrance of the church.

Forms must be returned to the school office no later than Tuesday, May 13th by 3:00 pm. Forms are available at the school or Parish office.



FIELD TRIPS/SCHOOL EVENTS

