



# St. Helen's School Newsletter

## November 2018

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



### A Celebration Of Learning & Eternal Life

Dear Parents,

Our students and teachers have now completed the first two months of the school year. We have enjoyed a very busy and productive start with a wide range of activities that compliment our classroom and extra-curricular activities. Events and activities such as our school masses and prayer services, walk-a-thon, fieldtrips, homework clubs, choirs, student council, and various athletics are just a few of the opportunities that have helped engage the students in experiential learning and friendship building.

On Thursdays, November 2nd, please join us as St. Helen's Students leads us in prayer at a special children's mass celebration at 9 am. All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) & All Souls Day (Nov. 2nd) remind us of our relationship with those no longer living on this earth. On these days we remember, celebrate, and pray for those living in Heaven and those souls destined for Heaven.

During this month of November, let us also remember all members of our Canadian military, past and present, for whom we owe our gratitude and freedom.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Waldemar Sambor  
Principal



### Monthly Highlights

- 1st All Saints Day
- 2nd All Souls Day Mass
- 3rd Spirit Day
- 7th Walk-a-thon & Athletic Assembly (2pm)
- 8th Photo Retakes
- 8th Remembrance Day Assembly (2pm)
- 9-11th Lasagna Sale
- 9th NO SCHOOL—Pro D Day
- 12th NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving
- 16th WS Mass (3A)
- 21st Science Fair
- 23rd CISVA wide Pro—D Day
- 30th WS Mass (5B)

*\*Please refer to our [online calendar](#) for further events & information.*

*Lord our God, this Remembrance Day we entrust all our prayers and needs to your infinite mercy. Help us to become ever more mindful of the bonds that unite us as a human family despite our differences. Heal our inner wounds and outward divisions, that one day our world might live in your true and lasting peace.*

*Amen.*

# Searchers News

## HALLOWEEN CANDY

St. Helen's students have been asked to donate 75% of hard candies collected on Halloween. This year's Candy Drive will be getting donated to the Agape Street Ministry and Missions Society. These are due back by Nov 8th.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

The Royal Canadian Legion, North Burnaby Branch has again asked our Grade Seven class to sell poppies this year. They will be selling them in the classrooms until *Thursday, November 8th* by donation. There will be a **Remembrance Day Service** on *Thursday, November 8th* in the gym at 2:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed from the gym. Parents are welcome.



## WALK-A-THON

If you have not already done so, please submit your Walk-a-thon pledge forms as they were due this past Friday, October 26th. Proceeds from this event goes to the Outdoor Education and Fine arts Programs (including rental of band instruments which are free in our school). As a school, we are responsible for every pledge form, so please return whatever amount you have. Our goal is 100% participation so please contribute as best as you can. It is very important that every child is a part of this fundraiser since every child participates in the Outdoor Education and Fine Arts programs. All students also participated in the walk-a-thon. Anyone who has donated at least \$25 by cash or cheque is able to receive a tax receipt. (Please complete the pledge form if you wish to receive a tax receipt.) Anyone who donated online (\$5.00 or more) using CHIMP will receive a tax receipt.

## REMINDER:

We will be holding a Walkathon Assembly on Wednesday, Nov 7th in the gym at 2:00pm. Prizes are:

- Top three primary and intermediate classes will receive a pizza lunch and non-uniform days.  
This is why it is *important for every student to contribute any amount*. What counts is the participation.
- We have many draw prizes for the top pledges etc. Those prizes will be drawn and awarded to those students who have brought in their pledges.

# Searchers News

## **BE READY FOR FALL/ WINTER WEATHER!**

We are blessed to live in one of the most beautiful coastal rainforests on the planet! As we have entered the glorious months of autumn, please remember to send your children to school with warm jackets, hats, gloves and boots (with school shoes packed in their backpacks). Be sure to label all articles of clothing!

We ask that you please label all articles of clothing with your child's name. This avoids having it brought to our lost and found bin. There is a great company that Tamara Poersch told us about where you can get customized printed labels at a reasonable price. [www.emilypress.com](http://www.emilypress.com)—check it out!

## **UPDATES**

Michelle Paone, former teacher at St. Helen's will be taking over for Mrs. Holland while she is away on sick leave for the month of November

Mrs. Rakic's last day of work before leaving for her maternity will be Nov 8th.

Mrs. Hendersen will be taking over for Mrs. Rakic in 5A



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Fr. Lovato who had his Installation Mass on Sunday, Sept 30th.

A big congratulations to Ms. Audia, now Mrs. Zaharija who got married at St. Helen's Parish on Saturday, Sept 29th!

We are blessed to have a school and parish community that prays, learns, and works together. The St. Helen's Food Bank extends their gratitude to all our school families who donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive

Congratulations to Gr 2 and 7 students who are officially entering their sacramental programs which is Reconciliation, 1st Communion, and Confirmation



We are also grateful to the PAC committee and all the parents who donated or bought items for our Family Halloween Night. This evening was a great success! All the money raised will go towards the capital expense to help pay off the west wing. Please click the link here to view photos. [Family Night](#)

On behalf of Maria Cirotto (PAC Chair) and PAC Committee:

We are very thankful for our SHS Communities support for helping raise \$8,200.00 for our West Wing Capital Expenses during our Spooktacular Family Night Event! Thank you to all!

# Searchers News

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



1. Children should be accompanied by an adult.
2. Children should wear clothing that can easily be seen at night. Retro-reflective materials are best.
3. Children should trick or treat in one well-known area and not wander into unknown neighborhoods.
4. All candy should be inspected by an adult to make sure that no one has tampered with it. If it looks suspicious, the police should be contacted.
5. Children should avoid stray animals.
6. Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision. Better yet, they can avoid masks by wearing makeup.
7. Children should watch for moving vehicles when crossing streets.
8. Costumes should be short enough that the child will not trip.
9. Trick or treaters should dress appropriately for the weather and carry a flashlight.
10. For extra safety, organize a Halloween party for children in your neighborhood.

With the legalization of marijuana well underway, this year more than ever parents will have to be on the lookout for unexpected tricks in their children's Halloween treat bags.

Although edible marijuana products won't be legal for a year, Canadians have already seen their dangerous effect on children when misused or not safely stored out of their reach.



# Searchers *Personal Best*

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



**K**

**Alessandra Bogdanovich  
Mattias Campanile  
Giordano Canosa**

**1**

**Dante Zen  
Elena Katusa  
Giordano Aiello  
Mia Bastante**

**2**

**Tomasso Bocca  
Nello Bosa  
Cameryn Cruz**

**3A**

**Noa Campanile  
Mason Iorio  
Isla Bosa**

**3B**

**Emma Kenny  
Ava Funaro**

**4A**

**Moukthika Deverapali  
Chistian Shaback**

**4B**

**Amalia Custodio  
Jun Chung**

**5A**

**Jonathan Lee  
Mia Cirotto  
Isabel Elm**

**5B**

**Romina Damy  
Leah Tran  
Noah Cruz**

**6A**

**Romano Clark  
Chiara Holzer  
Alessandro Cavasin**

**6B**

**Martina Poldrugo  
Ilijana Pocrnic  
Luca Campanile**

**7A**

**Daniella Gargiulo  
Alexia Hutchinson  
Ava Nakhla**

**7B**

**Katelyn Roed  
Alexa Di Ruggiero**



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



Students from Gr. 3 utilizing the new temporary grass area beside the west wing for their garden . Students will have full use of this area in the beginning of spring when the grass is fully mature.

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