

ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to our Grade 3 class which received their sacrament of 1st Holy Communion

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, choir, outdoor education, Terry Fox, student council, and various athletic programs are just a few of the opportunities that have helped engage the students in experiential learning and friendship building. I would also like to thank our grad committee and PAC for fundraising and bringing community spirit to our school. Thank you to all our parents who helped support our Halloween howl fundraiser.

All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) & All Souls Day (Nov. 2nd) remind us of our relationship with those no longer living on this earth. Teachers will organize prayers and activities in their own classrooms.

On Wednesday, November 10th, St. Helen's students will lead us in prayer at a special Remembrance day assembly at 2pm. This will be broadcast live from our gym. On these days we remember, celebrate, and pray for those living in Heaven and for those souls destined for Heaven. This year's theme is "Don't Leave A Stone Alone" which the Gr. 6 classes will honor our fallen soldiers by visiting their cemetery in Vancouver on November 5th. 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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1ST—ALL SAINTS DAY MASS (GR. 7B)

2ND—ALL SOULS DAY

10TH—REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY (GR. 2)

11TH—NO SCHOOL—REMEMBRANCE DAY

19TH—NO SCHOOL—PRO D DAY



Halloween Safety Tips Covid 19

If you plan to trick or treat please ensure that the candy is given to children in a sanitary way.

Halloween Zoom link

Our Halloween assembly will be happening on Friday, Oct 29th. Zoom links can be found here. Primary will take place at 9:15am. <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62760550322>
Intermediate at 11:00 am. <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62507603930>



SEARCHERS INFORMATION

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please do not drive your car into the playground area at any time during drop off for extra curricular activities. Always use the designated drop off zones such as Pandora Street, Ingleton Street, Triumph Street and the West side of the Church.

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!



THANK YOU!

To all of you for cooperating during the filming of "The Good Doctor" on October 26th. Please see the attached car crash scene below.

WALK-A-THON

If you have not already done so, please submit your Walk-a-thon pledge form as they are due November 1st. Proceeds from this event go to the Outdoor Education and Fine arts Programs (including rental of band instruments which are free in our school). 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. (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 as well.

<https://m.charitableimpact.com/okj3>



KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS



Kindergarten Applications are now being accepted. If you have a sibling going into Kindergarten 2022/2023 please fill out an application form on our school website and submit with your child's birth and baptism certificates and submit it to the office ASAP.

How Parents Can Help Keep St. Helen's School Safe

School staff are working very hard to follow Public Health Rules and Guidelines. The students are doing an excellent job adjusting to the many protocols we have put in place. We need the support of the parents to ensure our school remains safe.

1. Pack your child's lunch in the morning and avoid dropping off lunches or picking up your child for lunch. **Please remember to pack your child's water bottles and forks/spoons as we do not give out cups and utensils at the office.**
2. If you are waiting outside your car for your child, please wear a mask.
3. Leave immediately after drop-off and pick-up.
4. Respect designated drop-off and pick-up areas. Don't make alternate arrangements with your child.
5. Students are only allowed to use the school phone for emergencies.
6. Please notify teachers the day before or before 9:00am the day of, if you plan to pick up your child before dismissal so they can make arrangements.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

We Remember



Children and staff are in the process of writing our centennial book which should be published by Sept 2022. This will eventually be distributed to the community. There are 21 months left to go until our 100th anniversary.



Thanks to all of our fundraising, international program and a lot of sacrifices by our parent volunteers, we have managed to pay off the mortgage of our West Wing! This is the beginning of moving forward to prepare for our 100th anniversary with a major goal to build the East Wing. I know that with the help of our community and major donors, we are going to be able to provide for the future student body. The special ceremony of the burning of the mortgage will be done at the end of November. We will send the date and time asap.

SEARCHERS ***PERSONAL***



1A

Aubrey Bastone
Sasha Hilton-Carranza Salazar

KA

Flora Chiappetta
Sage Tran

KB

Enzo Caballero
Sarah Silva Ribeiro

1B

Maks Drlje
Natalie Kooistra

2A

Kensington Chung
Gianluca Tinaburri

2B

Zenya Paskellidis
Milan Bogdanovic

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Ryan Amisi
Adriano Cremona
Aria Yen

4A

Saverio Lopez
Thomas Chung

4B

Sarah Kenny
Mateo Arbulic

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Myles Jacobucci
Holiday Lee
Matteo Troisi

6A

Melina Bezic
Ellie Perizzolo
Ana Erlic

6B

Daniel Elm
Emma Kenny

7A

Maddex Auchter
Taylor Ross

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Alexa Ferrari-Buttedahl
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