

# *St. Helen's School Newsletter*

## *October 2022*



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Gr. 2A classroom. This safe & bright classroom is located on the lower level of the Church.

Dear Parents,

This month our teachers will be preparing our students to celebrate Thanksgiving. We encourage you as a family to pray and help those who need it the most. Celebrating Thanksgiving challenges us to move beyond being thankful to having an active concern for the poor. The poor teach us the true meaning of gratitude. Those who seemingly have nothing can pray as though God has given them everything, that is faith. How can we make other people's Thanksgiving special? Who would benefit from extra attention at Thanksgiving? Give your child the opportunity to name what they are grateful for and to ask God to help the less fortunate. This year is also very special since all the food banks are experiencing challenges due to the economic status in BC and across Canada.

Sincerely,

Waldemar Sambor

*Principal*

# October Calendar

4TH —BLESSING OF THE PETS (GR. 4)

5TH—CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

7TH—WALK A THON (FULL DAY 9AM-3PM)

10TH—NO SCHOOL (THANKSGIVING)

11TH—NO SCHOOL (PRO D DAY)

14TH—SCHOOL MASS & FULL UNIFORM (GR. 5A)

17TH—GREEN THUMB THEATER

19TH—GRAD LUNCH

25TH—GR. 6 IMMUNIZATIONS

26TH—INDIVIDUAL PICTURE RETAKES

28TH—SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

31ST—FALL FIESTA ASSEMBLY (HALLOWEEN)



[XC meet](#)

[Terry Fox Run](#)

[Outdoor Education](#)

**We recently found out that our projector in the Gym is no longer working and being that it is 21 years old, we cannot repair it. A new projector costs \$7000 so we are looking for anyone who is willing to donate this amount and receive a tax recipet. I am really counting on your help!**

# *Searchers Community*



*dove could mean peace, the Holy Spirit, or even remind us of the dove from Noah's ark that went seeking to find safety, refuge, or a place for a new beginning*

*the Holy Spirit reveals all truth*

*the cedar branch is a symbol of healing for Indigenous people, it is also an evergreen which is the symbol for life*

*white can be a symbol of purity or joy*

*red is the colour for the Holy Spirit, but also for love*

*pink is another colour for joy*

*the circle represents God who has no beginning and no end*

*reconciliation is realized when we are open to the truth and to healing. The Holy Spirit will be instrumental in helping us to reach reconciliation with our neighbours*

# *Searchers News*

## *Late or Absentee Note Reminder*

We ask for your cooperation in submitting absentee notes no later than **9:00 AM** if your child is going to be late or absent. **Notes are required by the Ministry of Education.** Notes need to be sent **through our St. Helen's app.** It is important that your children arrive to school on time so that they begin the day with everyone in their class for morning prayer.



## *Blessing of the Pets—Oct 4th*

Blessing of the Pets will take place on Tuesday, Oct 4th in the parking lot at 2:15 pm. Parents are welcome to join their child(ren) and pets for this assembly. Children will bring their pets home at dismissal time (3pm).



## *Walkathon—Oct 7th*

### *"A Walk Through the Heights"*

I cannot emphasize enough the need to do our personal best collecting pledges for our Annual Walk-A Thon. We have provided excellent facilities for our students with new resources and new technology. The cost of our move was over \$100,000. This year, all our proceeds will be going towards our building fund. Money can be donated online through Charitable Impact which is on our school website as well. <https://m.charitableimpact.com/o2fG>

Any donation of \$5 or more will automatically receive a tax receipt. We highly encourage you to donate online. Due to our tremendous need to raise funds, we are asking parents to please raise \$100 minimum per child. More detailed information regarding times, prizes and pledge forms will be provided to you by our Athletic Director, Mr. Perrotta.



# *Searchers History*

*Only 11months left!*



THE NEW PARISH SCHOOL  
ERECTED IN 1948 BY MONSIGNOR CAREY

On June 20th 1948, His Excellency Archbishop Duke blessed and dedicated  
our present school.



# SHS Building Upgrade (update #4)

## Our Need

### Our children's future depends on you

The building you see today is the second version of St. Helen's School. The original school, with an inaugural student body of 42, was erected in 1923 and later replaced in 1948 (photo on page 5). Seventy four years of cold and rainy BC winters have taken their toll. The East side of our school had actually begun to sink in the 1970's and had been stabilized by two additional columns and a series of steel cables.

In the 1940's, when the current school was built, seismic and building codes were considerably less stringent than they are today. This has become an issue of significance as BC embarks on a province wide assessment of the seismic safety of schools.



### It is time to build a new school or renovate for the children of St. Helen's Elementary?

One option is to renovate and upgrade St. Helen's to meet the current seismic standards. The second option is to stay in the first level of the Church and change our tents to portables, demolish the old building and plan for the completion of the East Wing. We hope that by the middle October our financial committee, building committee, and PEC will provide our community with a clear vision which will either result in demolition or renovation. Regardless of the outcome, I am counting on your support as you did in the past.



View from Pandora Street

# ***Searchers*** ***Personal Best***

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



**KA**

**Maddie Alviar**

**Caela Chung**

**KB**

**Rashad Amisi**

**Yasmine Barbaza**

**1A**

**Maria Hogan**

**Jamie Huang**

**1B**

**Victoria Canto Valenzuela**

**Sarah Park**

**2A**

**Vanessa Artuso**

**Albert Wang**

**Alessia Carolo**

**2B**

**Chloe An**

**Kyle La**

**Airi Sanchez**

**3A**

**Salvatore Mauro**

**Ada Secchiati**

**3B**

**Olivia Matrundola**

**Steven Kim**

**4**

**Mattias Campanile**

**Amanda Igboanugo**

**5A**

**Bhagyaa Singh**

**Bronson Tagulao**

**5B**

**Maxim Sablic Bastable**

**Olivia Ciccone**

**Katia Najim**

**6**

**Cameryn Cruz**

**Holiday Lee**

**Matteo Tinaburri**

**7A**

**Liam Ferraro**

**Sebastian Damy**

**Noa Campanile**

**7B**

**Ethan Fast**

**Alyssa Lepore**

**Gianluca Russo**

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