



St. Helen's School Newsletter

September 2018

Principal : Mr. Waldemar Sambor

Vice Principal : Ms. Dawn Currie



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2018/19 school year. This year's theme is "What do you want of me, Lord?" If we can follow St. John Paul's teaching who said, " It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal".

- St. John Paul The Great

This year, we will continue to pray and deepen our faith and try to do our best to respond to St. John Paul's appeal. I would like to welcome Fr. Alessandro Lovato as our pastor, and his assistant Fr. Konrad Zabrowski. I invite each and every one of you to pray for them daily, to support them in being fruitful and effective in their new role as leaders in our Parish and School.

Together at St. Helen's we will seek to build a better world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Waldemar Sambor
Principal

Looking forward to working with this amazing team for our 2018/2019 School year!

September Highlights

- 4th School Opens 9am
12:00 Dismissal
- 5-7th Outdoor Education (Gr. 4-7)
- 10-13th Book Fair
- 13th Individual Picture Day
- 13th Open House (7pm)
- 14th Terry Fox Run (1:15 pm)
- 21st School Mass-Gr. 7A
- 25th St. Mary's Track Meet
- 26th Walk-a-thon (Dismissal 1pm)
- 28th School Mass -Gr.6A

**Please refer to our online calendar for further events & information. You may also download our school app.*

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Note: Grades A & B remained the same as last year.

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Note: Please note all staff emails are posted on the school website.

Teacher email is for general communication purposes. This form of communication is **not** a replacement for parent-teacher conferences. **For all absentee notes please email Mrs. DeFazio** or submit through school app.

PEC MEMBERS 2018/2019

Ms. Gerardina Trasolini
Mr. Frederico Gimenez
Mr. Bryce Clark
Mrs. Angela Coelho

Chair
Vice-Chair
Treasurer
Secretary

Mrs. Lidija Bosa
Mr. David Jacobucci
Mr. Marco Holzer
Fr. Alessandro Lavato

Participation
Participation
Maintenance
Pastor

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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:

Students are expected to arrive punctually, attend regularly, and behave appropriately by:

- Preparing for lessons and having the appropriate books, materials and assignments ready for class,
- Showing consideration for others: the rights of peers, staff and visitors,
- Making a sincere, concentrated effort to do well in studies,
- Wearing the correct uniform at all times,
- Bringing a written note signed by a parent/guardian explaining the lack of uniform or incomplete assignments,
- Respecting and complying with school regulations,
- Participating attentively in all religious observances.

In addition to the above, a pleasant co-operative attitude is expected of each student. This is to be shown both to peers and staff. We believe that the display of good manners reflects proper home training including “Please” and “Thank you”, “Excuse me”, “I’m Sorry”, and other such expressions. Gestures and behavior should also show proper manners. Consistent courtesy will encourage mutual respect and continue to build a caring community.

INTERMEDIATE OUTDOOR EDUCATION—Sept 5-7th:

Students from Grades 4 to 7 will be attending Outdoor Education starting Wednesday, September 5th. Please refer to Mr. Perrotta’s letter which was sent out by email. Students are required to bring a binder, pen and pencil to camp this year. Camp pictures will be on the website at approximately 10:00 p.m. on Thursday evening.

CAMP LETTERS

Parents who wish to send letters to their child at camp should have them at the school office by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 5th.

SCHOOL UNIFORM—Sept. 10th:

Students are expected to be in full uniform by Monday, September 10th. Students may wear the summer uniform. Please remember shoes must be **black** or **navy blue** and the height of the heel must not exceed 3.5 cm or 1.5 inches. September 4th to 7th is a non uniform week, students may wear appropriate summer clothes. The policy regarding Hair Colour/Haircuts and Accessories will be in effect from September 4th (including all intermediate students going to Camp).

We understand that Neat Uniforms can have backorders so please ensure that your children wear similar colors to our St. Helen’s uniform until your uniform arrives..

Used Uniforms - If you have any used uniform pieces in good condition that you wish to donate, please bring your donation to the school office.

SCHOOL BUS—Sept. 10th:



Our bus service will begin on Monday, September 10th (\$35.00 monthly one way, \$40.00 monthly round trip). **As we are now planning the Bus Route**, please advise the office no later than the 1st day of school if your child will be taking the bus. You will receive a letter regarding bus stops and pick up times.

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LIBRARY BOOK FAIR—Sept 10th to 13th:

Once again we will be hosting a “Scholastic Book Fair” - September 10th -13th. This is a great opportunity to see the latest and most popular children’s books and could be a great chance to stock up on birthday and Christmas presents.

More information to follow at a later date.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES—Sept. 13th

Thursday, September 13th. Students are required to be in full uniform with sweaters.

OPEN HOUSE—Thursday Sept. 13th

7:00 p.m. Meeting in the church for prayer and the Commissioning of teachers.

7:20 p.m. Teachers meet with parents in the classroom.

Students who will be attending with their parents will be supervised in the gym.

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS—Oct 1st & May 1st

Will be taking place on Monday, Oct. 1st and Wednesday, May 1st. Please make arrangements now to see your doctor if needed for updated immunization information.

ST. HELEN’S SCHOOL APP

Our school app, which can be downloaded onto your smartphone, gives parents and students access to information regarding the upcoming school year. To submit an absentee letter on the app click the ‘*School Info*’ tab then ‘*Absence Form*’, pick your child’s grade, fill form and submit.

This will directly notify both the office staff and teacher of your child’s absence.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Tuition payments made through the pre-authorized debit service must be kept updated. If your chequing account changes please notify the office asap.

WALKATHON

Wednesday, September 26th. More information to follow at a later date.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 26th. More information to follow at a later date.

Please note that dates for Communion have been confirmed and they are as follows:

1st Communion Rehearsal: Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm

1st Communion: Sunday, May 5th at 3:00pm.

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HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Starts on Wednesday, September 12th. We will accept cheques up until Monday, September 10th. (\$120.00 full year). All lunches will be accompanied by a healthy snack and a drink. The School calendar will be updated with September's hot lunch menu.

MUNCH A LUNCH is now FOODIE KIDS

Please note that our new food ordering system will be Foodie Kids. <http://foodeaze.ca/> In replacement of the Munch A Lunch logo, foodie kids will now appear on our website for parents to order. Foodie Kids will start on Monday, September 17th.

LATE OR ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is absent from school, we ask for your cooperation by submitting it through our School App or e-mailing Mrs. DeFazio at secretary@shschool.ca by 9:00 am.

It is important that your children arrive to school on time so that they begin the day with everyone in their class on time for morning prayer.
Notes are required by the Ministry of Education.

- ◆ **Please advise the school office of any change of address, phone numbers, email, chequing account information or emergency contact information that has changed since registration.**

HEADLICE

With the end of summer vacation and the start to the new school year, we would like parents to take a pro-active approach this year to head lice. Please examine your child's hair today and on a regular basis. If head lice is found, please start treatment immediately and notify the school office.

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THANK YOU

- ◆ To all the parents who came during the summer to help us with the maintenance of our school.
- ◆ To the Maintenance Participation Group and all of our staff for preparing their classrooms and common learning areas during the summer for the new school year.

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS

Congratulations to our Grade 5 Teacher, Mrs. Raffaella Brini who got married over the summer break!

Congratulations to both Mrs. Mincieli and Mrs. Rakic as they are both expecting!

Transition teachers are provided for both classes. Mr. Belmonte will be teaching 7B and Ms. Henderson will be taking over 5A.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

I would like to thank all the volunteers , Mr. Mobilio, and Mr. Merandi for co-ordinating maintenance during the summer.

We put in new floors for all the primary classes including LAC and Library. We replaced the skylights on the North and South entrances. We also purchased new resources for various subjects. We also added additional cameras on the West and North side of the West Wing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teachers who worked many hours during their summer break to organize their classrooms. We have a fantastic year ahead of us and again, I am counting on your continuous support to educate our students.



Our teachers and admin staff held a retreat on Bowen Island Aug 28th in order to get ready for the new school year!



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