

St. Helen's School Newsletter | NOV 2025

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NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



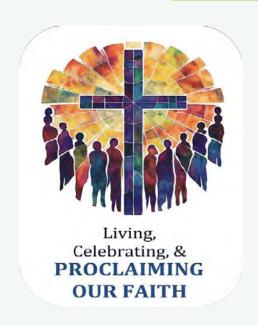
On October 24, a Ministry of Education inspector conducted a comprehensive inspection of St. Helen's Elementary School. Preparation for this important visit was a true team effort led by our dedicated staff, Nancy Ginnetti, Linda Spitale, and Laura DeFazio, together with our Vice Principals, Mr. Anthony Belmonte, Mr. Anthony Canosa, the LRT Department head, Teresa Utini, and our Director of Primary Curriculum, Sandra Drije.

I am pleased to share that the inspection went extremely well. St. Helen's has no outstanding items to address and continues to fully meet the Independent School Act requirements for a Group 1 school.

The inspection was thorough, covering compliance with legislative and regulatory standards such as student safety, teacher certification, school policies, educational programming, emergency procedures, reporting practices, budget management, and overall student outcomes. It also included a review of our Continuous Improvement Plan, which reflects our ongoing commitment to excellence in education.

I want to extend heartfelt thanks to our administrative staff, teachers, students, and parents for your continued dedication and support in making St. Helen's a faith-filled community and a wonderful place for learning and growth.

Sincerely in Christ, Waldemar Sambor Principal



HALLOWEEN COSTUME REMINDER

We are excited to have students dress in costumes for school on October 31st and need your help to ensure a fun and safe celebration reflecting our Catholic values. Please help us by choosing costumes that are appropriate.

We ask families to avoid: • masks that fully cover the face • blood or gore • costumes representing cross dressing, stereotypes, or other cultures . any kind of weapons

Please ensure your child's costume meets these guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation!



MONTH AT A GLANCE

NOV 4	PICTURE RETAKES
NOV 6	NO SCHOOL (PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS)
NOV 7	SCHOOL MASS (FULL FORMAL UNIFORM)
NOV 8	SPIRIT DAY (GR. 7'S ONLY)
NOV 10	REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY (9:15AM)
NOV 11	NO SCHOOL (REMEMBRANCE DAY)
NOV 12	GRAD LUNCH (WHITE SPOT)
NOV 15	CWL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR (10AM-4PM)
NOV 21	NO SCHOOL (PRO D DAY)
NOV 26	FR. RICARD JUBILEE EVENT @11 AM

I am happy to announce that once again we will be hosting Father Tony Ricard at St. Helen's Church on Wednesday, November 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This session will be for intermediate-level students (Grades 5–9). Participating schools will include Holy Cross, OLS, OLF, St. Mary's, SFD, Notre Dame and hosted by St. Helen's.

Following the presentation, we will host a light buffet lunch in the church hall from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m which will be open to parents. Please hotify us no later than Nov 24th if you are able to come for lunch. I look forward to seeing all of you for this wonderful celebration of faith and community.

NOVEMBER 26, 2025 Wednesday

TIME: 11-12 PM (parents and students)

"God's Messengers: Angels as witnesses of God's Love in the Nativity."

OBJECTIVE: To help students understand the role of angels in the Christmas story as messengers of God's love, and to inspire them to be like the angels—sharing God's message of joy, peace, and kindness with others in their homes, school, and community.

SECOND TALK TO PARENTS @ St Helens Gym

TIME 12-1 PM (only parents)

Title: "Angels in the Waiting: A Journey Through Advent"

OBJECTIVE: To help parents see how God works through angels during Advent, and how they, as parents, can be "angels in the waiting" by guiding their children in faith and love during this holy season.



PEACE POLE

Over 25 years ago, our Peace Pole was placed in the library, inspired by St. John Paul II's message of peace. Today, the message of peace is as vital as ever.

Our school community has grown beautifully diverse, and we now represent many more nationalities and languages than when the Peace Pole was first created.

If you notice that your language is not yet represented on the Peace Pole, please come to the library and write the word "Peace" in your language.

Together, let's continue to celebrate unity and peace in our community.

SEARCHERS NEWS



Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Chung for donating a new piano to our Fine Arts department!

Thank you to all students and parents who have been supporting our Book Fair this week!

 $Congratulations \ to \ our \ Gr. \ 4/5 \ \& \ Gr. \ 6/7 \ Boys \ spirit \ teams \ who \ played \ extremely \ well! \ Special \ congrats \ to \ our \ Gr. \ 4/5 \ team \ who \ won \ the \ tournament.$

 $Thank \ you \ to \ our \ Halloween \ Committee \ for \ another \ successful \ Family \ Night! \ More \ details \ to \ come.$

Congratulations to our RC Challenge group who participated in the local competition! Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Kenny & Mrs. Milan.

More photos can be viewed on our website here https://www.sthelensschool.ca/photos-2025-2026.php

PERSONAL BEST

- KA Samar Bharadwaj, Mercedes Orellana
- KB Grayson Cosgrave, Jacob Fischer, Penelope Gee
- 1 Raheel Amisi, Brielle Batten, Dante Campanile
- 2A Emery Young, Jidenna Michael, Ella Baruffa
- 2B Sofia An, Viviana Jukic, Nathaniel Silva
- 3A Nikki Li, Avenline Song
- 3B Yasmine Barbaza, Josephine Lam, Daniel Shi
- 4A Jamie Huang, Rebecca Cheung, Sage Tran
- 4B Santino Corea, Jayden Shen
- 5A Mila Cirillo, Loh Seo
- 5B Tiffany Chiang, Maks Drlje, Jocelyn Lam
- 6A Maxine Lee, Salvatore Mauro
- 6B Maia Chouinard, Talia Landingin
- 7 Ondre Oulovsky, Noah Mohan





Pumpkin Decorating Activity!

As part of our seasonal celebration, students will have the opportunity to decorate their own pumpkins. They may choose to carve, paint, or design them using their own creative ideas. Please ensure your child brings a pumpkin to school by Thursday, October 31. All tools and art materials will be provided.

Use your imagination and let's see who can make the most creative design! Friday, October 31 – in the Gym

Thank you, Mrs. George for carving a pumpkin which is located in front of the module school. Thank you to Mr. Artuso who grew this pumpkin in his garden.



Anthony & Sophia Mamertino with Sammy in Disney Land!





Cees & Hanna Bobeldijk with Sammy at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City!
Sammy was blessed by Pope Leo XIV