



ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL | APRIL 2026

Principal Waldemar Sambor
Vice Principal Anthony Belmonte
Vice Principal Anthony Canosa

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Lent provides us with a special opportunity to renew and deepen our faith, and at St. Helen's School we offer many meaningful ways for our students to do so.

Throughout this Lenten season, students have participated in a variety of faith-based activities thoughtfully organized and led by our teachers during Religion classes. We have also gathered for several prayerful assemblies and continued our outreach to the community through our contributions to the local soup kitchen, giving students meaningful opportunities to serve others.

Students in Grades 3-7 have also had the opportunity to participate in Confessions. Through these experiences, we continue to focus on the important values of friendship, peace, kindness, and prayer.

On Thursday, April 2nd, the Grade 4 class will lead our school community in praying the Stations of the Cross in the school gym as part of our Holy Week assembly. Students will guide the assembly through each station with brief descriptions, reflections, and prayers.

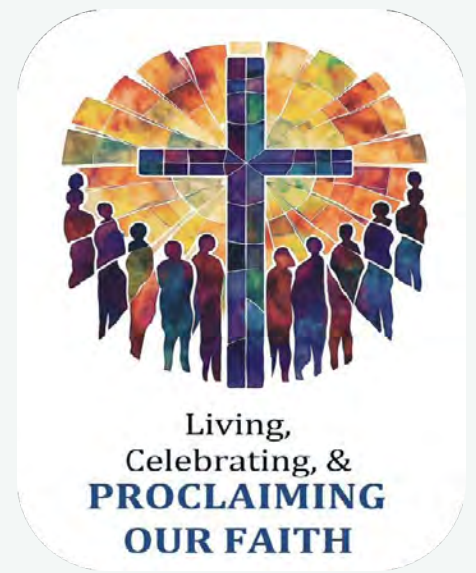
The prayer service will be supported by projected slides to help the community follow the devotion. Musical leadership will be provided by members of the school choir, accompanied by the bell choir and several students playing string instruments.

This gathering will provide an opportunity for our entire school community to prayerfully reflect on the Passion of Christ and enter more deeply into the solemnity of Holy Week.

Parents are welcome to attend.



Sincerely in Christ,
Waldemar Sambor
Principal



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday March 28th - 4:00 PM
Sunday March 29th - 8:30 AM (Italian) 11:30 AM

Holy Thursday

April 2nd - 10:00 AM (Tenebrae) 7:00 PM (Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration until midnight)

Good Friday

April 3rd - 10:00 AM (Tenebrae) 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday

April 4th - 10:00 AM (Tenebrae) 9:00 PM (Easter Vigil Mass)

Easter Sunday

April 5th - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM



MONTH AT A GLANCE

APRIL 3	NO SCHOOL (GOOD FRIDAY)
APRIL 6	NO SCHOOL (EASTER MONDAY)
APRIL 8	GRAD LUNCH (PIZZA)
APRIL 14	CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL @6 PM
APRIL 15	SPELLING BEE @SHS GYM
APRIL 17	CONFIRMATION @7 PM
APRIL 21	1ST RECONCILIATION @6:30 PM
APRIL 28	1ST COMMUNION REHEARSAL @6:30 PM

Calling All St. Helen's Alumni!

If you graduated from St. Helen's School and would like to share your accomplishments with our community, we would love to hear from you!

Please send us a short write-up about your journey along with a recent photo. With your permission, we will proudly feature your story and celebrate your achievements with our school community. Your success continues to inspire our current students and reminds us all what it means to be part of the St. Helen's family. Please read a few submissions below.

Cameron Ginnetti, St. Helen's alumni of 2011 and Vancouver firefighter, climbed the Wall Centre building which is 48 stories, 739 steps carrying his full firefighting gear to support the BC Lung Foundation. After years of playing professional hockey in the USA and Italy, Cameron has found his true passion in firefighting.

St. Helen's alumni, Nick Mobilio was awarded 40 under 40! Congratulations on your achievement! Please view the article here. <https://www.biv.com/news/economy-law-politics/biv-forty-under-40-awards-nicholas-mobilio-11659933>

"I have very fond memories of my time attending Saint Helen's. Everyday was exciting and the opportunities the school provided beyond the classroom were special. The values I learned there have helped shape me into the person and athlete I am today. I hope to represent the school and community in the best way I can during my career".
- Niko Sigur



Niko will be representing Canada in the World Cup this year! Congrats!

Left - Niko Sigur
Middle Top - Cameron Ginnetti
Middle Bottom - Niko Sigur's 2015 Alumni team
Right - Nick Mobilio

PERSONAL BEST



- KA Michael Cirjak, Jessica Hogan, Hayden Purewal
- KB Brycen Chen, Aura Matsi, Eirelynn Song
- 1 Taron Braico, Liliana Mobilio, Carson Pang
- 2A Violet Leow, Ivano Mincieli, Ariana Tumanon
- 2B Amelia Cribb, Oliver Radosevic-Donnelly
- 3A Humphrey Lore, Sophia Lui, Aria Peta
- 3B Lea Chin, Chloe Kemp, Thinuth Fernando
- 4A Ryan Min, Elodie Ngo, Gianluca Rinaldo
- 4B Saoirse Ng, Adrian Sainz-Trapaga Figueroa
- 5A Vanessa Artuso, Nicolas Bastante
- 5B Ilya Zarhami, Adelyn Lee, Adam Chou
- 6A Gabriel Aquilini, Luka Tabako
- 6B Ansh Dsouza, Nicole Lopez
- 7 Rayan Amisi, Joey Skoko, Margaret Van Woerden

As we prepare to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, we would like to thank Mrs. Tumanon for generously donating conifer seedlings to our school. These seedlings will help our students celebrate Earth Day by learning about caring for creation and the importance of protecting our environment.

More information about our Earth Day activities will be shared closer to the date.

Around the same time, students will also participate in a very special environmental learning experience. Earlier this year, our school received 55 salmon eggs, and our students have been carefully observing their development. The alevin are now approximately 3 cm long, and soon we will be releasing the salmon fry into the creek at Burnaby Lake. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about environmental stewardship and the life cycle of salmon in our local ecosystem.

Congratulations to Alessandra Bogdanovic – Principal for the Day

Alessandra Bogdanovic showed tremendous leadership as Principal for the Day. She brought many creative ideas to support our student community and approached the role with enthusiasm, responsibility, and great spirit. Alessandra truly made my day much easier during her leadership time. Her positive attitude and thoughtful ideas were appreciated by both students and staff. Congratulations, Alessandra and thank you for your outstanding leadership!

