



St. Helen's School Newsletter | November 2024

Principal Waldemar Sambor
Vice Principal Anthony Canosa
NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

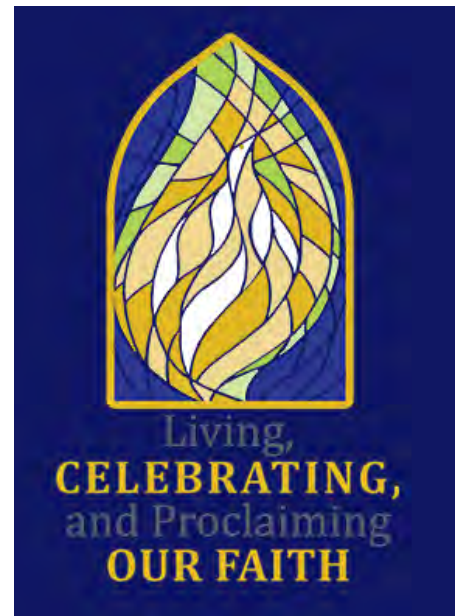
Our students and teachers have now completed the first two months of the school year. We have enjoyed a very busy and productive start with a wide range of activities that compliment our classroom and extra-curricular activities. Events and activities such as our school masses and prayer services, walk-a-thon, fieldtrips, choir, outdoor education, Terry Fox Run, 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 fundraiser.

All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) & All Souls Day (Nov. 2nd) remind us of our relationship with those no longer living on this earth.

On Friday, November 8th, St. Helen's students will lead us in prayer at a special Remembrance day assembly. 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 "No Stone Left Alone". The Gr. 6 class will honour our fallen soldiers by visiting their cemetery in Vancouver on November 6th. 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.

The module school is bringing tremendous excitement and joy to our students and community. A big thank you to everyone who attended the Open House—it was a fantastic success! Our Grade 7 students planted 101 tulips and daffodils around the new school sign, which will soon be installed. 101 is the beginning of the new century and our grade 7 students will mark that since they graduating in 2025. This sign, a legacy gift from the Grad Committee, is scheduled to arrive in time for the official blessing on December 12th.

Sincerely in Christ,
Waldemar Sambor





NOVEMBER CALENDAR.....

You're invited
to the
BLESSING
Of
the New Modular St. Helen's School
by His Excellency Archbishop J. Michael Miller
with special guest Superintendent Sandra Marshall

DECEMBER 12, 2024

Starting in the Church at 10:00 am
Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to follow
(appetizers and gratitude mementos will be afterwards in the gym)

- NOV 1ST- SCHOOL MASS (GR. 5)
- NOV 5TH - PHOTO RETAKES
- NOV 7TH - PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
- NOV 8TH - REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY
- NOV 11TH - NO SCHOOL (REMEMBRANCE DAY STAT)
- NOV 22ND - NO SCHOOL (PRO D DAY)
- NOV **27TH** - GRAD LUNCH (WHITE SPOT)



LIVING OUR FAITH

Next Wednesday, the Grade 6 will be participating in the annual No Stone Left Alone ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver, where the students will pay respect to the Canadians veterans who, so selflessly, sacrificed their lives to fight for our freedom, and for our country. If interested, please feel free to attend the local Remembrance Day service taking place at Confederation Park this year. Information for this event can be found on the City of Burnaby website.

We are currently accepting applications for Kindergarten and finalizing our tuition categories. This is a reminder for all parents to continue attending Sunday liturgy with their children, as students receive Mass reflection journals and related homework each Friday to discuss with their teachers on Monday. Additionally, we remind all parents in Category 1 that maintaining this category requires being a practicing Catholic. Thank you for helping us uphold the strong faith foundation in our school community.

Burnaby Constable, Sierra Mukerjee, will be visiting Grades 6 and 7 on November 5th to discuss responsible internet usage. She will be covering behavioral scenarios, highlighting the differences between rude, mean, and bullying behaviors.

Our book fair is doing incredibly well, with sales nearing \$5,000! Most importantly, the students now have new books to enjoy and explore. A big thank you to Ms. Daniella Trevisan for her hard work in organizing and supervising this event.



SEARCHERS PERSONAL BEST.....

K Brielle Batten, Jaxson Hermus, Liliana Mobilio
1A Isabella Lee, Ivano Mincieli, Ariana Tumanon
1B Sofia An, Maja Cirjak
2A Fabiana Alvarez Cruz, Maddie Alviar, Luke Poniz
2B Rashad Amisi, Josephine Lam, Inara Soni
3A Lorenzo Piovesan, Rebecca Cheung
3B Saoirse Ng, Matias Timmins
4A Sasha Hilton-Carranza Salazar, Nicolas Bastante
4B Chloe An, Tiffany Chiang
5A Gianluca Tinaburri, Angela Yong
5B Lauren Kim, Patrick Kinane
6 Mattias Campanile, Mila Russo, Tiago Coelho
7A Maria Lancheros Zerda, Mia Bastante, Alexis Ross 7B
Laura Zhou, George Chouinard



Thank you to Mr. Artuso for donating a pumpkin from his garden which has been carved by the Gr 4B class.

Uniform Information

With our school building now fully completed, we're excited to continue fostering a positive educational climate. Starting after the long weekend on November 11th, students in Grades 2 to 7 will return to wearing full uniforms every day. We have also created additional change rooms in the gym for the boys to support this transition. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will continue to wear their tracksuits and gym uniforms during physical education due to their young age.

For gym days, students are allowed to wear their athletic uniforms, including Centennial athletic gear, yellow T-shirts, or athletic hoodies. This return to our original uniform policy will help us maintain a sense of order and discipline while students proudly represent our school at various events.

Thank you for your support.





SEARCHER SPIRIT.....

More photos regarding school events and field trips can be found on our school website.



Gr.3 Field Trip



Creepy Carnival



Mass days



Gr. 7 Field Trip



Book Fair



Fall Fiesta

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