



St. Helen's School Newsletter

January 2019

Principal : Mr. Waldemar Sambor

Vice Principal : Ms. Dawn Currie



Dear Parents,

I would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. I hope your "holy" days are filled with wonderful memories with family and friends and good health as well! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Christmas Concert. Thank you for the support you showed to the students and teachers for their efforts in performing for you. On behalf of the staff, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank students and parents for their many Christmas wishes, cards and gifts.

As we move into the new year, we continue with our focus on our academics, physical activities and fine arts. There never seems to be a "down-time" in an elementary school, but may we always remember to enjoy each other and God's blessings. As always, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding their education at St. Helen's. Thank you for raising such wonderful, responsible children, and sharing them with us each day.

May God bless you and your family in the New Year as we grow in our knowledge and love of him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Waldemar Sambor
Principal

Monthly Highlights

- 7th School re-opens
- 11th Whole School Mass
- 18th Whole School Mass
- 22nd Gr.7& K Grad photos
- 25th Whole School Mass
- 30th Gr. 7 Skiing

**Please refer to our [online calendar](#) for further events & information. You may also download our [school app](#).*

Searchers Fine Arts

The Gift of Giving

On Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 the grade 7's went on a fieldtrip to help those less fortunate during the holidays. We want to thank the whole school for their shoe box donations. We delivered the shoeboxes and backpacks to the Covenant House. These much needed gifts will go to youth that are homeless or can't provide for themselves.



Special Thanks

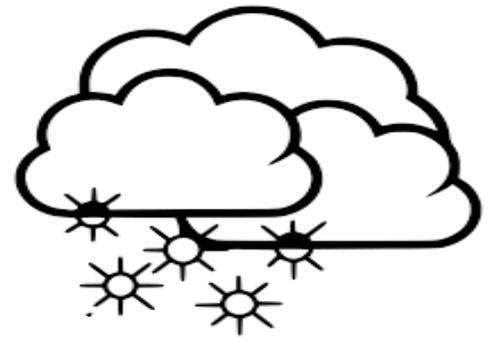
To our Fine Arts Director Mrs. Ivanovic, Mrs. Jussinoja, Mr. Perrotta, Teachers, EA's and students for the wonderful performances at our Christmas Musical. [Christmas Concert](#)



To Mrs. Ivanovic and the Primary & Intermediate Choirs for their performance at Brentwood Mall on Dec 11th and Seton Villa on Dec 14th.

To Mrs. Jussinoja, Ms. Currie, Mrs. Elm, the St. Helen's Student Choir, altar servers, and readers for their participation at the children's Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm.

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Kindergarten Applications

St. Helen's School has completed Phase 1 of the Kindergarten application process for the school year 2019/2020. All additional applications from this point on will be placed on a waiting list.

Pub Night Fundraiser

Our Pub Night Fundraiser is scheduled to take place on February 23rd, 2019. Please save the date and stayed tuned for further details!

Be Ready for Winter Weather!

Please be sure to send your children to school with warm jackets, gloves and hats as they will be spending time outdoors. "Playing outside is one of the greatest joys of childhood, but it serves a larger purpose than just being a way to have a good time. Spending time outdoors is a crucial part of healthy growth and development", according to the National Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play. We also ask that you label their jackets as many clothing items have found their way into the lost and found box located in the parking garage.

Supervision

We have reviewed our supervision procedures and we are asking parents to please cooperate by checking into the office first and receiving a visitors pass before interacting with your child. This is for the safety of all students and staff as we do not always recognize every parent or grandparent.

Searchers Excellence

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



K

**Tiago Coelho
Kosta Corea
Adriano Cremona**

1

**Anthony Barichello
Gavin Kuseler
Aviana Lee
Isla Wong**

2

**Peter Mudrovcic
Marcus Naruki—Chew
Sienna Tran**

3A

**Sebastian Damy
Neviah Higgoda- Gamage**

3B

**Gia Carolo
Diana Lee
Gianluca Russo
Daniel Elm**

4A

**Gabriela Krol
Nico Malet-Veale**

4B

**Isabella Clark
James Rogers**

5A

**Matias Heyes
Layla Nakhla**

5B

**Elijah Clarke
Jordan Plomp**

6A

**Ella Ferraro
Romano Unti**

6B

**Anastasia Kalpidis
Sofia Potesta**

7A

**Gabriella Mainella
Emma Sartori**

7B

**Nicholas Parente
Ewan Sloan**



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



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