



*God's Love Never Ends*  
From the desk of Sister Margaret Hartman, SND  
February 1, 2018

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPENHOUSE**

Thank you to all the students, families and faculty/staff who attended the Open House this past Sunday. A special thank you to all the students who participated in the Mass and our eighth grade Student Ambassadors for giving tours to the new families visiting St. Helen School. Thank you to Mrs. Hollowell and the Jr. Hi for an excellent Science Fair and to all the faculty, staff and students for the beautiful bulletin board displays and student work.

### **CANDY GRAMS**

Our Spirit and Service Squad will again be selling Candy Grams beginning Monday, February 5th. The cost of the Candy Grams is .25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. As always, thank you for your generosity.

### **DRESS-DOWN FOR FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Our dress-down day for February birthdays will be Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

### **PEER TUTORING**

Today is our last Peer Tutoring. Starting February 6<sup>th</sup> Peer Tutoring will be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### **ROOM PARENTS**

All Room Parents, please be sure that you have contacted your teachers to plan the best time for the classroom Valentine party on Friday, February 13. "Thank you" for all you do to make this celebration so special.

### **YEARBOOKS**

Order forms for 2017-178 yearbooks are coming home in today's Thursday folder. Each yearbook is \$20.00. Please send a check for \$20.00 payable to St. Helen School. The deadline for orders is March 10.

### **RE-REGISTRATION**

Please return the re-registration form and fee to the office by Friday, February 23th. You may pay for your registration fee by check payable to St. Helen School or through "Online Giving" <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/2967>. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 440-564-7125.

### **RE-REGISTRATION WINNER**

Congratulations to the Paul O'Reilly family for winning the \$175.00 Registration Fee.

### **PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN**

Registration is open for 3 and 4 year olds. Come and see the fun going on in our Preschool classroom and meet our staff. For more information, contact Joanna Fear at (440) 564-7125, extension 235.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

If you have a child 5 years old or will turn 5 before September 30, 2018, you may register your child for Kindergarten. If you would like to schedule a time to tour our school and observe Kindergarten, please contact the school office at 440-564-7125 to schedule an appointment.

### **EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP**

A letter is being sent home today for all families interested in the EdChoice Scholarship. Please call Sister Sandy at 440-564-7125 ext. 252 with any questions. Thank you.

### **OHIO CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Information about the OCFCU scholarships is being sent home today.

### **DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE UPDATE**

To apply for Diocesan Tuition Assistance for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, log on to [www.smartaidforparents.com](http://www.smartaidforparents.com) or call the Office of Catechetical Formation and Education (OCFE) at (216) 696-6525 ext 2830.. Applications filed in February will be considered for distribution in March.

### **A HEALTHY NOTE FROM THE WHOLE U**

"Did you know that your body loses lots of water every day? Your body loses water by sweating, breathing out (exhaling), going to the bathroom, sneezing and through other bodily secretions. Remember to fill your body back up. **Drink water everyday!**"

### **ATTENTION YOUNG GARDENERS**

Information about a young gardeners club will be in your Thursday folder along with a sign up sheet.

### **K - EIGHT CHESS TOURNAMENT**

A registration form is in the Thursday folder for a Chess Tournament to be held at St. Helen School on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to participate. Thank you to Dr. Martin and Mrs. Lelko for making this tournament possible.

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Please keep our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in your prayers as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader preparing for the Sacrament please be in the Church by 10:00am. Our day will include a speaker, a performance by your children, lunch and of course the healing of Reconciliation.

### **BASKETS FOR MARIA**

Andrew Joyce, along with our Seventh and Eighth Grade Basketball Team have organized a foul shot competition for February 25<sup>th</sup>. Monies raised are for Maria Flauto and family. Pledge sheets are being sent home today with students in Grades 3-8. Thank you for your support.

### **ROOTED IN FAITH—FORWARD IN HOPE GRANT**

There were 134 grant applications throughout the Diocese of Cleveland for the Expanding the Educational Landscape grant program, part of the Rooted in Faith Campaign. Bishop Nelson Perez informed Father Jay that St. Helen School received a grant of \$5,000 for upgrading our computers in order to facilitate the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments that replace the IOWA tests of Basic Skills.