



*God's Love Never Ends*

From the desk of Sister Margaret Hartman, SND  
March 8, 2017

### **END OF THIRD QUARTER**

**Friday, March 9** will be the end of the Third Quarter. The Fourth Quarter begins on Monday, March 12. We want every student to have a strong finish to the school year. Please take some time to talk with your children about the importance of attentiveness in class, participation, homework, and positive behavior. Our entire faculty wants to make this last quarter the best part of the year.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Mary Lee who was first runner-up in the Regional Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition held last week at St. Hilary School.

### **SAFETY**

On Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Officers Gibbons and Powers, from the Geauga Co. Sheriff's Office, met with St. Helen School faculty and staff to review our ALICE training and Safety plans. They will be conducting our school safety drill in March. We are grateful to the Geauga Co. Sheriff's Office for their time and expertise. All school entrance doors are locked before and during school.

### **WHOLE U SLEEP CHALLENGE**

**A Challenge from The Whole U— Can you meet your target number of sleep hours on World Sleep Day, Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018?** The challenge is to see who can sleep their target hours on World Sleep Day, March 16<sup>th</sup> (Teenager 14-17years, 8-10 hours; School age 6-13years, 9-11 hours; Preschool 3-5years, 10-13 hours). Parents, record how many hours your child sleeps on the night of March 16<sup>th</sup>. Record slips are being sent home today. We will collect these sleep-slips from Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. All qualifying entries will be entered in a drawing. We will award 2 sleepers—a runner up and a grand prize winner. The winners will be announced during Holy Week. *Peaceful Sleeping!*

### **ST. HELEN'S BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**

St. Helen's Booster Club will have a meeting tonight, Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the School Gym. Hope you can attend.

### **SHAMROCKS TO FIGHT MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY**

It's shamrock time! Our Eighth Grade Class is sponsoring a Shamrock Challenge Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> -Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost for a Green Shamrock is \$1 and a Gold Shamrock is \$5. Buy at least one shamrock and earn a chance to win a St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans basket, valued at more than \$100! Every dollar spent = 1 chance to win. \$1 = 1 chance, \$5 = 5 chances, etc. Buy as many shamrocks as you'd like!) Please see the flyer that was sent home today. All proceeds benefit MDA's Northeast Ohio Summer Camp Program. As always, thank you for your generosity.

### **OPEN PAC MEETING**

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, the Parent Advisory Committee will hold an open meeting in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome. Please RSVP by calling the school office, if you plan to attend.

### **CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Our Confirmandi will have their retreat day on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Parents please have your child to the Parish Meeting Room by 10:00am. Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> All 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to attend Mass and Lifelight with Life Teen. Mass @5:30 p.m. followed by Lifelight and parent night from 7-8:30.

### **FIRST COMMUNION MEETING**

The Parent Meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders preparing for First Communion is Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Parish Meeting Room from 7-8:30pm. This is for parents only. Please contact Maria Flauto if you have any questions.

### **YEARBOOKS**

If you would like to purchase a yearbook, please return the order form that went home in last week's Thursday folder. Each yearbook is \$20.00. The deadline for orders is March 12.

### **CHESS TOURNAMENT**

The Chess Tournament that will be held at St. Helen School on Sunday, March 24, went home. Advanced registration required by March 22, 2018. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Dr. Martin at [HEADMARTIN@aol.com](mailto:HEADMARTIN@aol.com) or the school office.

### **SPRING PICTURES**

The date for our annual spring pictures, which are more casual pictures of our students, is **Tuesday, March 20.** Students should dress in spring attire, no school uniforms. You are receiving order forms in today's Thursday folder. If you would like to order Spring Pictures, please have your child return the completed order form on picture day, Tuesday, March 20. Parents can order online at [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order). The unique order code for St Helen School is **16770GB.** **If you are not ordering pictures for your child, please have them dress in their school uniform. Thank you.**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Vacation Bible School will be June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. This is for all parish children entering grades K-5<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2018-2019 school year. More info to come soon!

### **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-year-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 was sent home last week 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 was sent home last week. If you did not receive it, please contact the office.

### **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.