



Together, We Are Family

November 15th, 2018

From the desk of Principal Gannon



MASS BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK

You are invited to come give thanks with our school before Thanksgiving break. Tuesday, November 20th, our school will gather together at 9:00 am for Mass. Our school staff will lead this Mass for the souls of purgatory.

OUR FALL MISSION RAFFLE ENDS TUESDAY

Our fall mission raffle ends Tuesday, November 20th. Raffle tickets will be sold each morning before the 7:45 am bell for \$1 per ticket. Students will have the opportunity to win a Build-A-Bear dressed as a Cleveland Indians bear, Cleveland Browns bear, or Ohio State Football bear. A new prize that was added this school year is a Cleveland Monsters mascot, Sully, stuffed animal along with four tickets to a Monsters game. Our fall mission raffle will be supporting those in need in our local community. Thank you for your support and generosity.

UPCOMING SKATING PARTY

On Tuesday, November 20th, St. Helen School will host a skating party at Chagrin Valley Roller Rink.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Our last day of school before Thanksgiving break is Tuesday, November 20th. Our school will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. School will resume Monday, November 26th. Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

SAINTS PILGRIMAGE IN OUR BUILDING

During this month of November, we have an exciting opportunity for all ages. Throughout our school hallways, cafeteria, and gathering space of the church are pictures of saints along with a quote and a mirror. You are invited to take the saints pilgrimage, so you can grow closer to the saints and see yourself as a saint in the making in the mirror.

SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR A NIGHT OUT FOR MOMS

The Ramble Inn is hosting a night out for moms on Saturday, December 8th starting at 4:30 pm. Mrs. Mary Suvak will be leading you in the creation of a beautiful boxwood table top Christmas tree to decorate your home, just in time for the Christmas season. This event is limited to thirty guests, so do not miss your opportunity to join other moms in a fun evening out to help support our students and school.

QUICK REMINDER

As our weather is rapidly changing, our students may be more likely to become ill and need to miss school. If your child becomes ill, please contact the school office to notify us of the illness so we can account for their attendance. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to wash their hands, cover their mouths when they cough, and cover their nose when they sneeze. Our staff works to keep our building cleaned and sanitized during the school day. Thank you for your help and support.

SCHOOL CLOSING ALERTS

When we need to close school, we will send out both a text and email alert to the numbers and emails we have in our system. Please make sure you keep the office updated with any changes in your cell phone number or email address. Additionally, you can watch the local news stations to watch for our school name on the scrolling list. The local news stations also have options for you to sign up for text alerts when our school closes. Please check your local news stations' website to sign up for the text alerts of your choice. Below are two links that we have found on the websites <https://www.wkyc.com/textalerts> and <https://fox8.com/closings/closing-text-alerts/>.

MERCHANT CERTIFICATES

An updated merchant certificate order form will be sent home in the Thursday folder today. These merchant certificates help support our school. Remember Giant Eagle certificates can be used at Giant Eagle for gas or to purchase any other gift cards that Giant Eagle offers. The only exception, you cannot purchase Visa, Mastercard or American Express cards. November rebate checks are being sent home today. If your credits were under \$5.00, they will roll over to the next period. Please contact Mary Beth Lyons at 440-487-6360 if you have any questions. As always thank you for your support.

A NOTE FROM MRS. HOULAHAN

It's time again for Christmas... at least in music class! (Sorry Thanksgiving!). Our Kindergarten through Fourth Grade have been hard at work learning the songs to this year's Christmas musical, "Crazy Busy Peaceful Holy Night!". With the performance quickly approaching we wanted to give you a heads up on what the children will be wearing so you can take advantage of any holiday deals. We are keeping it simple, black bottoms and coordinated colored tops. Kindergarten and Second Grade in red tops, and First and Third Grades in white tops. They will look like an adorable candy cane standing on the risers! The tops can be long sleeve, short sleeve, dress shirt, or polo shirt, as long as they are solid white or red you are good. The bottoms can be pants, jeans, long skirt, or knee length skirt, as long as they are solid black. As our leads in the play, Fourth Grade's costumes will be slightly different, and they will get a special note soon about these! Thank you all for helping us prepare for this "Crazy Busy Peaceful Holy" season!

EXTRAVAGANZA NEWS - LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION

The St. Helen School Extravaganza is Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 at LaMalfa Centre, Mentor. Please mark your calendars to save the date! The theme for our Extravaganza this year is Lights, Camera, Auction. This event helps raise money for our school, but most importantly our students. Through your help and generosity, we are able to purchase educational resources that help our students learn and keep them safe. If you are interested in helping or want to find out more, please contact Mrs. Kate Bores by email at boresfamily4@gmail.com.

COME JOIN THE SKI CLUB

Our Ski Club meets at Alpine Valley on Fridays starting January 11th, 2019. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Kevin O'Reilly at 440-479-7030.

A NOTE FROM THE WHOLE U

Be the reason someone smiles today.

GRADELOCK

If you encounter a problem or do not remember your username or password, please contact the school office so we can help you.

TUITION PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD OR ACH

To pay by credit card or ACH payments go to www.sthelen.com and click on the Online Giving link, go to create an account. Once that is complete, select fund: School Tuition or Preschool Tuition. If you want to set up recurring payments, select "pledge" and put in full year tuition amount (Call Cindy Yokules at 564-5805 if you need this information). Then enter your monthly payment amount. If you would like to make a one-time payment, select "one time".

EARN MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL

There are many ways you as a parent can help raise money for St. Helen School by:

1. **BOX TOPS** send in Box Tops to the school office or put them in the container at the church entrance.
2. **GIANT EAGLE** - [Sign in](#) to gianteagle.com or [create an account](#). Next Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® online. Visit the [My School Programs](#) page and enter the St. Helen School Code 1076. You're done! Be sure to encourage your family and friends to register, too.
3. **HEINEN'S** - register your Heinen's card online at www.heinensrewards.com/register.aspx, and select St. Helen. Heinen's will donate up to 1% on your qualified purchases to our school. You must register your card every year in order for us to receive the donation.
4. **OFFICE DEPOT** - When ordering online, simply make a purchase of [qualifying school supplies](#), provide our school name at checkout and we will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies! It's a small act that can make a huge difference.
5. **AMAZON SMILE** - Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Helen School/Church every time you shop, at no cost extra cost to you. When you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/>, you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon (smile.amazon.com) will donate to our school. You need to select St. Helen Catholic Church United States Catholic Conference before you begin shopping. Amazon Smile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

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If you have any questions or concerns about our school, your child's progress, or if you would like to talk to me about something, please contact Mr. Gannon to schedule a meeting. You can reach me through my email, pgannon@sthelen.com, the school office phone, 440-564-7125, or my cell phone, 440-785-5608. I will do my best to get back to you as soon as I can.