



Together, We Are Family

November 29th, 2018

From the desk of Principal Gannon



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the mission raffle. Your support will help those in need around our community. Congratulations to Jenna Somrack for winning the Indians bear. Congratulations to Chloe Hollowell for winning the Browns bear. Congratulations to Alexis Hollowell for winning the Ohio State bear. Congratulations to Luke Shively for winning Sully and the Monsters tickets. Thank you to our Parent Advisory Committee and families for hosting a great skating party before Thanksgiving. We had a great turn out and had a lot of fun that evening.

MOM'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Mark your calendars for Monday, December 3rd. You are invited to a "Mom's Morning of Reflection." Join other moms from 8:45 - 10:15 am in the Parish Meeting Room. There will be a continental breakfast and childcare. All this is at no charge. Barb Kimball will be our speaker. She will provide encouragement to help you receive the support and wisdom you need to live your vocation every day. This is a great way to start Advent!

CHILDREN'S ADORATION OPPORTUNITY

Welcoming children of all ages to the Children's Adoration on Thursday, December 6th from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm. The Children's Adoration will take place in the Adoration Chapel. Deacon Larry Somrack will be guiding the children through Eucharistic Adoration in contemplative prayer, based on Fr. Antoine's *Children of Hope*. *Children of Hope* is dedicated to leading children into the mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, so as to realize how much He loves them. The children will be focusing on the season of Advent and how they can prepare themselves for the birth of Jesus.

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Lunch with Santa is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3304 at St. Helen's. Lunch will be in the cafeteria on Saturday December 8th from noon to 2 pm. Lunch is just \$3 per person. Children three and under are free. A 5 in. by 7 in. photo with Santa is available for \$5. Cookie decorating, crafts, and other fun activities will also take place. No reservations are needed. Please consider attending.

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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON DECEMBER 14th

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!

RECESS UPDATE

As our weather begins to get colder and snowier, we ask that our students dress for the weather. Please send your child(ren) in with hats, gloves, and boots so they can stay warm at recess. If there is snow and the students wear snow pants along with boots, hats, and gloves they can play on the playground with the snow. If a student does not have snow pants, they can still go to recess, but cannot play in the snow. Before each recess period, we check the playground for ice and look at the windchill. Then we decide, based on those conditions, if recess will be outside or inside that day.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

We need children from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade to be a part of our choir and Gospel play at the 6 pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass. If your family is planning on attending this Mass and your child(ren) would like to participate by acting in the play, reading at Mass, or singing in the choir, please fill out the form that is in today's Thursday folder. Please return forms by Sunday, December 16th to the school office. There are two practices for the play that are listed on the form. Call Mrs. Maria Flauto at the school office, 440-564-7125, with any questions or for more information.

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

Updated merchant certificate order forms are available in the school office. These merchant certificates help support our school. Please contact Mary Beth Lyons at 440-487-6360 if you have any questions. As always thank you for your support.

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. 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

More than half of your body is made up of water. During every meal and snack time, fill it up with water.

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.