



Together, We Are Family

November 8th, 2018

From the desk of Principal Gannon



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. More information about this opportunity will be going home in the Thursday folder today and will be at the information desk in the gathering space.

OUR FALL MISSION RAFFLE IS UNDER WAY

Our fall mission raffle began today and will last until Thursday, November 20th, 2018. 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. Thanks for your support and generosity.

CONFIRMATION RITE OF ENROLLMENT AND MEETING

This Sunday, November 11th is the Rite of Enrollment for our confirmation candidates at the 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass. Please attend this Mass with your families and sponsor. Immediately following Mass there is a meeting from 6:15 - 8:00 pm for the candidates. At least one parent needs to attend the meeting. Sponsors are welcome to stay for the meeting but are not required to. Please call Mrs. Maria Flauto in the school office if you have any questions.

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/>.

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.

UPCOMING SKATING PARTY

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

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.

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

See the **GOoD** in others. Help them to be the best version of themselves.

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.

STILL HAVE A QUESTION OR A CONCERN

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.

Together, We Are Family Prayer

God you made us a family.
We need one another.
We love one another.
We forgive one another.
We work together.
We pray together.
We worship together.
Together we use Your Word.
Together we grow in Christ.
Together we love all people.
Together we hope for heaven.
These are our hopes and ideals.
Help us to attain them O God,
Through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.