



Together, We Are Family December 13th, 2018

From the desk of Principal Gannon



CONGRATULATIONS BAND STUDENTS

Congratulations to Mr. Bell and all our band students for their two great performances last week. Thank you for sharing your talents with us and providing us with some nice musical numbers.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We would like to invite you to our St. Helen School Christmas Program, tomorrow, December 14th at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Mrs. Houlahan will lead our Kindergarten through Fourth Grade students in performing "Crazy Busy Peaceful Holy Night." Please consider attending this program to see how hard our students have been practicing and preparing for this day.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM COSTUME NOTE

Attention all students in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade. Please wear your school uniform to school tomorrow. Our students will change into their costumes for the play tomorrow after lunch. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

COOKIE RECEPTION AFTER CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A note from Mrs. Lisa Adair. The Christmas Program is tomorrow! We are asking that each family in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade to please bring in one to two dozen cookies, pastries, or treats for the reception in the cafeteria following the 7:00 pm performance. You can make, bake, or buy, we love them all! Please drop off the desserts anytime during the day tomorrow. If you are able to help volunteer with setup or clean up, please contact Mrs. Lisa Adair at 440-840-3553 or ladair33@gmail.com. Thank you for your help and support.

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 DINNER LUNCHEON

On Friday, December 21st, our students will gather in the gym for our traditional Christmas Dinner luncheon. For this luncheon our students can dress up for day. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping prepare and plan this special family meal. Our Christmas break will begin at 2:20 pm.

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 was sent home last week. If you need an additional form, please contact the school office. 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.

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. We have begun collecting items for our event. If you are able to support our event by donating an item, contributing a monetary donation, attending the event, and even helping our event we would be most appreciative. A more detailed list of items that could help make our event a huge success will be going home in the Thursday folder today. We appreciate any and all contributions you can make to help our Extravaganza. Donations can be brought to the school office or you can contact Mrs. Kate Bores (boresfamily4@gmail.com) or Mrs. Alison Lee (ali3975@yahoo.com).

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.

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/>.

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. Do not wait to feel thirsty, drink water now.

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.

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.