



## Together, We Are Family

April 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

From the desk of Principal Gannon



### WHAT'S BUZZING AT SCHOOL

As our journey draws us closer to the cross and towards the end of Lent, we continue to focus on the three pillars of fasting, praying, and almsgiving. The bulletin board in the hallway helps us focus on ways we can fast and give to others to help us grow closer to Jesus each day. Our stones are filling up with different challenges that our students have been asked to offer up this Lenten season. This week, our students had Stations of the Cross with their prayer partner class. Junior Achievement continued; helping our students foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy skills. This week, The WholeU sponsored our Every Kid Healthy Week. Each day our students and staff were able to have something special to celebrate. Throughout the week, our students had special water infusions available in the office and cafeteria. Tuesday, our school dressed in St. Helen spirit wear so we could have 20 minutes of extra active time outside either exercising or playing. Then there was a family exercise event Tuesday evening. Wednesday, each class went around and said something positive about their classmates. Today, The WholeU was serving different fruits and vegetables in the cafeteria for the students. Tomorrow, we will have a healthy pep rally in the afternoon to tie everything together. Tuesday, the Little Flowers learned about Edith Stein, who later took the name and became Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. The girls reflected on the virtue of wisdom and how to joyfully carry our challenges and crosses through life. Wednesday, our Eighth Graders traveled to St. Mary's in Chardon to compete in a speech competition with St. Mary, St. Francis Gates Mills, and St. Anselm. Then they had DARE with Deputy Lundstrom in the afternoon. Also in the afternoon, the Geauga Park District came to Kindergarten for a program on bugs. Our students involved in Chess Club met for the last time this school year for their end of year party and awards. Our three-year-old Preschoolers went to West Woods for a field trip today. Tomorrow, our Second Graders will lead our school in Mass. Also tomorrow night, our Eighth Graders will lead our parish in the Stations of the Cross after the fish fry. Saturday, our Second Graders will have Jesus Day as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion. Please continue to keep our students and staff in your prayers as we continue to keep you in ours.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EIGHTH GRADERS

We would like to congratulate our Eighth Graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We hope the students are filled with the Holy Spirit and their hearts are set on fire for the Lord so they can let the Holy Spirit work through them.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

Last Saturday, our Science Olympiad team competed in their second competition at John Carroll University. A total of eleven teams, that could enter three groups, competed in the Science Olympiad and our teams earned six medals. We had two teams earn a Fourth Place Ribbon; Olivia Lewis and Maria Manross in CSI JCU and Andrew Hudak and Selina Sparker in Chain Reaction. We had one team earn a Third Place Ribbon; Andrew Hudak and Roman Percic in Water Bottle Rocket. We had one student earn a Second Place Ribbon; Luke Nedved in Rock Hound. We had three students earn a First Place Ribbon; Stella Morgan and Maria Manross in Egg Drop and Daniel Novak in Circuit Wizardry. Thank you to our students who participated and to Mrs. Hudak for leading our team in their preparation. We are very proud of how well they did in their second competition and with the ribbons they won. Great job.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS TOMORROW NIGHT

You are invited to attend Stations of the Cross tomorrow, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Our Eighth Graders will lead our parish through the Stations of the Cross as we journey to the cross this Lenten season.

### JESUS DAY

Jesus Day is Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. All Second Graders will meet in the PMR (Parish Meeting Room).

### RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year at St. Helen School is now open. The re-registration form, current tuition rates, and information about scholarships were mailed home and can be on our school website. Congratulations to the LoGerfo family and Murphy family on winning one free registration fee each for next school year. If you have not registered yet, please fill out the form as soon as you can or contact the school office at 440-564-7125 if you have a question or concern.

### 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 if you have any questions. As always, thank you for your support.

### **BEAUTIFUL YOU GIRLS MEETING MONDAY**

The Beautiful You Girls will meet after school Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Meeting Room.

### **EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP AND PARISH FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES**

The deadlines for the EdChoice Scholarship (deadline is April 30, 2019) and parish financial aid (deadline is May 1, 2019) are fast approaching. If you have not applied, please do as soon as possible. If you have any questions or you need another copy of the application forms, please call the school office at 440-564-7125.

### **PHOTOS OF OUR MOMS ARE NEEDED**

We are preparing our annual Mother's Day slide show and need your help. We would like to have each family accounted for. We are asking each family to email a photo of their family with their mom to Mrs. Hollowell at [shollowell@sthelen.com](mailto:shollowell@sthelen.com) as soon as possible. It does not have to be a recent picture, it can be an older one that you love. Thank you for your help.

### **PHOTOS OF OUR EIGHTH GRADERS NEEDED**

Attention Eighth Grade family, we are asking for a few favorite photos of your graduating child. The photos can even be with their fellow classmates. Please email the photos to Mrs. Hollowell at [shollowell@sthelen.com](mailto:shollowell@sthelen.com) as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **THANK YOU THE WHOLEU**

Thank you to The WholeU for sponsoring our Every Kid Healthy Week this past week. Our students enjoyed the water infusions, healthy snacks, positive messages, extra active time during the school day, the family exercise evening, and the healthy pep rally. We appreciate you supporting our students and school in making healthy choices for our body.

### **SAVE THE DATE - HORNET'S 5K HUSTLE**

Save the date for this year's Hornet's 5K Hustle on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Punderson State Park. The registration form is going home into today's Thursday folder.

### **CATHOLIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY**

Catholic Youth Summer Camp has opened its Cleveland Diocese Week to middle schoolers who are entering Sixth through Eighth Grade. Students from all over the diocese will be attending CYSC July 21-26, including 18 St. Helen high school students and 4 middle school students so far. See the flyer in the Thursday folder for more details. There is scholarship money available through the parish if cost is an issue. Please contact Theresa Zickert or Melissa and Jerry Joyce if you need more information.

### **SAVE THE DATE - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

A note from Mrs. Maria Flauto. "Vacation Bible School will be June 17-24 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. All parish children entering Kindergarten through Fifth Grade next school year are invited to attend! The theme this year is ROAR! LIFE IS WILD! GOD IS GOOD! More information coming soon."

### **SAVE THE DATE - JEWELRY CAMP**

A note from Mrs. Hotchkiss. "Jewelry Camp will be July 15-19 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. All St. Helen School students entering Second through Eighth Grade next school year are invited to attend! More information coming soon."

### **SAVE THE DATE - FITNESS CAMP**

A note from Mrs. Hotchkiss. "Fitness Camp will be August 5-9 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. All St. Helen School students entering Second through Eighth Grade next school year are invited to attend! More information coming soon."

### **A NOTE FROM THE WHOLE U**

Light can still be detected through closed eyelids. Turn off the lights at night for better sleep.

### **CAFETERIA ITEM CHANGE AND LENTEN MENU**

A note from our cafeteria about a change in a daily food option and Lenten meal options. For the rest of the school year, our cafeteria will be offering a hamburger or cheeseburger daily (except Fridays in Lent). This change replaces the daily option of the chicken sandwich, which will no longer be offered. On Fridays during Lent, instead of the hamburger or cheeseburger, the cafeteria will be offering a tuna salad sandwich. There will be two salad options that the students can pick from. They can pick a green salad with a cheese breadstick and dipping sauce or green salad with tuna and a cheese breadstick and dipping sauce.

### **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](mailto: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.