



Together, We Are Family

April 4th 2019

From the desk of Principal Gannon



WHAT'S BUZZING AT SCHOOL

As we journey to the cross this Lenten season, 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. Junior Achievement continued; helping our students foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy skills. On Monday, our school enjoyed a dress down day in Cleveland Indians gear to cheer on the home opener. On Tuesday, our students in the Second through Eighth Grades received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for this Lenten season. Our Eighth Graders continued their DARE classes with Deputy Lundstrom Wednesday afternoon. Our students involved in Chess Club met Wednesday after school to continue their learning and fun. Tonight, our Eighth Graders and other parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Roger Gries. Tomorrow, our Third Graders will lead our school in Mass. Also, tomorrow, our students will be led by Father Jay in the Stations of the Cross. On Saturday, we have students in Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grades competing in John Carroll University's Science Olympiad. Please continue to keep our students and staff in your prayers as we continue to keep you in ours.

CONGRATULATIONS INTO THE WOODS CAST

Congratulations to Mrs. Houlahan and all our Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade students for two great performances last week. Thank you for sharing your talents with us and providing us with some spring cheer at the end of March.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS TONIGHT

We would like to welcome Bishop Roger Gries to our family tonight as he comes to confirm our students. Please keep the students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. We hope the students are filled with the Holy Spirit and their hearts are set on fire for the Lord.

GOOD LUCK SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

We would like to wish Gabby Dempsey, Audrey Kilmer, Stella Morgan, Kyle Nedved, Natalie Suvak, Zachary Berman, Natalie Gerstenberger, Andy Hudak, Roman Percic, Selina Sparker, Christina Shively, Kaitlyn Welhouse, Allie Wiseman, Simon Fisher, Olivia Lewis, Maria Manross, Luke Nedved, Daniel Novak, Mario Romagni, Jack Slattery, and Julia Suvak the best of luck in their Science Olympiad on Saturday. They are representing our school in the Olympiad at John Carroll University. Good luck.

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.

MARCH BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

We want to thank everyone who participated in the Blood Drive. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need. Our blood drive registered 32 donors and collected 31 pints of blood. This drive included 6 first time donors and we look forward to their continued support. St Helen School truly appreciates your gift of time and generosity. The patients who have benefited from the blood collected at our drive are beyond grateful.

HEART OF JESUS RETREAT THIS WEEKEND

This Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, 2019, you are invited to come, seek and find our Lord, Jesus Christ in a fresh way this Lent at the third annual Heart of Jesus Retreat. Please consider joining your St. Helen family as we press into the heart of Jesus. You can register for the retreat at www.heartofjesus.net.

JESUS DAY

Jesus Day is Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. All Second Graders will meet in the PMR (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.

EVERY KID HEALTHY WEEK AT ST HELEN SCHOOL

A message from TheWholeU. "Last year TheWholeU obtained a Grant from Action for Healthy Kids. This is a public-private partnership of more than 75 organizations dedicated to promoting school health. As part of our agreement to accept the \$1000 award, we are to sponsor an 'Every Kid Healthy Week'. This healthy week will be April 8th through the 12th at St. Helen. During this week we will share water infusions, positive messages, food sampling, a Hornets Healthy Day, a healthy pep rally, and a Family Exercise Event. This is all free. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 pm to exercise with your children in our school gym. Movement, activity, and exercise are so important for our health and our mood. Wear your Fitbits, pedometers, etc. and make it a competition between yourselves and your children. Other family members are welcome--grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle. If you want to help, you can do so by participating in the classroom snack events and/or by contacting Mrs. Marilyn Percic with TheWholeU at 216-978-8413. Thank you for all you do."

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 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 as soon as possible. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE - HORNET'S 5K HUSTLE

Save the date for this year's Hornet's 5K Hustle on Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 am at Punderson State Park.

A NOTE FROM THE WHOLE U

Darkness tells your body to make more melatonin. Melatonin helps your body get good sleep. If the lights are on, melatonin will not come out to do its job.

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.

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.

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. **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.