



God's Love Never Ends

From the desk of Sister Margaret Hartman, SND
May 3, 2018

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE

We have many distinguished graduates from St. Helen School. The nomination forms for this year is being sent home today. Please send your nomination to the office by Friday, May 11th. The award will be given at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 20th.

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE

Practice for First Communion is tonight, **Thursday, May 3** from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the church. Parents and 2nd graders need to attend this important practice.

SPRING MUSICAL - PREPARE YE THE WAY FOR GODSPELL!

TONIGHT 7:30 p.m. (please note time change) our 5th through 8th grade is putting on a production of GODSPELL and they can't wait for you to see their latest dance moves and various scenes. Our Musicals are FREE to see... we will just ask for a "free will offering" (if you can) at the end of the show to keep our Drama Music Classes going for years to come at St. Helen School. A special thanks to Mrs. Houlahan for her direction, as well as our 5th - 8th grade teachers! ENJOY THE SHOW!

FIRST COMMUNION

Second graders will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on **Saturday May 5th**. Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. Second graders should arrive to their classroom by 9:30 a.m. Please keep them in your prayers.

HEALTHY WALK

In keeping with the "Whole U" theme of healthy living, on Monday, May 7th, each class will have an opportunity to have a 20 minute walking exercise followed by a healthy snack provided by room mothers. Thank you to Ms. Reichard and the moms for their organization of this event.

DRESS DOWN/UP DAYS

Monday, May 7th students are to wear spirit wear or their gym uniforms for the Healthy Walk.

Wednesday, May 9th we will show our CLEVELAND CAVALIERS spirit by having a dress down day in CAVS colors or attire.

Thursday, May 10th dress up for May Crowning (Little Flowers and Beautiful U have special attire).

Monday May 14th - Thursday May 17th we will have our **CANDY SALE** dress down reward. **ALL STUDENTS** met their goal and are eligible for the dress down! **However**, the students who are in band will be **DRESSING UP** on Wednesday, May 16th and Thursday, May 17th for their wonderful Band Concerts. As always, THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CANDY SALE AND ST. HELEN SCHOOL!

BINOCULAR BLITZ

On Tuesday, May 8, the Metroparks will again provide the Binocular Blitz program for our 5th graders.

SCHOOL MAY CROWNING

Our **School May Crowning** will be on May 10th. A separate letter is being sent home today with details. All are welcome to join us in Church at 1:30 p.m. for this tribute to Our Blessed Mother.

CELEBRATING MOMS

Our celebration of Moms, on Friday, May 11th, will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m, followed by muffins in the Gym and a special slide show. Our thanks to Mrs. Shannon Hollowell for our slide show.

BAND CONCERT

We are pleased that our Spring Band Concert under the direction of Mr. Kevin Bell will take place at St. Helen School on **Wednesday, May 16 at 8:45 a.m.** in the gym. We know you are in for a musical treat! The band will have their concert at Notre Dame Educational Center on **Thursday, May 17 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.**

FIELD DAY

We will be tie-dying our Field Day t-shirts in art class. The children are really looking forward to this experience. The shirts will be dyed in class and placed in a zip locked bag. The dye needs to set overnight so the shirts will be sent home wet. Please make sure to rinse and wash and dry the shirt the next day. Complete instructions will be sent home with the shirts. Please return them to their class homeroom teacher. She will keep them until Field Day. Thank you for your help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for FIELD DAY to set up, serve snacks and lunch, and clean up. Please text Megan Z at 440-637-6522 or email to Meganz1976@aol.com

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Due to the number of days missed this year, our last day for students is May 25th. We will have Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by honors and all are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to share with your children following Mass. Dismissal is at 1:00 pm.

SPRING HAS FINALLY ARRIVED Help us raise some additional funds for our school by buying the plants, shrubs, and herbs that you may need anyway. **Four Green Fields**, located at 13111 Ravenna Rd, Chardon, (440) 285-4600 has a beautiful assortment of plants that you will be sure to enjoy. If you buy plants **during the weekdays of May** and mention **ST. HELEN SCHOOL**, or take the flyer that was sent home last week, with you, we will receive a portion of the proceeds. Four Green Fields is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 - 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday, 9:00 - 12:00 noon. **Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gannon** for helping our school grow!. Feel free to copy the flyer and share it with your neighbors and friends. As always, thank you for your continued support.

YEARBOOKS ARE HERE!

If you pre-ordered a yearbook, it will be coming home with your child today. If you didn't pre-order a yearbook, and would like one for your child, send in \$20.00 to the school office in an envelope marked "yearbook" with your child's name by **May 5th**. Yearbooks are limited so they will be offered on a "first come, first serve" basis.

PHOTOS NEEDED

We are preparing our annual Mother's Day slide show and are in need of a picture of your family. Please email Mrs. Hollowell a photo of the moms of our school with their children as soon as possible. It does not have to be a recent picture- it can be an old one that you love. Email the photo to shollowell@sthelen.com. We would like to have all families accounted for in our slideshow.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE FAMILIES PHOTOS NEEDED

Please email Mrs. Joyce a few favorite photos of your graduating child as soon as possible. We'd love if they included fellow classmates. Please email them asap to shollowell@sthelen.com

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School will be June 25th - 29th. This is for all parish children entering grades K-5 for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration forms for VBS are in the Thursday folder. Please have money and form in or before **May 31st**.

The theme for this year is "Shipwrecked" by Our Sunday Visitor. To check it out go to their website at <http://vbs.osv.com>

PARENTS OF 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

The Ohio Department of Health has mandated that all students entering 7th grade must have had a **Tdap** (a combined tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine) or a **Td** (tetanus and diphtheria) immunization within the past 5 years. They recommend the students get vaccinated with the Tdap vaccine, as it has the extra protection against pertussis (whooping cough) and they have reported an increased number of cases in our area and throughout the US. **They also must have had one dose of the Meningitis vaccine (Menactra or Menveo)**, this is a new requirement that started with the 2016-2017 school year. You can get your child vaccinated by their physician, or go to one of the local Health Department vaccination clinics. **All students must present proof to the school office before the first day of the 2018-2019 school year.** If your student has already been vaccinated, please send in written documentation now (either a copy or you may have your doctor fax it to the school (440) 564-7969), and your child will be all set for next year. If you have questions, please call Sr Dorothy Luli at school (564-7125), or at home 440-413-3289. If you are having difficulty making your scheduled tuition payments for 2017-18, please call Cindy Yokules at (440) 564-5805 x209.

PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

The preschool setting is the first experience that many children have in a structured school environment with teachers and peers. Preschoolers learn to share, follow directions and they begin to build the knowledge, skills, and confidence to excel in the kindergarten setting. Registration for 2018-2019 has begun. If you were unable to attend our Catholic Schools Week Open House, we are still taking applications for classes for ages 3-5. For more information contact Joanna Fear at (440) 564-7125, extension 235.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN If you have a child 5-year-old or will turn 5 before September 30, 2018, you may register your child for Kindergarten. If you would like to schedule a time to tour our school and observe Kindergarten, please contact the school office at 440-564-7125 to schedule an appointment.

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SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION Mrs. Hotchkiss will conduct two camps this summer:

Jewelry Camp, July 16-20, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Cost \$125

Fitness Camp, August 6-10, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Cost \$125.

Sign up for both camps for \$200. See flyer sent home last week in the Thursday Folder.

KENSTON BUS

Families that utilized Kenston's bus service need to re-apply annually to continue bus service for next school year. The application must be completed by **June 16th** to guarantee transportation for the upcoming school year. Go <http://kenstonlocal.org/kenston/transportation/private-school-transportation-request/> Go to the District Menu and click *Departments*; Then click on *Transportation*; Then *Private school Transportation*; Request Complete all information in the form *Submit*

