



St. Helen School

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August 29, 2020

From the desk of Principal Gannon

WHAT'S BUZZING AT SCHOOL

We welcomed our students back Wednesday for our First Day of School both in person and virtually. We were able to celebrate Mass together and had a great first day of school. It was great seeing our students and back in school. We would like to thank our students and staff for a great first week of school. We felt that everyone was mindful of the new procedures that were put into place and did a great job following them. We are so proud of you. Please continue to keep our students and staff in your prayers as we continue to keep you in ours. Take care and God bless.

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

Our school family has grown over the summer. We welcome our new students, new families, and new staff members to our school family. We would like to welcome the Bechler, Kiefer, Taylor, Wosotowsky, Zajac, and Ziga families. Our new school staff members are Miss Krysiak (Speech Language Pathologist), Mr. Martin (Assistant Principal), Miss Ruiz (Health Assistant), and Mrs. Ziga (Fourth Grade Teacher). When you see these new faces, please make sure you take time to welcome them to our school family.

NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND MONDAY

This week we have another three day. Our school will be closed Thursday, September 3rd, Friday, September 4th, and Monday, September 7th for Labor Day. School will resume on Tuesday, September 8th.

DRESS DOWN DAY ON MONDAY

This Monday, August 31st, we are going to have a dress down day as a thank you for a great first week of school. Please remember to dress appropriately.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY DRESS DOWN

To celebrate our students and staff who have a birthday in June, July, August, and September, they may dress down on Tuesday, September 1st. Please remember to dress appropriately. Normally the monthly birthday dress down is on the first Wednesday of the month, but we have Mass Wednesday.

PE UNIFORM REMINDER

We are going to have all students come to school in their PE clothes. We would encourage our older students to bring deodorant to apply before and after PE class. As the weather begins to get colder, please make sure your child(ren) have appropriate fitting sweatpants to wear to school. Students will wear their PE clothes to Church on the days we have Mass this school year.

BACK TO SCHOOL ONLINE FORMS

Thank you to all our families who have completed their Back to School forms online. If you have not completed these forms, please complete them as soon as possible. Please click on the following links to access these forms. [Emergency Medical Authorization Form](#), [Student Directory](#), [Media Consent Release Form](#), [Transportation After School Form](#), [Aftercare Registration Form](#), and [Room Parent Registration](#). If you have any difficulty completing the forms, please contact the school office.

COVID-19 STUDENT FORM

Thank you to all our families who have completed their [COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy and Expectations](#) and sent it to the school office. If you have not done so already, please read and complete this form and return it on Monday. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me so we can schedule a meeting.



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SCHOOL HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE AND MEDICAL RECORD

We have mailed out the [School Health Questionnaire](#) and [School Entrance Medical Record](#) forms this past week. Please complete these as soon as possible. You can also click on the links or get these on our website. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the PAC for providing our families with a popcorn treat for each student last at our Back to School Nights. We hope that you were able to enjoy a family movie together at home.

VIRTUAL PARENT NIGHT

Please mark your calendars for our Virtual Parent Night on Wednesday, September 16th. You will watch a prerecorded video from your child(ren)'s teacher about their classroom procedures and curriculum. We will have an opportunity for the parents to connect with the teacher(s) to ask any questions about instruction.

DINE OUT TO DONATE

This school year we are exploring other opportunities to fundraise to help support our school while not overtaxing our families. We will not be doing the normal fall fundraiser this school year, but we may explore a fundraiser like that later in the school year. We are looking to help support local restaurants and our school with our Dine Out to Donate fundraiser. If you order food from Sirna's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, please mention "St. Helen School" and 15% of your total purchase will be donated to our school. Please click [here](#) to view the flyer. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

REVISED 2020-2021 SCHOOL PLAN

We have revised our [School Plan 2020-2021](#) as of August 21st. Please click on the link to read through the updated plan. Our plan may need to be modified and/or adjusted to reflect any new developments and recommendations. We will follow all mandatory practices set forth by the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Health, Diocese of Cleveland, and Geauga Public Health. Any changes to the plan will be communicated to you.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REMINDER

If you are planning on using your public school district's busing, please make sure you reach out to their transportation supervisor as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Berkshire (transportation@berkshireschools.org), Cardinal (diane.baumgartner@cardinalschools.org), Chardon (michael.gatrell@chardonschools.org), Kenston (melody.coniglio@kenstonapps.org), and West Geauga (cheryl.fowler@westg.org). Please make sure your child(ren) follow the bus procedures for each district and wear a face covering on the bus.

PARISH TUITION ASSISTANCE

Please visit the FACTS website at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3WY5W> to apply for parish tuition assistance. The application period will remain open through September 15, 2020. The link to the FACTS website will also be on our school website. If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866-441-4637.



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EDCHOICE EXPANSION SCHOLARSHIPS

The second application period for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship is now open. If you would like to apply, please fill out the [Request Form](#) and [Income Verification Form](#). If you have any questions and/or would like help, please contact the school office to talk with Sister Sandy or Patrick Gannon.

AMAZON SMILE

If you shop online with Amazon, I would encourage you to support our school through Amazon Smile. Please feel free to share this link with your family and friends as well. You can either search for us under the name St. Helen's Catholic Church and School or use this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0840013>. Thank you for supporting St. Helen School.

NEW LOGO ON SCHOOL POLOS

Schoolbelles and NuThreadz can produce the new logo on the green school polos. Over the course of this school year and next school year, we will work on integrating the new logo on the polos and retiring the other ones. NuThreadz can also get the exact same athletic fit pullover as Schoolbelles.

FACEBOOK PAGES

Please like and share our St Helen School - Newbury and St Helen Athletic Booster Club Facebook pages.

CYO PREPARTICIPATION FORM

Please click [here](#) to view and complete the new CYO Preparticipation Form.

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.