



## Together, We Are Family

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

From the desk of Principal Gannon



### **COOKIE DOUGH AND MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated in our cookie dough and magazine fundraiser. Our school, students, and staff will benefit from this fundraiser, so we are so very thankful for your help and support. Stay tuned for the final announcement about the three class entrants to the pig race and if Mr. Gannon will have to dance with the Scream Team.

### **PARENT HANDBOOK AND ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

Please make sure you review these two documents and also review them with your child(ren). They are located in the back of your Parent Handbook. After reviewing both documents, please sign and return the perforated papers to the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAY DRESS DOWN**

Students and faculty who have October birthdays may dress down on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate. Happy birthday.

### **PET BLESSING FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS**

Please join us for our annual pet blessing on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> after the 8 am Mass. We will begin outside the church entrance at 8:45 am. Deacon Will will lead us through prayer and the pet blessings. If you are able to attend, please bring your pet on a leash, in a cage, or with some other restraint since there will be a lot of other pets. You could also bring a picture of your beloved pet so that they will be included in our thoughts and prayers. Please remember that holy water will be sprinkled on your animals or pictures.

### **FIRST COMMUNION MEETING**

There is a First Communion meeting for parents/guardians of our Second Graders on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. You will be going through a folder of information for the year and how to help prepare your child(ren) for the Sacraments. **This meeting is for parents/guardians only.**

### **ATTENTION ALL HORNET BASKETBALL PLAYERS**

Basketball signs are open and will remain open until October 4<sup>th</sup>. Students in Kindergarten through Third Grade will be in a rec league. Students in Fourth Grade through Eighth Grade will be in CYO. If you are interested, please sign up early so the teams can be worked out. If you are interested in coaching or have any questions about the season, please contact Anthony Montagna at [anthonyandcatie@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyandcatie@gmail.com).

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

The American Red Cross will be at St Helen's in the gym on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. All donors who come to give blood during the month of October, will automatically be entered to win one of five \$500 gift cards redeemable at hundreds of merchants. Please login to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment, especially if you can donate platelets or power red. Please bring your American Red Cross donor card or another form of identification with you. If you need assistance call 1-800-REDCROSS. St. Helen School will benefit from this blood drive and all future drives. Please help those that need blood and help our students at St Helen. Thank you.

### **A NIGHT WITH THE HORNETS AND MONSTERS**

We are excited for Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> when over seventy people from our school and parish family will attend the Cleveland Monsters hockey game. If you are interested, please contact the school office and we can order you a ticket.

### **NO SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

The students of St. Helen School have the day off on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, so our staff can attend a diocesan professional development. Please mark your calendars and make arrangements for your child(ren). Enjoy the long weekend.

### **CHANGE IN DATE SAVE THE NEW DATE**

The St. Helen School Extravaganza has been changed to **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** at LaMalfa Centre, Mentor. Please mark your calendars to save the date! More information will follow.

### **GRADELOCK**

GradeLock is up and running for this school year. If you do not remember your username or password, please contact the school office so we can help you.

### **TUITION PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD OR ACH**

To pay by credit card or ACH payments go to [www.sthelen.com](http://www.sthelen.com) and click on the Online Giving link, go to create an account. Once that is complete, select fund: School Tuition or Preschool Tuition. If you want to set up recurring payments, select "pledge" and put in full year tuition amount (Call Cindy Yokules at 564-5805 if you need this information). Then enter your monthly payment amount. If you would like to make a one-time payment, select "one time".

### **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/>.

### **GUITAR LESSONS**

If your child is interested in guitar, please contact Jim Miller by email [jimiller@jimiller.com](mailto:jimiller@jimiller.com) or by phone at 216-385-0311. Lessons can be given in your home.

### **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](http://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](http://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.

### **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.