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Dear St. Helen School Families:

As we've watched our new educational facility grow, it's been a pleasure to watch your children continue “to grow in wisdom, age, and grace!” It reaffirms our faith that, together, we are forming disciples of Christ.

Due to your patronage and support, St. Helen continues to grow in building size and in student enrollment. Current predictions indicate that in the 2017-2018 school year, we will open with approximately 400 students. Your presence has assisted us in becoming one of the premier Catholic schools in our area – THANK YOU!

The attached summer packet is designed to communicate to you most of the information you will need at St. Helen for the upcoming school year. (Please know that until we actually inhabit the new building, we won't know the answers or be able to plan for every incidental!) Carefully read the information provided for you; it may also be accessed through our website, www.shcssaints.org. Additionally, the Family/Student Handbook may be found on our link (and please check us out on Facebook, if you haven't already done so!).

Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

- **Tuesday, August 8, 2017, is the first day of school** for students and it is also “Meet the Teacher” day. The building will be opened at 7:30 a.m. (no morning care) for students and parents to locate classrooms and teachers. Students/Parents will also be able to deliver school supplies at this time. At 9:00 a.m., a general parent meeting will be held in the cafeteria for new students and parents (optional for returning parents). There will also be a used uniform sale in the building where parents may purchase extra or spare uniform pieces for \$5 per item (sale lasts from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.).
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 8-10**, are the first three, full days of school.
- **EARLY MORNING CARE** will not be available on Tuesday, August 8, but **AFTER SCHOOL CARE** will begin on the first day of school (Tuesday, August 8). Early morning care will begin on Wednesday, August 9, for registered participants.
- **AFTER SCHOOL CARE** will begin on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 8, for registered participants.
- **Friday, August 11, is a Teacher Workday** for staff, along with the other 60 schools in the diocese. **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DATE.** School will resume on Monday, August 14, for a full week.

The school office and Accounting Office will have an unusual schedule this summer due to Archdiocesan commitments and the ongoing construction.

- The school office and Accounting Office will be closed May 29 – June 2, but the school office will re-open on Tuesday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **The Accounting Office will be closed from May 29 until Tuesday, June 13.**
- Beginning June 13, both offices will be open on **Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, through Thursday, June 29.
- **Both offices will be closed to the public the entire month of July.** They will re-open on Monday, July 31, 9:00 a.m.

The faculty and staff of St. Helen Catholic School wish you and yours a fun, safe, and blessed summer vacation! We look forward to seeing you again in a few short months. “Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.” (2Corinthians 13:11)

Steph Colema, principal