



St. Helen "Happenings" is our monthly campus newsletter that gives parents information about upcoming school programs and events. "Happenings" will be posted for online access; please visit www.SHCSsaints.org and look for the school tab. We encourage you to check our website and Facebook frequently for updates and information! Additionally, we encourage you to subscribe to your teachers' and the principal's NewsFlash on our new website for updates.

"NEW" News

WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS & STAFF... RETURNING & NEW FAMILY MEMBERS!

* New Staff Memebers:

- * Sr. Maria Carmelita Orteza- Pk4 Teacher
- * Amy Olsen- 1st grade Teacher
- * Jacqueline Dubcak- 2nd grade Teacher
- * Lisa Pomes- 4th grade Teacher
- * Dylan Delgado- Jr. High Social Studies
- * Denise St. Pierre- Music
- * Mary Sepulveda- Extended Day Director
- * Taylor Sewi- Extended Day Para.

* Change in positions:

- * Dina Fernandez- Pk3 Teacher Para.
- * Patti Powell- Pk4 Teacher Para.

PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION

Our Used Uniform Sale was a huge success!



Thanks for coming out prior to orientation to support us!

FIRST SCHOOL DAY

We welcomed students back on Thursday, Aug. 12, 7:50 a.m. (carpool drop-off began at 7:30 a.m.). The first two days were early release days; both days were a success, even with the beginning of a new bell schedule (7:50am-3:00pm). Morning extended day was offered, beginning Aug. 12, from 6:30-7:30am. Afternoon extended day will be open beginning Aug. 15 from 2:50-6pm.



HOT LUNCHES

Please have your child carry a lunch to school each day until Monday, August 29th. Hot lunches will not be available until that day. Lunch menus will go home on the first day of school and will be due back on Tuesday, August 16th. 5th grade parents will host a Bake Sale during lunch times beginning August 15 and extending to August 26. All proceeds go towards funding the required 5th grade trip to Camp Kappe.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ♦ AM Extended Day begins on Friday, Aug. 12, 6:30am-7:30am
- ♦ PM Extended Day begins on Monday, Aug. 15, 3:00-6:00pm
- ♦ First School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 8:45am
- ♦ First School Mass (K-8th attend) Friday, Aug. 19, 8:00am (7:50am arrival)
- ♦ First Annual Family Night, Fri., Aug. 26, 6-9pm, HH
- ♦ Open House, Wed., Aug. 31, 5-6pm in classrooms
- ♦ First HSA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 6:30pm (Casual dress day for attending meeting is Thursday, Sept. 1.)
- ♦ Labor Day Holiday- School Closed on Monday, September 5.

COMMUNICATION AT SHCS

We strive to keep communication lines open and use multiple vehicles to communicate with our parents. We usually communicate via: School Calendars- online, monthly & annually IRIS Alerts

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School Website: www.SHCSsaints.org

HSA E-Newsletter- sign up today!

School NewsFlash through school website

GradeLink

Monthly Happenings



Back to School!

CARPOOL ETIQUETTE



We have over 380 students and ALL of them are picked up/dropped off from personal vehicles... following procedures is important so that traffic flows smoothly and everyone is kept safe! Please follow the regular carpool procedures both in the morning and the afternoon. Also, please be sure your family name is clearly displayed on your windshield during afternoon carpool. Additionally, we are providing this warning for your safety and to prevent you from being ticketed: The State of Texas has declared a "no cell zone" around schools, it's the law! Be prepared to WAIT the first week in the pick-up lines.

FUNDRAISERS

As you are aware, SHCS depends upon fundraisers and the generosity of the Church and its constituents to provide an education for our children. We count on you to support our numerous fundraising events throughout the school year. The first major fundraiser of the year is the 20th anniversary Family Fun Night on Fri., Aug. 26! Tickets are on sale now!

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION "HSA"

The HSA promotes open communication among the parents, teachers and administration. Many committees are formed and are coordinated with parental support to help with assisting during activities, social functions, and fundraisers. The first HSA meeting of the year will be held in Helena Hall on Wednesday, August 31 at @6:30pm, immediately after Open House from 5-6pm. Please join us, all new families are welcome!

SPIRIT DAYS

Each Wednesday students may show their school spirit by wearing a spirit t-shirt. Students who participate in St. Helen athletics can wear their sport uniform during the season on spirit days. The school office is selling St. Helen spirit t-shirts for \$12.00 each. The first denim dollar day is Wednesday, August 24th. Students may wear blue jean pants for \$1 to support the athletic club!



Student Life



Looking for an after school activity?

Check out the list below for some of the clubs that are offered:

- ◆ Art club
- ◆ Music Club
- ◆ Spirit Squad
- ◆ Dance Tree
- ◆ Dance Club
- ◆ Chess Club
- ◆ Geography Club
- ◆ Spanish Club
- ◆ Robotics Club
- ◆ Choir
- ◆ Karate Club
- ◆ Academics & Fine Arts
- ◆ Volleyball
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Soccer
- ◆ Physical Conditioning

Clubs will begin the week of August 15.