



“Growing the total child in wisdom, age, and grace.”

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Dear St. Helen School Families:

This has been quite a year – quite a spring semester.....unlike any other in modern history! To endure, we had to use “wisdom, age, and grace” and persevere. While we missed seeing our Saints develop and grow during the final nine-weeks of school, the distance between us only reaffirms our faith that it takes a spiritual community to form Disciples of Christ. Due to your patronage and support, St. Helen will continue to flourish through these challenging times. Your presence has assisted us in becoming one of the premier Catholic schools in our area – a beacon that invites others to join us in achieving our goals.

The summer packet this year could be called “tentative.” We have many unknowns before us, but God is in control and we must be flexible, knowing changes may be necessary. This packet is designed to communicate to you much of the information you will need at St. Helen for the next school year. Please read carefully the information provided to you on 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!)

Mark your calendars for these important (yet tentative!) dates:

- **Thursday, August 13**, is the first day of school. “Meet the Teacher” is scheduled from 7:30-8:30 a.m. The junior high teachers will host a meeting for JH students and parents at 8:00 a.m. A general parent meeting for all new families will be held in the café at 8:30 a.m. Students/Parents will also be able to deliver school supplies at this time. There will be a used uniform sale in the main lobby where parents may purchase extra or spare uniform pieces for \$5 per item (sale lasts from 7:30-10:00 a.m.). For 5th-8th grades, P.E. uniforms will be available for sale, also.
- **NO MORNING CARE WILL BE PROVIDED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 13!** We will have after school care beginning the first day, and morning care will begin on Friday, August 14.
- **The Feast of St Helen** is officially observed on Tuesday, August 18. We will celebrate our patron saint that day at the first school mass of the year, at 8:00 a.m. Since mass will be held on Tuesday, we will NOT have a school mass on Friday of that week.
- **Hot lunches will begin on Monday, August 31.** Until that time, students will need to bring a sack lunch daily.
- Our first Home-School Association (H.S.A.) meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 27, 6:30 p.m.** Open House will be held prior to that meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The faculty and staff of St. Helen Catholic School wish you and your family a fun, healthy, and blessed summer! We look forward to seeing you again in August! Godspeed in your summer journeys,

Phyllis Coleman, Ed. D.
Principal