



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

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Dear St. Helen School Families:

As we wrap up the 2020-2021 school year, we are able to see the silver lining in many of the past year’s challenges! We have seen staff, students, and parents persevere through hardships and illnesses. Students have worked hard to “close the gaps” in learning that might have occurred during remote learning and constant stressors. And we think many of us have become more dependent on listening to HIS voice! “Wisdom, age, and grace” became more than a motto – it was our mantra throughout the year. We offer sincere gratitude to our “instructional partners” – parents and families who became teachers, too!

Parental support has reaffirmed our belief that it takes a spiritual community to form Disciples of Christ. Due to your patronage, 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. We don’t know yet what the next school year will bring, but we do know we can count on you to lift us up to meet our challenges!

This letter is a reminder about our summer packet, designed to communicate 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](http://www.shcssaints.org). Additionally, the soon-to-be-updated 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 dates (tentative based on COVID protocols in August):**

- **Friday, August 6:**
  - **8:00 a.m.** Welcome Back Mass for families and staff!
  - **9-10:00 a.m.** “Meet the Teacher” on campus will immediately follow our mass.
  - **9:30-10:00 a.m.** A general parent meeting **for all new families** will be held in the cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. Students/Parents will also be able to bring in school supplies at this time.
  - **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Used Uniform Sale on campus in the main lobby where parents may purchase extra or spare uniform pieces for \$5 per item. For 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, P.E. uniforms will also be available for sale during this time.
  - **10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** “FISH CAMP” for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and any new junior high student. Students may bring a snack to enjoy while they hear all about JH procedures and expectations.
  - **12:00 -12:30 p.m.** 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and parents of any new JH student – **PARENT MEETING, LIBRARY!**



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- **Thursday, August 12 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!**
  - No morning care will be provided on the first day, but **will begin on Friday, August 13, 6:30 a.m.** Please register for both morning and after care, as needed.
  - **We will have after school care beginning the first day**, and morning care will begin on Friday, August 13.
- **Hot lunches will begin on the first day of school, August 12.** Please be sure to check your email the last week of July to pre-order hot lunch for the first few weeks of school.
- **The Feast of St Helen** will be observed on **Wednesday, August 18**. We will celebrate our patron saint that day at the first official school mass of the year, at 8:00 a.m. Since mass will be held on Wednesday, we will NOT have a school mass on Friday of that week. Students should wear mass uniforms for every mass throughout the year.
- **Thursday, August 26, 5-6:30 p.m.** Open House for Parents. Come in, tour the classrooms, and see some student work displays!

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

Godspeed in your summer journeys,

Phyliss Coleman, Ed. D.  
Principal