



# St. Helen School

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***Blessed are you, Lord,  
For the glories of Spring.  
The world bursts with the signs of resurrection;  
Flowers stir in their winter beds,  
Poking through the last traces of snow.  
The sun drenches us with its warmth,  
Stirring the hidden and waiting life  
Within the earth, within us.***

***The world awakening reflects the movement of my heart  
And I am touched in the depths of my spirit.  
Art work is the power of your hands,  
The Spirit of drawing life from things both old and new.  
To be praised are you, Lord  
For the blessings of Spring.***

## **Principal's Message**

Thank you to all students, staff and parents for welcoming me so warmly to the St. Helen community. I know you join me in wishing Mrs. Rienzo a speedy recovery. I have been very impressed with the attitude and behavior of students at St. Helen. The kindness and respect they demonstrate towards each other and staff, on a daily basis, is exemplary. Their positive attitudes and well developed work ethic set them up to maximize learning opportunities. I look forward to getting to know more of the students and parents as the next month unfolds. I hope you all enjoyed and celebrated a wonderful Easter weekend with your families and friends. Please feel free to call me should you have any questions.

Yours truly,  
T. Buchanan

## **VIRTUES PROGRAM – APRIL – LOVE**

This month we celebrate the virtue of LOVE.

God wants us to serve and see the goodness in everyone we meet. God has given us many people in our lives to show us examples of LOVE. Our families, teachers and friends show us their love every day. LOVE can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness, such as sharing a pencil, playing a game, or even by saying “thank you”. We should always show our LOVE for others because LOVE is about seeing the good in people even when they make us angry. Sometimes the greatest acts of LOVE happen when we are angry, such as not hitting our sibling back or not screaming at our friends. Jesus always with us and we should always try to remember His most important lesson, because LOVE is not about us – it is about looking out for the good of others.

### **God’s two greatest commandments are:**

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all you mind, and with all your strength.”

“You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

A loving person:

Wants the best for others;

Is willing to make a sacrifice for the good of others;

Knows that we are all lovable;

Prays for others.

## **DATE CHANGE FOR SCHOOL EASTER MASS**

Please note – due to a conflict our school Easter Mass has been rescheduled to Wed., Apr. 14 at 10:45 a.m. at the school. All parents are welcome to join us!

## **YOUTH FAITH AMBASSADORS ARE OFF TO THE YOUTH FAITH RALLY!**

On Wed., Apr 28 the St. Helen Youth Faith Ambassadors will participate in the Mississauga South Family of Schools, “Catholic Leadership Rally: 2gether We Build God’s Kingdom”. Youth Faith Ambassadors from all Mississauga South elementary and secondary schools will participate in this exciting and motivating full day event. Thanks to O. Volchuk for leading this initiative.

## **LIVING OUR FAITH ASSEMBLY**

On Fri., Mar. 26 we held a “Living Our Faith Assembly” where we acknowledged students from each class who demonstrated the virtue of RESPECT (February) and KINDNESS (March). Congratulations to all award winners listed below. Keep up your great work!

**February’s recipients were:** Suzanne K., Gabriela J., Carl C., Colin B., Catalina B., Nicole N., Michael H., Dylan S., Hunter T., Matthew L., Marissa S., Adrienne D., Sean O., Alexandra F., Laura D., Pedro O., Patrick R., Melissa B., Samantha G., Ellen R., Christine M., Santana L., Matthew T., Amber M., Kamil F., Steven M., Santana L., Alexandra D., Sabrina P., Jane M.

**March’s recipients were:** Hailey C., Olivia D. Kyle D., Antony T., Jacob O., Jonathan W., Mitchell S., Jacob Z., Mark K., Matthew L., Robina P., Lindsey D., Haylee S., Olivia B., Emma V., Nicholas Z., Joshua M., Austin G., Natalie L., Ella M., Patrick F., Alexandra D., Caroline L., Christopher W., Anna F., Kyle S., Anna F., Nicole K., Aleksandra W., Karyna D., Samantha V., Ella M.

## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 2 TO MAY 7, 2010**

Catholic Education Week this year, takes place May 2 to May 7. The theme is, “Rejoicing in Hope.” Of special note is our Education Week Talent Show scheduled for Wed. May 5, at 1:15 p.m. Also, on Friday, May 7 at 10:45 a.m. will be

our Crowning of Mary Liturgy. Please try and join us at one or both of these special events.

## **PEEL REGIONAL POLICE PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT-STAFF CHARITY CHALLENGE**

On Fri. April 9 at 12:20 – 1:00 p.m. Grade 7 & 8 students will compete against staff and Peel Regional Police, Neighborhood Policing Unit, officers in a charity volleyball game to raise funds for ShareLife. Thanks to our NPU officers, Constables Wood and Roselle for their enthusiastic participation in this fun activity! All intermediate students and staff who attend, either as players or spectators, will all donate a \$2.00 to ShareLife.

## **A GIFT OF KINDNESS, TWICE AS NICE .....**

You can double the impact of your generosity.

Contributions to ShareLife can have a bigger impact than ever this year through the ShareLife Community Challenge! A generous donor has pledged to match all new and increased gifts to the 2010 ShareLife campaign, up to a total of \$500,000. This gift applies to our school fundraising efforts as well.

If you are a new ShareLife donor, your gift will be doubled. If you have given in the past but didn't contribute in 2009, your gift will be doubled this year. If you're a regular ShareLife donor and you increase your gift from the amount contributed last year, the increase of your gift will be matched as well.

Whether you contribute at this parish, online, or through our school ShareLife fundraising activities, the impact of your gift will be maximized in a special way this year.

For more information, visit [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org).

**You can work WONDERS!**

### **TALENT SHOW**

St. Helen School is pleased to announce the 2010 Talent Show. Auditions began in March and students have been working diligently to practice and perfect their performances. We are delighted to see the diversity of talents the students have demonstrated. Our Talent Show will be held during Catholic Education Week on Wed., May 5 at 1:15 p.m. Parents are welcome to join us. Thank you to C. Naccarato, L. D'Ettore, D. Demelo, and V. Kvas for leading this great student activity!

### **BOOK FAIR COMING TO ST. HELEN**

Spring into reading with St. Helen's Book Fair. This is a book fair that will have books students can actually afford! We will have book selections for teachers and parents as well. All are welcome. Come and visit the Book Fair, April 15 to 23. See you there!

### **REMAINING 2010 "TOONIE" PIZZA DAYS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15

### **JOIN US FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next School Council Meeting will be on Tues., April 20 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please come out and join us!

### **SUMMER LITERACY CAMPS - INTERESTED?**

Summer Literacy Camps for students in SK to Gr. 6 are being offered by the Department of Continuing Education July 5 – 30. The program runs 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday to Friday for 4 weeks. The cost is \$200. for 2 weeks and \$380. for 4 weeks. The camp will be located at St. Margaret of Scotland. This summer program is intended for students achieving at level 1

or 2. It is not intended for ESL (stage 1 or 2) or Special Education students. Teacher referral for admission to the Summer Literacy Camp is

required. Applications are available from the school and are due no later than June 4.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL**

Summer school – remedial literacy and numeracy – for students in grade 7 and 8 is being offered by the Department of Continuing Education July 5 to 24 at St. Luke located at 1280 Cobalt St., Mississauga. The program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and is intended for grade 7 and 8 students who are achieving at levels 1 and 2 in English and Mathematics. Students must be recommended by the principal to be eligible to attend. Transportation is provided. There is no cost for Grade 7 & 8 Summer School. Speak to your child's teacher for more information. Deadline for applications is June 4.

### **DETERMINING CLASS PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2010**

The staff of St. Helen School will meet in the spring to begin discussing appropriate placement for each student for September 2010. When determining placement some of the criteria we consider are: academic ability, individual work habits and study skills, maturity, date of birth, social factors, and placement history. We aim for classes that have a balance of gender, ability and behavioral needs. As you know your child best, we appreciate your input concerning special needs for your son or daughter. With this in mind, if you have concerns about your child's class placement for September 2010, we ask that you put your concerns in writing. A Parent Request for Class Placement Form is provided for this purpose. Parents/Guardians are asked to include the type of learning environment in which your child has experienced the most success. Please do not make specific requests for teachers as staffing is always tentative and changes can and often do take place between the time of tentative class placement and September. All completed forms should be returned to the school by Fri., April 28, 2010.

When staff meets to determine tentative student placement we will consider your input as well as input from the classroom and resource teachers and if we can accommodate your wishes, we will do so. It is not always possible, however, to respond to all requests and we ask for your indulgence and flexibility. Rest assured, that our decisions are made only after careful consideration of all the information and are based on the individual good of each child balanced with the common good of the entire community.

### **MISSED REGISTRATION FOR JK 2010-11?**

Pre-registration for the 2010-11 school year was held in February. If you missed this opportunity to enroll your child, or know of someone who has moved into the area, please contact the school for registration information.

### **GRADE 8 GRADUATION**

If you have a child in Gr. 8, please mark Wed. June 23 in your calendars. Gr. 8 Graduation Mass, ceremony and reception will take place at 7 p.m. on June 23. Details will follow in May.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tues., Apr. 6 – Pizza Day

Fri., Apr. 9 – 12:20 – 1:00 p.m. Intermediate Student/Staff/Police Charity Volleyball Game

Wed., Apr. 14 – 10:45 a.m. Easter School Mass

Thurs., Apr., 15 – 23 – St. Helen Book Fair

Tues., Apr. 20 – Pizza Day

Tues., Apr. 20 – 7 p.m. School Council

Thurs., Apr. 22 – a.m. Gr. 7 & 8 to Iona Matinee at Meadowvale Theatre

Sun., Apr. 25 – First Communion – St. Christopher's Parish, 2 p.m.

Wed., Apr. 28 – Youth Faith Ambassadors to Catholic Leadership Rally: Together We Build God's Kingdom

Thurs., Apr. 29 – Peel Regional Police Class Presentations

Sun., May 2 – Fri., May 7 – Catholic Education Week – Rejoicing in Hope

Tues., May 4 – Pizza Day

Wed., May 5 – 1:15 p.m. Talent Show

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Secrets of Discipline Flyer

Parent Input for Class Placement Memorandum