



July 20, 2023

Dear Families-

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year – we're glad you're here!!! Our school office will be open from 8:30 am-3:00 p.m Monday through Friday, August 1st - Aug 18th. Normal office hours (7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) will begin August 21st. **Please stop in between August 7th- Aug 18th to pick up your “Family Envelope”, which contains important paperwork for the new school year.**

If you are interested in volunteering during the school year in any capacity please contact Mel McWilliams in the parish office for more information about SafeParish training and requirements! If these requirements aren't met you will be unable to volunteer in any capacity. Her contact info is 937-254-6233 or mel.mcwilliams@sthelenparish.org

Planning is underway for the 2023 St. Helen PTO Christmas Bazaar. We are excited to be back this year, please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2nd. Priority registration for craft vendors will be open for St. Helen school families starting July 15th! If you would like to register for the 2023 bazaar please contact Amy or Tatihana at sthelenchristmasbazaar@gmail.com. Be sure to register early to guarantee your space.

Some up-coming events include:

- * Saturday & Sunday, August 5th & 6th Used uniform sale in the East Wing 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please contact Sara Slack (sara.slack1986@gmail.com) to volunteer. Volunteers may get free used uniform items in exchange for their time.
- * Monday, August 7th Family Envelopes available for pick up
- * Saturday, August 12th Class lists posted on the outside door of the Main Office Doors.
- * Sunday, August 20th Orientations for PreK and Kindergarten school families. We will have two different sessions. The first from 6:30-7:30 p.m which will be held in English. The second from 7:30-8:30 pm which will be held in Spanish. **This will be for adults only.** Preschool families will use the Smith Building (Look for green awning next to the school office marked Smith Building), kindergarten in their classrooms (enter ramp door at the back of church). **Preschool & kindergarten families please bring only your child's copy paper, wipes, paper towels and tissues. All other supplies should be brought the first day of school.**
- * Tuesday, August 22nd, Meet the Teacher 6:00 p.m-7:00 p.m. Preschool- gr.3 classrooms are located in the Church basement and gr. 4-8 classrooms are in the Main Building. Please come to “Meet the Teacher” and classmates! There is no formal presentation at this event- you are simply free to come and check out your child's classroom and meet your child's teacher/other classmates.
 - New uniform sale in the East Wing 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
 - PE Uniform Information: Uniforms can be ordered through Tuffy Brooks (there is a link through our site) <https://www.tuffybrooks.com/collections/st-helen>
- * Thursday August 24th School starts for all of our students, Preschool through grade 8, first bell is at 7:55 a.m.; drop off begins at 7:35 a/m. **Breakfast will not be available until Monday, Aug 28th.**

This school year the majority of our communication will take place via email or our webpage (<https://www.sainthelenschool.org/>). You will especially want to check the CURRENT FAMILIES section of the website. Please make sure we have the most accurate email address on



file. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or email a member of the administration team (cwalters@sainthelenschool.org or ckash@sainthelenschool.org) with any questions or concerns. Please pray for our students, faculty, and families daily!

Blessings,

Chrissy Walters, Principal

Chris Kash, Assistant Principal