



July 27, 2022

Dear Families-

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year – we're glad you're here!!! Our school office will be open from 8:30 a.m.-3:00p.m Monday through Friday, August 1st - Aug 19th We will be closed August 22nd and normal office hours (7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) will begin August 23rd. Please stop in between August 2nd- Aug 19th to pick up your “Family Envelope”, which contains important paperwork for the new school year.

Those families relying on Dayton Public Schools for transportation this year, please make sure you check for a separate email with a very important letter attached changes on their end this 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 2022 St. Helen PTO Christmas Bazaar. We are excited to be back again this year, please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3rd. **We are looking for a few volunteers to join the planning committee.** If you are interested in joining the Christmas Bazaar leadership team please contact Amy Comer at sthelenchristmasbazaar@gmail.com. *Priority registration for craft vendors will be open for St. Helen school families starting July 25th!* If you would like to register for the 2022 bazaar please contact Amy at sthelenchristmasbazaar@gmail.com. Be sure to let Amy know you are a school family and register early to guarantee your space..

This year, we begin with a new family of parishes and schools through the Beacons of Light. With this start, we have a new leadership model with assistant principals at each school campus and a Principal over two campuses. Our family grouping is St Helen and Immaculate Conception and the other is St. Anthony and Holy Angels . With The Beacons of Light Family, our educational and spiritual focus and dynamic remains consistent.

Some up-coming events include:

- * Tuesday, August 2nd Family Envelopes available for pick up
- * Saturday, August 13th Class lists posted on the outside door of the Main Office Doors.
- * Saturday & Sunday, August 13 th & 14th Used uniform sale in the East Wing 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please contact Sara Slack (sara.slack1986@gmail.com)to volunteer. Volunteers may get free used uniform items in exchange for their time.
- *Sunday, August 21st Orientations for PreK, K, and 6th grade/new middle school families from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This will be for adults only. Preschool will use the East Wing (enter doors by flag pole), kindergarten in their classrooms (enter ramp door at the back of church), & middle school in the Smith Building. We know that middle school is a transition year so we are asking at least ONE parent/guardian to attend the orientation session. Preschool & kindergarten families please bring only your child's wipes, paper towels and tissues. All other supplies should be brought the first day of school..
- *Tuesday, August 23rd, Meet the Teacher 6:00 p.m-7:00 p.m. Class lists will be posted outside the classrooms (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 Tuffly Brooks (there is a link through our site) <https://www.tufflybrooks.com/collections/st-helen>

* Thursday August 25th School starts for all of our students, Preschool through grade 8, first bell is at 7:55a.m. ***Breakfast will not be available until Aug 29th.***

Communication is key to having a successful year. 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 hayers@sainthelenschool.org) with any questions or concerns. Please pray for our students, faculty, and families daily!

Blessings,

Christine Walters, Principal

Heather Ayers, Assistant Principal