



# St. Helen Catholic Elementary School



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## Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints.

I desire to join in their company,  
worshiping you forever in Heaven.

Please help me follow their footsteps,  
and yours, Jesus Christ.

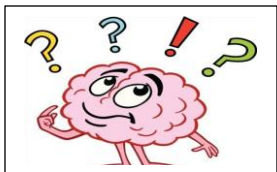
Please help me to conform myself  
to Your image,  
seeking Your will in all things,  
as the Saints did.

Please help me to devote myself,  
and all that I do, to Your glory,  
and to the service of my neighbors.

Amen.



## Virtue – Conscience



Conscience...is the voice of God within us. A developed conscience helps us make decisions that support truly loving relationships.

Please join us at our Virtue Assembly on **Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @9.30am.**

## Operation Christmas Child



**St. Helen is excited to be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year!**

We have already surpassed our goal of 50 shoeboxes!

Due to high demand, we can only offer one shoebox per family, if your child(ren) would like to fill more than one box, you can use any shoebox from home and wrap in Christmas wrapping paper and start filling!

We will provide labels for shoeboxes (boy, girl, age group etc) but if you need more you can always print directly from the website.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

The deadline for returning the filled shoebox to school is **Wednesday November 20, 2024.**

We invite families to fill a shoebox and help a child receive a present this Christmas

## NOW HIRING

**Great News!** St. Helen is currently looking to hire more **student monitors** to join the team.

If interested, please feel free to contact the office for an application package.



## Photo Day Retakes



Picture Retake Day

St. Helen Students will have an opportunity for picture retakes on: **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## PA Day

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**, is a PA Day. School is closed to students.



## Kindergarten Registration



Online Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year for DPCDSB schools is open.

Parents/guardians can register online at

<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/news/news-archives/kindergarten-registration-is-now-open>

The following documents are required to complete the registration process:

- ♣ Proof of age of the child
- ♣ Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or original baptismal certificate from a church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome.
- ♣ Immunization records
- ♣ Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- ♣ Proof of home address
- ♣ Proof of English Separate School Support

## Catholic School Council News

**Ever wondering how to get involved in the parent council?**



We have meetings throughout the school year to plan upcoming fundraisers and events like Spook A Thon, Breakfast with Santa, Pancake Tuesday, Fun Day and more. Our next meeting dates will be included in the newsletter.

### Volunteers Needed Regularly

If you are interested in volunteering for upcoming school council lead events and you have a criminal check, please reach out to the office and provide your contact details. We can contact you for upcoming events.

We hope to see you at our next parent council meeting or event.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our chocolate fundraiser! Update on total raised in the coming weeks.

### Save the Date

Dough Raiser November 22 - image attached to be put into the newsletter please.

Greenery and Poinsettia fundraiser is coming and more information will follow. Pick up November 26, 2024 between 4:00pm to 5:00pm - images attached if you are wanting to add.

Breakfast with Santa - come enjoy a breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 7th, 2024 more details to follow. image attached.

Our next CSC meeting will take place **November 28, 2024 @ 6:30pm**

## St Helen Candy Drive

Please consider donating some of your peanut/nut free candies to our candy drive.

This is a great opportunity to share Halloween candy with less fortunate children around the world.



Dr. Simone's charitable organization ships the candy directly to agencies who work with children who are malnourished and often dehydrated. The sugar in the candy stimulates their appetites and saliva which is necessary for these starving children to eat again.

Donations of candy, chocolate and chips will be collected from **Monday November 4-Friday November 8th.**

## Iona CSS Open House

**Iona Catholic Secondary School**



**Grade 7&8  
Open  
House**  
November 14, 2024  
6:30 pm  
2170 South Sheridan Way  
905-823-0136

**Iona's Small School Advantage**

- Broad based programs in Science, Business, Athletics, Math, French & Computers
- Regional Arts Program in Dance, Drama, Music, Visual & Media Arts
- Specialist High Skills Major Programs in Business; Justice, Community Safety & Emergency Services & Arts & Culture
- Wide range of Athletics, Clubs and co-curricular activities

**Visit our  
classrooms, meet  
our students,  
experience our  
programs and get  
registration  
information.**

For further details, visit us at [www.dpcdsb.org/ionas](http://www.dpcdsb.org/ionas), on YouTube at IonaCSS, on Instagram @ionacatholicmississauga and on Twitter @IonaCatholic





During the week of Halloween, we celebrated Spirit week at St. Helen. On Monday, it was Spooky Socks Day. On Tuesday, it was Spooky Hair Day. On Wednesday, it was Spooky Pajama Day. On Thursday, it was Costume Day and our Halloween Spook-O-Thon!

Each class had time at the Spook-O-Thon where they did crafts, tattoos, and dancing, and most of all, had fun. Also, every class made a pumpkin, and we all voted on whose pumpkin won. The winner of the pumpkin competition was by Mrs. Kosik's Kind-Hearted Kindergarten class! They made the Clifford pumpkin. Good job Kinders!

- Jennifer, Grade 8 Student from Mrs.

## ST. HELEN WELLNESS

Here is a picture of some of the grade 8 girls dancing during our Spook-O-Thon!

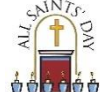









Here is a picture of some of the primary students having fun on our Spooky Pajama Day during our Spirit Week!





## MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> 	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Rosary Apostolates @STH 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Virtue Assembly @9.30am	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Remembrance Day Assembly @10.40 am 	<b>12</b> Progress Reports sent home	<b>13</b> Photo Day Retakes 	<b>14</b> Iona CSS Open House 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Muskoka Info Night 	<b>22</b> PA Day 	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> CSC Mtg #2 	<b>29</b> Virtue Assembly @1.15pm	<b>30</b>