



# St. Helen Catholic Elementary School



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**Loving God,  
Our creator, our savior, our companion,  
bless this journey of a new school year  
that we undertake today.  
Refresh our souls and renew our spirits  
as we embrace the beautiful ministry You have called  
us to.  
We welcome those who are new to this community  
and ask that  
You strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts You  
have given them.  
Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the  
return of students to this school,  
and may You guide them to return with open hearts  
and minds eager to learn.  
We ask this in Your name, Amen.**

# SCHOOL RE-ORGANIZATION UPDATE

As you are aware, **at the beginning of each school year, all staffing and class placements are tentative**. Due to changing enrolment and direction given by the Board's Planning Department, our school will need to re-organize classes and staffing. **If your child has been impacted by our school's re-organization, your child will receive a letter indicating the change in their classroom and/or teacher on Thursday September 12, 2024.** Students who are absent will receive a phone call from one of our school team members.

Our school team, made up of classroom teachers, support staff and school administration, has gone through a careful and thorough process to review each student impacted by the re-organization process. Please be assured that our school staff has given careful consideration, to minimize as much disruption as possible. As a result, each child has been placed in an engaging faith-based learning environment that meets the diverse needs of all learners and is founded on high expectations and standards, that foster spiritual growth, collaboration, and responsible citizenship.

While re-organization can impact our diverse learners differently, we would encourage you to **have a conversation with your child, in a private setting** regarding this change. Students impacted by re-organization will have an opportunity to visit their new classroom and or teacher on Friday afternoon, to ensure a smooth transition. As such, **class placements are final and will commence on Tuesday September 17, 2024**, after the Provincial Priorities & Re-Organization Day.

Please join us in welcoming our new and returning staff members for the 2024-2025 school year effective Tuesday September 17, 2024.

FDKA	Mrs. Porter
FDKB	Mrs. Kosik
FDKB	Mrs. Espinoza (DECE)
Gr. 1/2A	Mrs. Zagalak
Gr. 1/2B	Mrs. Sharman
Gr. 3A	Mrs. Long
Gr. 3/4A	Mr. Sergautis
Gr. 4/5A	Mrs. Todd
Gr. 5/6A	Mrs. Pietrangelo
Gr. 6A	Mr. Siddall
Gr. 7A	* TBD* Our Human Resources Department is in the process of filling this vacancy by September 17, 2024.
Gr. 8A	Mrs. Kirkbride
SERC/SERT	Mrs. Jay
SERT/ESL/PT	Mrs. Dawe
LIB/PT	Mr. Bonaccorso
FSL	Mrs. McEniry
ERW	Mrs. Knak-Kuliatovich
ERW	Mrs. Karlak
ERW	Miss Vessio
Child Youth Worker	Mr. Shaw
Social Worker	Miss Joseph Thomas
Speech Language	Mrs. Tsui
Psychologist	Mrs. Henry
Head Custodian	Mrs. Skrzypek
Evening Custodian	Mr. DeMaestri
Head Secretary	Mrs. Tiberi
Principal	Mr. Furtado

## PA DAY

Please be reminded that Monday September 16, 2024, is PA Day for Provincial Priorities & Re-Organization Day. School is closed to students.

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

To support student learning and achievement, parents/guardians are encouraged to drop their children off on time and when possible, avoid picking up their child(ren) during school hours to minimize disruptions to the learning environment.

8:45am	Supervision Starts
9:00am	Attendance & Morning Exercises
10:24-10:39am	Morning Recess
12:02-1:02 pm	Lunch 12:02-12:42 pm (Students Outdoors, Weather Permitting) 12:42-1:02 pm (Students Eat Lunch)
2:25-2:40 pm	Afternoon Recess
3:30pm	Dismissal

**St. Helen Sub Days, every Tuesday, starting September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



All subs come with a chocolate chunk cookie and a bottle of water.

Orders to be made on **SchoolCashOnline**.

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/195249/146/False/True>

Subs Provided by Subway.

**Orders due by Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**St. Helen Burger Days, every Wednesday, starting September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



**Burger Combo Includes:** 4oz Beef Burger, 4oz Plant-Based Burger OR Chicken Fingers (GF Options available)  
&  
Apple Slices OR Baby Carrots  
&  
Water Bottle OR Juice Box

Orders to be made on **SchoolCashOnline**.

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/195241/146/False/True>

Burgers Provided by Hero Burger.

**Orders due by Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**St. Helen Pizza Days, every Thursday, starting September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



Pizza options are Cheese or Pepperoni.

Orders to be made on **SchoolCashOnline**.

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/195248/146/False/True>

Pizza provided by Jopapas Pizza & Wings.

**Orders due by Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**St. Helen Snack Shop, every Friday, starting September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



The easy and convenient way for students to pre-order delicious snacks.

Orders to be made on **SchoolCashOnline**.

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/196449/146/False/True>

**Orders due by Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Once items have closed on School Cash, it cannot be reopened.**  
**Reminder emails will be sent, please add dates to calendar if needed.**  
**Thank you.**

## Virtue – Faith



Faith... is an attitude which encourages us to involve God in our lives and helps us to maintain and develop our relationships with God and with others both when things are going well and when they are not.

Please join us at our Virtue Assembly on **Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 1:15 pm.**

## Yard Supervision & Safety

Please do not send your child/children to school before 8:45 a.m. Staff supervision of students in the playground begins at 8:45am. To enhance the safety and security of our students, we also ask parents/guardians not to hold open doors for other visitors. Each visitor to the school is asked to ring the buzzer and the office admin will be happy to assist you. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

## Open House & Book Fair

Our annual Open House BBQ, Curriculum Night and Book Fair will be held on **Thursday, September 19, 2023.**



5:30-6:30pm	Meet and Greet and BBQ (school yard)
6:00-7:00pm	Classroom Visits
5:30-7:00pm	Book Fair in the Library

Book Fair purchases by card only  
(Debit, Visa, Mastercard, Amex, PayPal, Apple Pay).

**No Cash Payments.**



BBQ orders can be made through

**SchoolCashOnline.**

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/195233/146/False/True>

Ice Dawgs can be purchased through

**SchoolCashOnline.**

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/195235/146/False/True>

**Orders due by Sept 12<sup>th</sup> midnight.**

Late orders will not be accepted.

## Catholic School Council

Our Catholic School Councils provides an opportunity for parents and guardians to discern how their gifts and talents might serve the school community. As per the Ontario Regulation 612/00 and 298, the purpose of a school council is, through the active participation of the parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. In addition to the purpose of school councils as identified in the regulation, the mission of the Catholic School Councils (CSC) in the DPCDSB, is to promote, the vision, values and sacramental life of Catholic practices for the Catholic communities we serve.

If you're interested in holding a position and/or becoming a member on the **St. Helen Catholic School Council**, please submit the attached nomination form by **Friday September 20, 2024.** Completed nomination forms can be e-mailed [St.HelenInfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:St.HelenInfo@dpcdsb.org) or submitted through your child to the school. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend any St. Helen Catholic School Council meetings.

Our First CSC meeting will take place on **Thursday October 10, 2024 @ 7:00pm.** If elections are required, they will take place this evening.

[\(Please see attached nomination form\)](#)



## Terry Fox Walk



We are planning our annual Terry Fox walk on the morning of September 27, 2024. We have registered the school and parents/guardians can simply click on the link below to donate by searching for the school and then adding their donation.

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/67489>

## Picture Day – October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Showcase Your Best Smile**


- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!
- Please do not wear green to avoid blending into the background.

**REMINDER**

Sign up for notifications at [edgeimaging.ca/photoday](https://edgeimaging.ca/photoday) to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.

**DON'T FORGET**

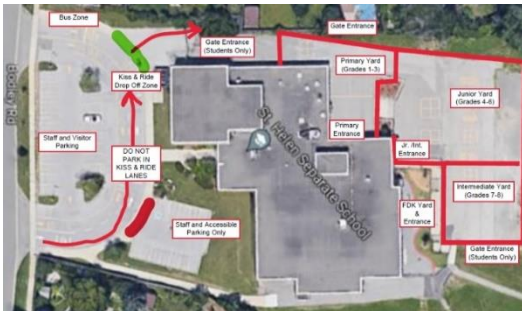
School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



## Kiss & Ride Procedures

To enhance the safety of all students, staff and visitors, we request that parents/guardians follow parking lot safety/etiquette rules and follow the guidelines below.

- FOLLOW SIGNAGE & DO NOT CUT IN FRONT OF OTHER VEHICLES AHEAD OF YOU.
- Do not speed when driving in the parking lot.
- Do not park your vehicle in the "Kiss and Ride" lane.
- remain in your vehicle and advance to the "Drop Off Zone" and advance in turn.
- If you need to get out of your vehicle to assist your child, advance in turn to the "Drop Off Zone" or consider parking so that you are not rushed.
- If the parking lot is full, additional parking may be found on the road, where legally permitted.
- Please do not release your child on the "Drive Thru" lane, as this is very dangerous.



## Fire Drills & Lockdown Procedures

We are required to conduct fire, lock-down and shelter in place throughout the school year. These practices are to ensure that students and staff are prepared in case we should need to respond to an emergency. More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

## Verification Package & Student Insurance

Your child(ren) will receive student insurance information along with a package (hard copy) containing school information, forms required and student verification information. Please review package and return to your child's teacher by Friday September 13, 2024. Electronic GF068 form is also attached.

## Pets Not Allowed on School



Parents/guardians are reminded that family pets such as dogs are not permitted on school grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

## Contacting Our School



Please feel free to contact the school at any time if you wish to reach out to our Main Office, your child's teacher or school administration. You

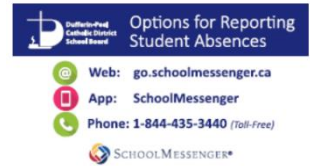
can call our school at (905) 822-4564 or email us at:

[St.HelenInfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:St.HelenInfo@dpcdsb.org)

**Please do not e-mail school staff/admin directly.**

## Absence Reporting

### DPCDSB Attendance Reporting Information with SafeArrival



Using SafeArrival, Parents/Guardians are required to report their child's absence, late arrival or early departure using **one** of these three methods:

- **Toll Free SchoolMessenger Phone Number 1 (844) 435-3440**
- **SchoolMessenger website:** [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)
- **SchoolMessenger App (blue icon)** from the *Apple App Store* or the *Google Play Store*.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Future absences can be reported at any time using this system. For more information on how to report an absence using SafeArrival, visit:

<https://www.dpcdsb.org/parents/absence-reporting>

For more information about attendance reporting and SafeArrival, please read: [Community Information Bulletin – Attendance Reporting.](#)

We appreciate your diligence and attention regarding the reporting of your child's attendance for the upcoming school year.

## Medication at School- EPI-PENS/PUFFERS

Each year, all medications, including Epi-pens/puffers, stored at school, are sent home on the last day of school, along with new forms to be completed for the 2024-2025 school year.

If your child requires an Epi-pens and/or puffer, please ensure that they have one on them at all times and an extra one is kept in the school office, in case of an emergency. Parents/guardians are required to fill out appropriate forms each school year.

**Please ensure that an epi-pen and/or puffer comes to school with your child.**

## Student Agendas

School agendas have been ordered for children in Grades 1-8 to assist your child in organizing his/her time. The teachers will be reviewing the importance of the agenda with their students. Your child is responsible to record their homework, upcoming projects/assignments, important dates, and teacher notices in their agenda. We are asking that you check your child's agenda on a daily basis to keep informed.






Please do not communicate confidential information regarding student progress/performance. These types of concerns are best served by arranging a meeting with your child's teacher(s).



# MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**\*\*UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS & DATES WILL BE ADDED TO SCHOOL WEBSITE\*\***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day 	3 First Day of School 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 BBQ orders close 	13	14
15	16 PA Day – No School 	17 Book Fair 	18 Book Fair 	19 Open House BBQ & Book Fair 	20 CSC Nomination Forms Due 	21
22	23  Truth & Reconciliation Week	24 Sub Day   Truth & Reconciliation Week	25 Burger Day   Truth & Reconciliation Week	26 Pizza Day   Truth & Reconciliation Week	27 Snack Shop  Terry Fox Walk 1:15pm Virtue Assembly-Faith  Truth & Reconciliation Week	28
29	30 Orange Shirt Day 