



# St. Helen Catholic Elementary School



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## Prayer for Thanksgiving

O, Heavenly Father:

We thank thee for food  
and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health,  
and remember the sick.

We thank thee for friends,  
And remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom,  
And remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,  
That thy gifts to us may be used for others.

Amen.



## Virtue – Empathy



Empathy...is the ability to put oneself in another's shoes and the capacity to feel what the other person is feeling.

Please join us at our Virtue Assembly on **Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 @9.30am.**

## School Field Trips



Our Gr. 5/6A & 6A students will be going on a school trip to the Silver Creek Conservation Area on **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** *Permission forms have been sent home.*



Our FDK classes will be going on a very exciting school trip to Andrews Scenic Farms on **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** *Permission forms have been sent home.*

## Thanksgiving Day



Monday October 14th, 2024 is Thanksgiving Day. There will be no school on this day. We wish you an enjoyable long weekend with your family.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving is fast approaching which means it is Our Youth Faith Ambassadors (YFAs) will begin collecting food and taking a tally on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will keep a tally of class totals in the front foyer and the class who brings in the most non-perishable items will win a MOVIE AND POPCORN PARTY!



The food drive will run from Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> until Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Staffing Updates

Please join us in welcoming **Mrs. Samlal, OCT and Mr. Duarte, OCT** to our St. Helen school community.

Mrs. Samlal has been assigned to the **0.5 Planning Time (PT)** position, **effective Tuesday October 1, 2024.**

Mr. Duarte, who will be replacing Mrs. McEniry, has been assigned to the **1.0 French (FSL)** position, **effective Monday October 7, 2024.**

We would like to thank Mrs. McEniry for her contribution to our school community and wish her all the best.

## 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

Photo Day is Approaching!



St. Helen Students will have their school picture taken on: **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## Catholic School Council News

Our first CSC meeting will take place **October 10, 2024 @ 7:00pm**



If elections are required, they will take place this evening.

## Lunch Programs

Subway, Burgers, Pizza & Snack Shop orders for **the remainder of the year** can now be purchased on *SchoolCashOnline*. Orders are done on a Monthly basis. Once items have closed online, they cannot be reopened.



## PA Day

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, is a PA Day. School is closed to students.



## Vaccine Clinic



Vaccine clinics for routine immunizations HPV-9, Hepatitis B & Meningococcal ACYW-135 are coming to our school on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**. To help protect your child from severe diseases and get them back on track, PPH will be offering these immunizations to Gr.7 & 8 students at school. Please complete a consent form to ensure your child is vaccinated during the clinic dates at their school. Visit Peel Region's website and follow the instructions to print and fill out the consent form and the standard assessment questionnaire. Please return the completed form to the school before or on the morning of the clinic date. Students who have an existing consent from earlier this year or previous years, or if parents completed an online or verbal consent, do not need to complete a new consent (unless your consent choice has changed). If you have any questions or want to learn more, please visit [peelregion.ca/immunize](http://peelregion.ca/immunize) or call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.

## Primary Assessment Results (Grade 3)

## EQAO Results

We are very pleased to share the EQAO results just released by the Education Quality Accountability Office for our school during the 2023-2024 assessment period.

<https://www.eqao.com/results/?orgType=S&mident=796468&yearnum=2024>

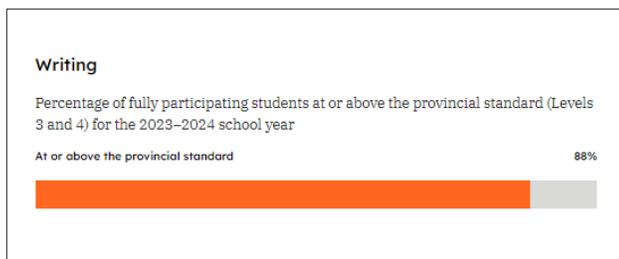
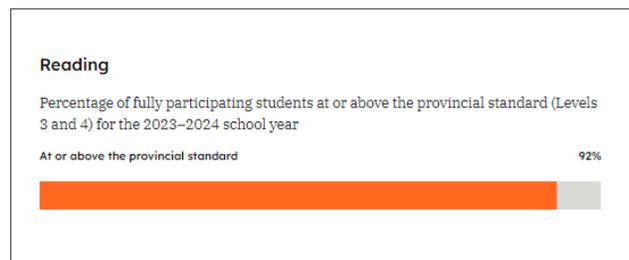
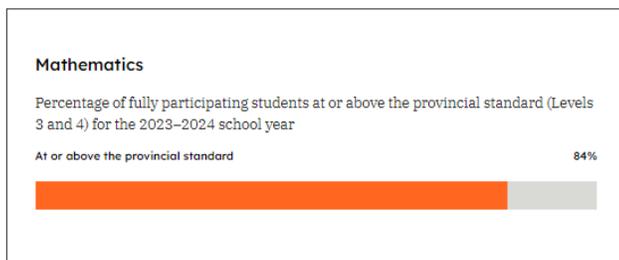
The grade 3 assessment results indicate that our students performed at a very high standard in all three assessment areas, mathematics, reading and writing.

Additionally, the grade 6 assessment results indicate that our students performed at a very high standard in the assessment areas of reading and writing. While only 52% of students were at or above provincial standards in mathematics, it is important to know that this was a 16% increase from the 2022-2023 assessment.

While this great news is a testament to the ongoing efforts and strategies that our school staff continue to employ in all areas, it is also a reflection of the collaboration of our parent community to promote high achievement amongst our students.

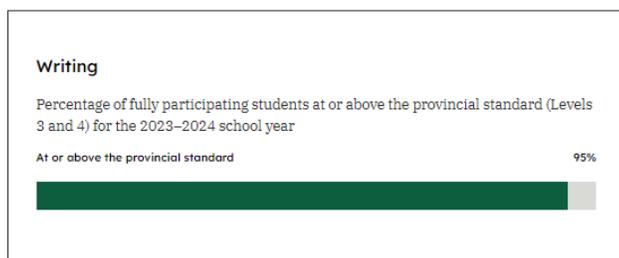
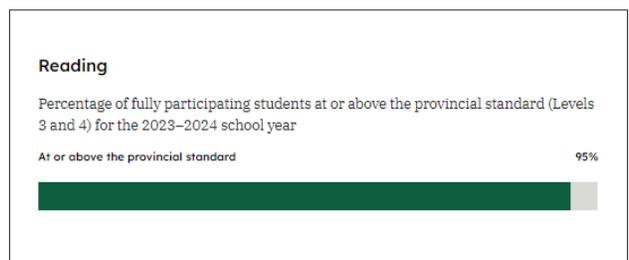
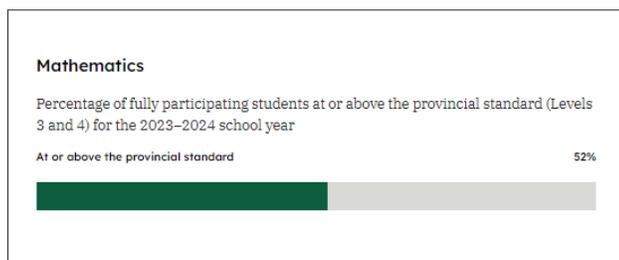
Students who participated in the grade 3 and 6 assessments will have their results sent home individually.

### Achievement Results



## Junior Assessment Results (Grade 6)

### Achievement Results





## MONTH OF OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 5/6A & 6A students @ Silver Creek 	5 International Teachers Day 
6	7 Rosary Apostolates @STH 	8	9	10 CSC Mtg @ 7pm 	11 PA Day – No School 	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day 	15 Picture Day 	16 Cross Country Family Meet 	17 Opening School Mass 	18 FDK's @ Andrews Scenic Farms 	19
20	21 IONA visit – Gr. 8 	22	23 Vaccine Clinic Gr. 7&8 	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 		