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HELEN

Prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit
upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do
and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious
over many things look forward
to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people,
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.



Virtue – Hope



Hope...is the virtue of relying on God. It keeps us searching for true happiness and sustains us during hard times or discouragement.

Our virtue of Hope Assembly is **Thursday, Dec 19th @ 9.30am.**

Christmas Events @ St. Helen

Spirit Week

Monday, December 16th – Twinkle Monday: Wear **red & green** or anything Christmas theme!

Tuesday, December 17th – **Santa's Workshop Imposters: Dress like you work in Santa's shop (e.g. Santa, an elf, reindeer, toy, tree, etc.)** (Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal)

Wednesday, December 18th – **Countdown to Christmas (class specific – matches Christmas concert theme)** (Christmas Concert)

Thursday, December 19th – **Christmas Accessory Day (eg: holiday hair, head bands, hats, socks, etc.)** (Virtue Assembly @9.30am)

Friday, December 20th – **Night before Christmas: Wear your coziest (school appropriate) PJ's!**

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas concert will take place on **Wednesday, December 18th.**



We will have an AM performance and a PM performance. Our theme this year is Countdown to Christmas.
More information to follow.

Christmas Break



Friday, December 20th, 2024, is the last day of school before Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, January 6th, 2025.

Advent Mass



St Helen will have an Advent Mass **Friday, December 13th at 1:30pm.**

Parents and families are welcome to attend.

Christmas Angel Tree



This year St Helen Catholic School will once again be participating Christmas Angels on the tree to help support families in need in our community and across DPCDSB.

Our Christmas tree angels will be hung on our school Christmas tree in the front foyer of the school. To support our angel tree initiative, families are asked to purchase a gift card to donate that would support a family.

If you can support the initiative, more information has been sent home with your child(ren).

We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continues generosity and support.

Breakfast with Santa

Your Parent School Council has arranged for Breakfast with Santa!



We invite all families to join us on **Saturday, December 7** between **9AM and 11AM**. In addition to breakfast, there will be crafts for the children!

Santa will arrive at 9.30am. Anyone is welcome to visit Santa. Make sure to bring your cameras for pictures

REMINDER: We Cannot accept Cash at the door.

Orders are through School Cash Online ONLY.

Click on link below to order.

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/209938/146/False/True>

Holiday Food Drive

The Holiday Season is a time for giving thanks, giving back and spreading cheer.



We are asking those attending the Christmas concert to donate a non-perishable food item for families less fortunate.

Please check expiry dates prior to donating non-perishable food items.

Help us make this Christmas magical and joyful for all!

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

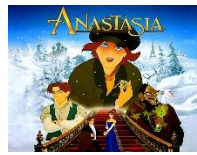
NOW HIRING



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.

IONA Drama Presents Anastasia



On **Tuesday December 10, 2024**, students Grades 6-8 will be going on a trip to Iona Secondary School to watch the performance, Anastasia.

More information on SchoolCashOnline.

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

Community Information

Bulletin: Weather Related Bus Cancellations and System Closures

Please read the following [Community Information Bulletin](#) for information about Weather Related Bus Cancellations and System Closures

Grade 9 Pathways

The following link will assist parents/guardians in discerning appropriate pathways for your child in grade 9. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the grade 9 secondary school you intend to register your child.

<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/secondary/transition-tosecondary>

STUDENT VOICE

St. Helen Newsletter
December 2024



On November 26, 2024 the intermediate girls volleyball team went to their tournament and won their first two games. They played amazingly, and their skills and talks were great. They ended their tournament with 2nd place. Also on November 28, 2024 the boys team also played great and finished their games with 2nd place as well. The boys and girls have been scrimmaging with each other for the last couple of weeks, and practicing as well. Great job Hurricanes!

- Teresa S.H., Grade 8 student
from Mrs. Kirkbride's class



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In the month of November, our school had a fundraiser to give to children in need for Christmas. This was called operation Christmas child. Our goal was to fill 50 shoe boxes full of items consisting of toys and clothes to give to children across the world who weren't fortunate enough to receive Christmas presents. Our school not only surpassed our goal, but absolutely destroyed it with 70+ shoeboxes! I thank everyone who participated in this event. Thank you, Hurricanes!

- Kody L, Grade 8 student from Mrs. Kirkbride's class





MONTH OF DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent 	2 CSC Mtg @6.30pm 	3	4	5 Int Boys Volleyball Tournament 	6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Dec 6 	7 Breakfast with Santa 9-11am 
8 Second Sunday of Advent 	9 Rosary Apostolates @STH 	10 Iona Play Gr.6-8 	11	12	13 Advent School Mass @ 1.30pm 	14
15 Third Sunday of Advent 	16 Christmas Spirit Week	17 Christmas Spirit Week	18  Christmas Spirit Week Christmas Concert am & pm Performances	19 Christmas Spirit Week Virtue Assembly @ 9.30am	20 Christmas Spirit Week Last Day of School 	21
22	23	24  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve 				

