



# St. Helen Catholic Elementary School



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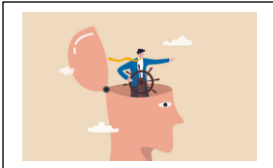
**School Website:**  
<http://www.dpcdsb.org/>  
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## New Year's Prayer

Lord, we look toward you,  
our hope, our peace,  
and our comfort in this New Year.  
As we enter into the unknown  
of the coming year,  
we ask for your guidance and wisdom.  
Illuminate our path with your light  
so that we may walk in your ways  
and make choices that align with your will.  
Help us to seek first your kingdom  
and trust that all other things  
will be added unto us.  
Amen.

## Virtue – Self-Control



Self-Control/Decision-Making...is regulating your thoughts and actions so that you stop any pressures from within or without and act the way you know and feel is right.

Our virtue of Self-Control Assembly is **Friday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> @ 1.15pm.**

## Field Trips



On **Thursday January 23, 2025**, our 5/6-A and 6-A classes will be going on a field trip to *Crawford Lake Conservation Area*.



On **Thursday January 30, 2025**, our FDK classes will be going on a field trip to the Living Arts Centre to watch a live performance of *The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System*.

More information on SchoolCashOnline.

## PA Day



January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is a PA Day. School will be closed for students.

## Clothing in Cold Weather



Children will go outside for recess and lunch hour, weather permitting. On extremely cold days, we limit the amount of time students spend outdoors. Children will be kept in at recess if the wind chill equivalent temperature is minus 25 degrees Celsius or lower. This is in accordance with the policy of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. Children should come to school with boots, winter coats, snow pants, scarves, hats, mittens, etc. As well, in order to keep their workplace clean, please ensure your child has a pair of "indoor" shoes. Thank you for your support.

## St. Helen Lunch Programs

Our Lunch Programs will resume next week (Subs, Burgers, Pizza).

All items are now available on *SchoolCashOnline* to purchase.

For January orders can be placed week by week and will resume in February on a monthly basis.

First Sub Day in January: **Tuesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.**

First Burger Day in January: **Wednesday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.**

First Pizza Day in January: **Thursday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>.**

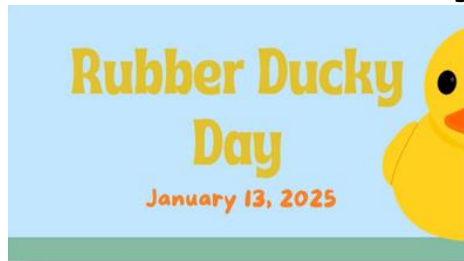
Please note there will **NOT** be any lunch days this week.

### Reminder:

Our lunch recess schedule has changed

- Lunch Schedule:
- 12:02-12:22pm Students eat lunch in their classrooms.
- 12:22-1:02pm Outdoor Recess (weather permitting)

## National Rubber Ducky Day



Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> is National Rubber Ducky Day. Junior and Intermediate classes will be paired with primary classes to participate in this years first ever Rubber Ducky Day Esti-Mystery Math Challenge Contest!

## Krispy Kreme Doughnuts!



St. Helen Parent Council is selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts! We are raising money for Team Jerseys for sports events!

Item is now available for purchase on *SchoolCashOnline*.  
<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/216778/146/False/True>

LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH - \$15 per Dozen Glazed Doughnuts!  
More information in the attached flyer.

## 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 dough raiser and Breakfast with Santa.

We raised \$290.00 from our dough raiser!

### Save the Date

**Krispy Kreme donuts** Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, more information will be sent out.

**Dough Raiser**, more information to come.

Our next CSC meeting will take place  
**February 6, 2025 @ 6:30pm**

## PLASP Before & After School Program

PLASP Child Care Services is now accepting registrations for their before and after school programs at this school.



Programs meet the high standards to be licensed by the Ministry of Education. Highly trained staff facilitate fun, age-appropriate activities both indoors and outdoors. Fees for children under 6 years of age are now discounted as part of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system.

PLASP Child Care Services is a charitable organization, operating on a not-for-profit basis, providing award winning programs for children, for more than 40 years.

Visit [plasp.com](https://plasp.com) to register, or contact the **PLASP Support Services Centre** at **647-484-4372**. Available space is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

## 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

## 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.



# STUDENT VOICE

St. Helen Newsletter January

2025



## St. Helen Christmas Concert:

Hello parents, in this short paragraph I will tell you about how our Christmas concert went this year. If you are a new parent to this school, we have this annual Christmas concert that we hold every year that us students perform in front of our parents. I can say it was a wonderful performance this year and all the classes, actors, readers, and musicians did amazing, like Mrs. Kirkbride's class with their amazing performance with the recorders and Miss Porter's kindergarten class performing Santa Claus Is Coming To Town. That is all that happened in the Christmas concert and I want to thank you all for being there watching us students perform and Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year!

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

## CANDY CANE FUNDRAISER

In December of 2024, Candy grams were sold from Mrs. Kirkbride's grade 8 class. Secret elves from the North Pole came and went around classrooms talking about the candy cane grams, singing songs, and getting the school excited! We sold over 1,000 candy canes! The proceeds of the sales will go towards our grade 8 end of the year school trip to Muskoka. Thank you to everyone who supported us!

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





# January

## MONTH OF JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> New Years Day 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  National Rubber Ducky Day  Rosary Apostolates @ STH	<b>14</b> Sub Day 	<b>15</b> Burger Day 	<b>16</b> Pizza Day 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> PA Day – No School	<b>21</b> Sub Day 	<b>22</b> Burger Day 	<b>23</b>  Pizza Day  5/6A & 6A @ Crawford Lake	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> National Holocaust Day	<b>28</b> Sub Day 	<b>29</b> Burger Day 	<b>30</b>  Pizza Day  FDK Classes Field Trip	<b>31</b> Virtue Assembly @1.15pm	