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An Easter Prayer



May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide.
Amen.

Virtue – Love



Love... is not just an emotion it is also a decision. Love involves a deliberate choice to give and to

serve others even though the service may go unnoticed and unappreciated.

Thank you to parents/guardians who were able to join us for the Virtue Assembly-Kindness.

Our Next Virtue Assembly-Love is on Friday May 2nd @9.30am. **Parents and guardians are welcome.**

Holy Week & Easter Holidays

Holy Week:

Starts Monday April 14

Holy Thursday:

Please join us for the Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross Liturgy @ 9:30am. **Parents and guardians are welcome.**



Good Friday & Easter Monday:

A reminder that the **school will be closed April 18th** for Good Friday and **April 21st** for Easter Monday.

Easter Mass



Please join us at our Easter Mass on Friday April 25th @1.30pm. **Parents and guardians are welcome.**

Lunch Programs

Subs, Burgers & Pizza lunch orders for the **remainder of the school year** can now be purchased on **SchoolCashOnline**.

Orders are taken on a monthly basis.



May Sub Day:

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/220248/146/False/True>

May Burger Day:

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/220256/146/False/True>

May Pizza Day:

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/220647/146/False/True>

Dental Screenings



Peel Public Health will be providing free dental screenings at St. Helen School for grades JK, SK, 2 & 7 on **April 15th 2025.**

Please see the attached flyer with all information.

Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day

Grad Photo Day is Approaching.

Our Graduation class of 2024 will have their picture taken on:



Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

Caps and gowns will be provided.

It is advised that students wear a white collared shirt.

Celebrate this moment with **MILESTONE PHOTOS**

HOW IT WORKS

- Dress to impress! Please wear a white collared shirt, along with a necktie if you wish.
- Following physical distancing procedures, your photographer will take 4 photos of you on 2 backgrounds.
*All four photos will be taken either with or without a gown, depending on school policies.
- Approximately 2 weeks after photo day, your proofs will arrive at school. Please place your order online at edgeimaging.ca/order



REMEMBER THE WHOLE CLASS

In addition to your portrait session, you have the option to purchase an 11 x 14 Graduating Class Composite in an embossed hard cover folder.
*composite must be purchased before photo order due date, which will be listed on your proofs
Go to edgeimaging.ca/mycomp to purchase your composite **before** photo day using school code:



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Catholic Education Week



Catholic Education Week begins on a Sunday to highlight the partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education between our Catholic schools and

local Catholic parishes. Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society. This year's CEW will be held May 4-9, 2025. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope."

Along with many classroom activities the following events will be taking place:

Monday May 5th

Rosary Apostolates-Celebration of Mary Liturgy

Tuesday May 6th



We welcome the MFD who will be conducting fire safety presentations with our students.

Wednesday May 7th

Classroom Activities

Thursday May 8th

6:30pm Journey into Learning-Welcome to JK

Friday May 8th

Classroom Activities

Parents and guardians are welcome to school-wide presentations.

MS School Speech School Finals

The annual Mississauga South Public Speaking competition will take place on [Friday April 25th, 2025 @ St. Catherine of Sienna CES.](#)

St. Helen Junior-Intermediate Speech Competition

Classroom Competition: March 31-April 4
School Finals Monday April 14, 2025

Junior Competition 9:30am
Intermediate Competition @ 10:45am
Presentation of top speeches @11:45am

Parents and guardians are welcome.

MS Family Basketball Tournaments

Mississauga South Intermediate Basketball tournaments will take place on the following days:



Girls Tuesday April 15th @ John XXIII CES

Boys Tuesday April 16th @ St. Raymond CES

Thank you to Mr. Sergautis for coaching.

MS Family Chess Tournament



Mississauga South Family Chess Tournament will be held at St. David of Wales on [Wednesday April 9th, 2025.](#)

Vaccine Clinic

Vaccine clinics for routine immunizations are coming to your school! The next clinics at your school will be **Friday April 11th 2025**. These vaccines will be administered to Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 students **only**. More information has been sent to those families.



Gr. 8 Trip to Camp Muskoka



Our Grade 8 students and staff are excited to participate in the overnight trip to Camp Muskoka on April 28th – 30th.

Thank you to Mrs. Kirkbride, Mrs. Dawe, Mr. Furtado, and Mr. MacDonald for planning, supervising and making this trip possible for our grade 8 graduates.

Grades 3-4 Trip to Crawford Lake



Mrs. Long's & Mr. Sergautis' classes will be going on a trip to Crawford Lake on April 30th. More information on [SchoolCashOnline](#). Permission forms have been sent home.

World Autism Day



Autism is a complex disorder of brain development. Autism is characterized by difficulty in social interactions, both verbal and non-verbal communication as well as repetitive behaviour. There is still a lot to learn about Autism. World Autism Day is Wednesday April 2, 2025. application package.

Earth Day 2025



Earth Day is on Tuesday April 22, 2025. Our students will be participating in class and school-wide activities led by our school Eco- Team. Current initiatives

include, *Litter less lunches, Lights out Fridays and eco gardening and beautification.*

EQAO Grade 3 & 6 Provincial Assessments 2025

Please be advised that student preparations for the EQAO assessments will commence May 12-15. Please refer to schedule below.

St. Helen EQAO Schedule 2025
(Gr. 3 & 6 Schedule)

Mon. May 12	Tue. May 13	Wed. May 14	Thur. May 15	Fri. May 16
EQAO Practice Gr. 3 & 6 Class Preparations	EQAO Practice Gr. 3 & 6 Class Preparations	EQAO Practice Gr. 3 & 6 Class Preparations	EQAO Practice Gr. 3 & 6 Class Preparations	PA DAY
Mon. May 19	Tue. May 20	Wed. May 21	Thur. May 22	Fri. May 23
Victoria Day	Grade 6 10:45am-11:45am LANG – Reading A 1:15pm-2:15pm MATH – Stage 1	Grade 6 10:45am-11:45am LANG – Writing B 1:15pm-2:15pm MATH – Stage 2	Grade 6 10:45am-11:45am LANG – Reading C 1:15pm-2:15pm MATH – Stage 3	Grade 6 10:45am-11:45am LANG – Writing D 1:15pm-2:15pm MATH – Stage 4
Mon. May 26	Tue. May 27	Wed. May 28	Thur. May 29	Fri. May 30
Grade 6 Make-Up Day (If needed) Grade 3 Class Preparations	Grade 6 Make-Up Day (If needed) Grade 3 Class Preparations	X-Movement	X-Movement	X-Movement
Mon. June 2	Tue. June 3	Wed. June 4	Thur. June 5	Fri. June 6
Grade 3 10:45am-11:45am LANG – Reading A 1:15pm-2:15pm MATH – Stage 1	Grade 3 10:45am-11:45am LANG – Writing B 1:15pm-2:15pm MATH – Stage 2	Grade 3 10:45am-11:45am LANG – Reading C 1:15pm-2:15pm MATH – Stage 3	Grade 3 10:45am-11:45am LANG – Writing D 1:15pm-2:15pm MATH – Stage 4	Grade 3/6 Make-Up Day (If needed)
Mon. June 9	Tue. June 10	Wed. June 11	Thur. June 12	Fri. June 13
PA DAY	Grade 3/6 Make-Up Day (If needed)	Grade 3/6 Make-Up Day (If needed) EQAO ENDS		

HIRING-Lunch Supervisors



We are continuously looking to hire more **lunch supervisors** to join the team.

Lunch supervisors are needed daily during the lunch hour (12.02pm-1.02pm).

If interested, please feel free to contact the office.

Riding Bicycles to School



As warmer weather approaches many students are going to choose to ride their bikes to school. We have a bicycle rack by the kindergarten yard. Please keep in mind that students are not to ride their bikes on school property including pathways. The school cannot be responsible for any lost or damaged bikes. Students are strongly encouraged to lock their bikes and bring their helmets inside the school.

St. Helen will be participating in B2SW the week of Monday May 26th.

Refer [here](#) for more information on **Bike Month and Bike to School Week (B2SW)** in Peel

Federal Elections 2025



Please be advised that St. Helen CES has been designated to be a polling station during the upcoming Federal Elections on April 28, 2025.

As such, parents/guardians may encounter a higher than usual volume of traffic and minimized parking throughout the school day, especially at morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

After School Use of School Grounds

Due to licensed facility use by afterschool our programs and promoting school safety at dismissal, parents/guardians are reminded to leave school grounds, including adjacent park/baseball diamond immediately after picking up their child(ren).

Are You Moving?



If you are planning a move or have already moved, please let us know. If you are moving to a new school, we will give you a transfer form to take you to the new school. We will be preparing classes for September 2025 and this information will be helpful in determining class sizes. If you are requesting flex boundary consideration, please note that transportation is your responsibility.

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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Krispy Kreme fundraiser!

We sold 96 boxes of donuts!

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.

Dough Raiser - more information to come.

Our next CSC meeting will take place

April 24, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Upcoming Dates (May-June):

May 2	9:30am Virtue Assembly-Love (Kosik)
May 5-9	Catholic Education Week (CEW)
May 5	Rosary Apostolates-Celebration of Mary
May 8	6:30pm FDK Journey into Learning
May 12-15	EQAO Gr. 3-6 Class Preparations
May 16	PA Day-Provincial Priorities
May 19	Victoria Day
May 20-23	EQAO Gr. 6 Assessments
May 26-27	EQAO Gr. 6 Make-Up Days
May 28-30	X-Movement-Extravaganza
May 29	6:30pm X-Movement Parent Evening
May 30	1:30pm Virtue Assembly-Acceptance
June 2-5	EQAO Gr. 3 Assessments
June 6, 10, 11	EQAO Gr. 3 or 6 Make-Up Days
June 9	PA Day-T2 Assessment & Evaluation
June 13	T2 Reports Due to Office Fire Drill 1:30pm Year End Mass
June 20	Fun Day-Play Day
June 21	National Indigenous People's Day 5:00pm Gr. 2 First Holy Communion
June 22	10:00am Gr. 2 First Holy Communion
June 23	Fun Day-Play Day (RAIN DATE)
June 24	T2 Reports & IEP3 Sent Home 1:00pm SK Celebration of Learning
June 25	12:00pm Grade 8 Luncheon (TBD) 6:30pm Gr. 8 Graduation Mass 7:30pm Graduation Ceremonies
June 26	Virtue Assembly-Fairness (Fernandes)
June 27	Last Day of School

SHROVE TUESDAY



This month we celebrated Shrove Tuesday at school by eating pancakes. It was a great way to start off Lent.

Lent will end at Easter. The grade 8s have been practicing for the stations of the cross assembly during Holy Week.

Thank you to the St. Helen staff making hundreds of pancakes! Thank you also to Mr. Furtado for delivering pancakes to each class for us to enjoy. The students were very grateful for the pancakes and really enjoyed them.

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

2025

DR. SUESS

In March, our kindergartens celebrated Dr. Suess's birthday! Our grade 8 students helped out Ms. Porter's kindergarten class during Dr. Suess's week. Mrs.

Kirkbride and Mrs. Porter dressed up as Thing One and Thing Two and even had blue hair! We first partnered with 1-3 kids and helped them make their own Dr. Suess hats. They then got to write words that rhyme with cat on their hat.

They then coloured their hats in! After that, we glued the hat together and then it was finally wearable. We read some books together and then said bye to our partners and returned back to our classes.

- Sofia T., Grade 8 student from Mrs. Kirkbride's class





MONTH OF APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sub Day Speech Comp-Classroom Level	2 Burger Day Speech Comp-Classroom Level	3 Pizza Day Speech Comp-Classroom Level	4 Speech Comp-Classroom Level	5
6	7 Rosary Apostolates @STH	8 Sub Day Grad Photo Day	9 Burger Day MS Chess Comp	10 Pizza Day	11 Vaccine Clinic Fire Drill	12
13	14	15 Sub Day Dental Screening Girls Int. Basketball	16 Burger Day Speech Comp-School Finals Boys Int. Basketball	17 Pizza Day Holy Thursday	18 	19
20 	21 Easter Monday	22 Sub Day Earth Day	23 Burger Day	24 Pizza Day CSC Mtg @6.30pm	25 MS Speech Comp Easter School Mass @1.30pm	26
27	28 	29 Sub Day 	30 Burger Day Crawford Lake Trip			