



PARENT NEWSLETTER

Our Mission:

St. Helen Catholic School is committed to educating the whole person to see with Christ's eyes.

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Principal's Corner

What you do and say as Catholic parents will teach your child(ren) far more than we at St. Helen Catholic School could. Your example at home and in the community speaks volumes to today's youth. Children observe our every move. The observation may be unintentional, but it is there. As conscientious parents, you are serious about your child growing strong in the Catholic faith. (Families of other dominations will be models and share their faith with their children.) With the beginning of a new school year, St. Helen Catholic School is privileged to support you in sharing the love of God with your child(ren). You are, as the bishops of the United States say, your child's primary educators in the faith. Attend Mass weekly so your child experiences being part of a worshiping parish community. Remember to pray at home, especially in the morning, before meals, and at bed time. Monthly our school will focus on a gospel value. We ask that you as parents support our mission: **to educate the whole person to see with Christ's eyes.** Monthly, we will include the value of the month in the school's newsletter. Please work with us to make a difference in the lives of our students.

The Saint Rita Activity Center or PAC is almost complete. A few more FINAL inspections are scheduled before we get the Certificate of Occupancy. One major inspection is scheduled at 10am tomorrow (Friday). When this building is completed, our parish and school will have a wonderful gift. Over the past few weeks, I've had the opportunity to watch the progress from the inside. After my "visit" yesterday, I can guarantee all will be very pleased with this GIFT. The gym or multi-purpose is awesome! In all of my years in education, I have never had the privilege of working with and in such a great facility. The three classrooms will be a positive addition for our middle school students. One of the three classrooms will be the Eighth Grade homeroom as well as our science lab for middle school. All of our students will have the opportunity to be in the gym.

The gift from the school (last year's annual fund proceeds) will be presented to Father Louis after tomorrow's Mass. Members of the school's finance committee and the chairs of last year's annual fund will present the check of \$155,000.00. All are invited to attend.

We will notify you when we will move into the new facility.

Sign at the entrance of the new building (the entrance in front of the Church Office).



Join us for the first Parent Breakfast of the new school year on Wednesday, September 1st at 8am in Frizelle Hall. The breakfast is sponsored by the PreK and Kindergarten parents.



Book Club Info: The Book Club will be having its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 1st in the Pawlicki Center after the parent breakfast (around 8:45am). Please join us for coffee and snacks as we discuss the upcoming year and choose our first selection. Bring your suggestions! All books should be Catholic in author or theme. Little ones are welcome! Need info? Contact Donna Phipps at thephipps5@verizon.net or 869-2083.



Racing to the Finish Line!



The gym floor is almost done!!



One of two church logos on the gym floor.



The new furniture is here – above is the Science furniture.



Furniture in the 7th grade classroom.

September Events

Wed., Sept. 1st: Parent Breakfast (see above)

Mon., Sept. 6th: Labor Day (No Classes)

Thurs., Sept. 2nd: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night (more information on this page)

Mon., Sept. 13th: Spirit Wear Day (refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for details)

Thurs., Sept. 16th: Mid-Quarter Progress Reports issued.

Wed., Sept. 29th: Faculty In-Service (Early Dismissal 12:15)

Spirit Wear Update



A committee is working on updating our spirit wear. Be on the lookout for an order form coming home soon!

Spirit night

Thursday, September 2, 2010

5:00 PM– 8:00 PM

Simply go to the Wolf Ranch Chick-Fil-A on September 2nd and drop your receipt in the fund raiser box and St. Helen Catholic School will receive a percentage of the sales.

Please remember that our students are representing St. Helen Catholic School and their behavior should reflect this.

Volunteers are needed to collect receipts. Limited spots are available for Middle School students to receive service hours for this. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Staci Barger stacib@bargers.com.

Mark Your Calendar Annual Fund Party Dates

Grades PK-2	September 10, 2010 7pm
Grades 6-8	September 17, 2010 7pm
Grades 3-5	October 1, 2010 7pm

Picture Day is just around the corner. In your child's Thursday folder there is an order form with instructions.



Please note this meeting date has changed

Golf Tournament Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 2, 2010

8:00 am in Frizelle Hall

Box Tops for Education is a simple way to raise money for the school. Please click on this [link](#) to read a letter from Mrs. Valerie Lott, a SHCS parent who coordinates this program.