



# Parent Newsletter

## **Our Mission:**

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

## **Summer Edition #1**

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### **A Note from Our Principal**

Excitement is beginning to build regarding the building of the Parish Activity Center (PAC) by St. Helen Parish. Ground breaking is scheduled for this fall and the building to be completed by the 2010-2011 school year (next school year). Members of St. Helen Parish are consulting with members of the Austin Diocese Building committee and Diocesan finance department. The building committee meets weekly.

The PAC Building will house three meeting rooms which will be used as classrooms for the middle school, a large meeting room for about 200 people, a gym, a locker room, and a kitchen. (One of the classrooms will be used as a science lab.) After the completion of the PAC Building, North Frizelle Hall will also be renovated. There is much excitement regarding the growth at St. Helen.

It is with much sadness that I inform all of you that Crystal Blahnik will not be on our staff for the '09-'10 school year. She will leave our staff on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Below you will find her letter to our school community.

*It is with a great deal of mixed emotions that I share my news with you. After much prayer and discernment, I have accepted the principalship at Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Granger. While I have studied and trained for this opportunity for a long time, I am deeply humbled by the fact that the school trustees would choose me to be the guardian of their school community. St. Helen Catholic School has been a huge source of joy and growth for me both personally and professionally, which makes leaving all the more difficult.*

*I know that St. Helen Catholic School is about to embark on a very exciting chapter in its history, and I will be eagerly watching the growth of this school and the ways that it will continue to have a positive impact on the students who roam these halls.*

*More than anything I want each of you to know that I have thoroughly enjoyed my interactions with you and your children. There is a special spark that this school has, and I will certainly miss being a part of the energy here.*

*Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we embark on this journey in our lives, and also please keep the growth of Sts. Cyril and Methodius School in your prayers as well.*

*May God Bless You.*

*Sincerely,*

*Crystal R. Blahnik*

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We wish the best for Mrs. Blahnik as she steps into the role as principal of Sts. Cyril and Methodius School.