

Dear Families-

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year — we're glad you're here!!! Our school office will be open from 8:30 am-3:00 p.m Monday through Friday, August 5th - Aug 16th. Normal office hours (7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) will begin August 19th. Please stop in between August 5th- Aug 16th to pick up your "Family Envelope", which contains important paperwork for the new school year.

If you are interested in volunteering during the school year in any capacity please follow the directions on the attached SafeParish Document then contact Mel McWilliams in the parish office for a Fastrax Token! If these requirements aren't met you will be unable to volunteer in any capacity. Her contact info is 937-254-6233 or mel.mcwilliams@sthelenparish.org

Planning is underway for the 2024 St. Helen PTO Christmas Bazaar. We are excited to be back again this year, please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2nd. If you are interested in joining the Christmas Bazaar leadership team please contact Tatihana Santos or Amy Comer at sthelenchristmasbazaar@gmail.com. Priority registration for craft vendors will be open for St. Helen school families starting in July! If you would like to register for the 2024 bazaar please contact Tatihana at sthelenchristmasbazaar@gmail.com.

Some up-coming events include:

- * Saturday & Sunday, August 3rd & 4th Used uniform sale in the East Wing 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please contact Sara Slack (sara.slack1986@gmail.com) to volunteer.
- * Monday, August 5th Family Envelopes available for pick up
- * Saturday, August 17th Class lists posted on the outside door of the Main Office Doors.
- *Sunday, August 18th Orientations for PreK and Kindergarten school families. We will have two different sessions. The first from 6:30-7:30 p.m which will be held in English. The second from 7:30-8:30 pm will be held in Spanish.. This will be for adults only. Preschool & kindergarten families please bring only your child's copy paper, wipes, paper towels and tissues. All other supplies should be brought the first day of school.
- *Tuesday, August 21st, Meet the Teacher 6:00 p.m-7:00 p.m. Preschool- gr.3 classrooms are located in the Church basement and gr. 4-8 classrooms are in the Main Building. Please come to "Meet the Teacher" and classmates! There is no formal presentation at this event- you are simply free to come and check out your child's classroom and meet your child's teacher/other classmates.
- —-- New uniform sale in the East Wing 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- ——- PE Uniform Information: Uniforms can be ordered through Tuffy Brooks (link on our website).
- * Thursday August 22nd School starts for all of our students, Preschool through grade 8, first bell is at 7:55 a.m.; drop off begins at 7:35 a/m. *Breakfast will not be available until Monday, Aug 26th.*

The school handbook will be uploaded to the school website by August 1st. Please go on and read it. There will be a form in the family envelope to sign off stating you have read it and agree to follow school policies.

This school year the majority of our communication will take place via email or our webpage (https://www.sainthelenschool.org/). You will especially want to check the CURRENT FAMILIES section of the website. Please make sure we have the most accurate email address on file. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or email a member of the administration team (cwalters@sainthelenschool.org or ckash@sainthelenschool.org) with any questions or concerns. Please pray for our students, faculty, and families daily!

Blessings,