



St Helen's Trimester 2 Information Night
Tuesday November 16, 2021
6:30pm

Fr Edward Cronin: Opening Prayer

Almighty God,

Thank you for the beauty and majesty we see in your creation.

Thank you for the opportunity to care for the world you have made.

We ask that your blessing rest on this school community, that you would give us great vision and enthusiasm for our work.

Please bless the efforts of our hands, the bonds between us and the influence of our work for the teachers, students, and families that we serve.

Lord, as we plan and share together now, may you guide us by your Holy Spirit and lead us into all truth.

In your name we pray, Amen.



Speakers for the evening

Fr Ed Cronin: School Chaplain, Associate Pastor

Dana Vance: Principal

Kathleen Johnson: Assistant Principal

Suzanne Belinson: School Board President

Maria Ippolito: Marketing

Bill Ragen: Dad's Club

Maria Sepsis: Fundraising

Staci Slattery: BOSH

Dr. Shannon Lovett: Health and Safety Updates

Mike Kozlowski: Athletics



Agenda

- Goals of the evening:
- Review accomplishments of the first trimester
- Role of the Assistant Principal
- Look ahead to trimester 2
- Discuss fundraising efforts
- Update marketing developments
- Update health and safety



Dana Vance: Trimester 1 Accomplishments

- Technology upgrades & improvements
- Return of piano & choir
- Return of basketball + success of cross country
- Partnership with DePaul
- Role of Mrs. Johnson + clarify PLCs
- Return of social events: meet and greet, mother-son bowling, Thanksgiving potluck, Christmas fair
- Return of Dad's Club events
- Marketing and social media updates



Kathleen Johnson~Assistant Principal

Trimester I Accomplishments

- Foster a culture of collaboration as a [Learning Facilitator](#)
- [Mentor](#) teachers
- [Provide resources](#) to teachers
- Collaborate with Ms. Vance to provide professional development as a [Learning Facilitator](#)
- Guide faculty through the Data Wise process as [Data Coach](#)
- Encourage reflective practice and assist with small group instruction as [Classroom Supporter](#)



Trimester II Goals

- Continue to provide support and resources to teachers with a focus on individual coaching
- Continue to provide Professional Development to build teacher capacity
- As a [Curriculum Specialist](#) -collaborate with faculty on choosing a math curriculum to continue to develop academic rigor

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my speech settle like dew, like gentle rain on new grass, like showers on tender plants"

Suzanne Belinson~School Board President

- School board updates on the website
- Role of the St. Helen School Advisory Board
- Appointment of School Advisory Board members

Maria Ippolito~Marketing

- Revamp of school website
- School Facebook page continues to be current and active
- Launch of School Instagram page

Please continue to engage with all of our social media--liking and commenting keep the attention on the school and generate more traffic!



Maria Sepsis~Fundraising

- **Event Updates:**

- **Thanksgiving Potluck** - Raised \$650. Wonderful to be able to share a Thanksgiving meal together and to start having in person events again. Thank you to all who attended.
 - **Mother Son Bowling Event** - Raised \$411. Event was organized by Ingrid Zweifel Jacobs & Stacey Kennedy. Super fun day of bowling and quality time with our boys! Such a pleasure to catch up with moms.
 - **19th Annual Christmas Fair** - Our annual Christmas Craft Fair is back and scheduled for Sunday, December 5th from 10am - 2pm in the school gym! This is truly a special event for families to share together. We will also be drawing the winners of the **Christmas Raffle** so don't forget to buy your tickets!
- Proceeds from the above events will now go directly to providing meals to the teachers and staff during planning and development days as well as for token appreciation gifts throughout the year.
 - **Dad's Club** - We greatly appreciate Patrick Skertich, Bill Ragen & Anthony Ippolito stepping in as Co-Chairs and look forward to Dad's Club events. We are incredibly grateful for the fundraising support of all of the Dad's Club members and events.

Maria Sepsis~Fundraising

- **SHS Carnival - YES WE ARE HAVING THE CARNIVAL!**

- Dates are TBD as we wait for final 2022-2023 school calendar but we expect it to be August 19th - 21st, 2022.
- This is one of the largest fundraisers for St. Helen School and needs our whole SHS community to be successful.
- The Carnival has traditionally grossed approximately \$50,000. We would like to double that this year. Yes, that is a significant increase but we believe with a team of creative thinkers and planners AND the support of our SHS families and our community we can meet our goal.
- The crowd favorite rides will be back and this year we are looking to create a larger, dynamic Food & Beverage Pavilion, including partnerships with local restaurants and beer and spirit distilleries, a rich music program, and special tributes to our 2022 Graduates.
- We will be looking to put together committees to work on the planning of the Carnival and will hold an initial interest meeting after the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The committees will be looking to fill are:
 - Logistics/Marketing
 - Sponsorships
 - Food & Beverage
 - Music

Dad's Club Update

			
<p>Dads Club Bears Event</p> <p>35+ Dads</p> <p>Raised more than \$2,000</p>	<p>Third Grade Basketball raised more than \$1,500</p> <p>+ 12-18 Dads weekly at Thursday Hoops</p>	<p>Christmas Fair</p> <p>Refreshments, Fire Pit & Outdoor Activities</p>	<p>Early 2022</p> <p>Poker Night</p>

Maria Sepsis - BOSH updates

- **b.o.s.h.** (Benefactors of St. Helen.) is a 501c3 non-profit and fundraising organization with a mission to support S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) and Athletic programs in our school and our community.
- **B.o.s.h.** has raised over \$250,000 and has assisted in purchasing new computers, broadcasting equipment for student programs, classroom improvements, teacher incentives, supported Teen Leadership programs as well as many other school projects.
- **SHS Staff Holiday Fund:** B.O.S.H. is once again taking on the Holiday staff bonuses. Last year through the AMAZING generosity of the SHS families, we were able to give each staff member a bonus of \$1100. Keep an eye out for more info coming this week.
- **Stemstep 5k:** We are hopefully we will be able to host the event this year! The Stemstep5k traditionally takes place in Humboldt Park in May. The events is a 5k run/1k family walk. The event raises over \$60,000 to support S.T.E.M. at St. Helen.

Shannon Lovett~Health and Safety Team

- Reminders to remain vigilant regarding gatherings (particularly indoors), ensure masks on properly - several Catholic schools are currently under classwide quarantines due to COVID.
- Travel to orange states (or international) - submit negative tests to health@sthelenchicago.org before returning to in-person (Chicago travel advisory will be updated Tuesday, November 23rd).
- The [CDC recommends](#) the Pfizer COVID vaccine for children age 5-11yo. The vaccine will be two doses, at least 21 days apart. Each dose is 1/3 the dosing for adults. A child is considered fully vaccinated 10 days after their second dose. We encourage all eligible to consider getting vaccinated.
- Encourage flu vaccines for those eligible.
- We will maintain our current protocols (eg, masks) until a future time when we have more data from CDC and others.

Mike Kozlowski~Athletics Updates

- Successful Cross Country season wrapping up
 - 6th season, marked with new uniforms
 - First time we qualified a full team to the State Meet, boys who finished 6th out of 24 teams.
 - Luke Sutkus (3rd) and Jack Ray (13th) received All State honors
 - First time we qualified a girl to the State Meet, Kate Lawrence
 - Post season meets; NXR, Kentucky and EastBay at WI-Parkside
- Basketball season kicking off
 - 7 teams total this season
 - First games were this past weekend, and will continue this upcoming weekend
 - League rules in place currently limit spectators to 1 per player. The rules is to be reviewed over Christmas break.
 - Beginning to look at replacing the basketball uniforms that we have inherited
- Indoor Track
 - January 22 Gately Stadium
- Outdoor Track
 - TBD



Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the St. Helen's community of teachers, learners and families.

These slides will be posted on the St Helen School website.

Please email me with any questions

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