St. Helen Catholic School

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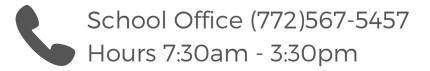


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PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK

Can be found under the Parents Tab on our website.



www. StHelenSchoolVero.com

The purpose of the handbook is to serve as a guide and source of information for parents, students, and teachers of the school. It can assist with answering some of the questions you may have concerning the school's policies and procedures. Please take the time to read it.

VISITING AND VOLUNTEERING

- 1. Each family is required to contribute a minimum of 20 service hours per year.
- 2.All visitors are required to enter and exit through the front office only.
- 3.All visitors MUST present a valid Driver's License or State I.D.
- 4.All visitors are required to sign in and sign out in the front office before entering or leaving the campus and must wear a name tag at all times.
- 5. In order to volunteer or chaperone, you must:
 - Complete a "Protecting God's Children" workshop
 - Complete a fingerprint and background check
 - Read and sign the "Diocese of Palm Beach Code of Pastoral Conduct
 - Read and sign the "Family Service Plan Handbook Agreement"

Refer to the "**Family Service Plan Handbook**" or contact Karen Santangelo at 772-567-5457 for more information on how to become an approved volunteer.





MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN!

The school relies on YOUR support to help provide a quality Catholic education to our students. There are many ways in which you can support SHCS, from chairing events to liking SHCS on social media. Volunteers are one of our greatest assets.

School policy states that each family is required to give a minimum of 20 hours of service to the school annually.

All service hours MUST be recorded on FACTS. Refer to the "Family Service Plan Handbook" (pg. 4).

What is FACTS?

- Online student grade book and report card
- Online directory of students and parents
- Set up payment options for prepay accounts and aftercare
- Record of service hours





MASS DAYS

Boys must wear long pants and girls grades 5-8 must wear a "mass" skirt. Each child is asked to bring in \$1.00 to support missions. Parents are welcome to attend mass, however, students are required to remain with their class. Refer to the "Student Handbook" (uniform policy) for mass day dress code.

TAG DAYS

Tag days are non-uniform days. Refer to the "Student Handbook" (uniform policy) for dress code restrictions.

To participate, students must either bring \$1 donation or a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry.

FIRST FRIDAYS

The first Friday of every month is a noon dismissal day. Aftercare is available. Hot lunches are not available, so aftercare students must bring a packed lunch.

SPIRIT DAYS

Students may wear spirit shirts purchased from the Falcon Shop with uniform bottoms on Spirit Days. BREAKFAST ANDLUNCH PROGRAM We have a new Breakfast & Lunch program this school year. Each family will have an account (separate from FACTS) where you can add funds for your child to purchase breakfast and/or lunch. Breakfast and Lunch Menus will be sent out monthly.

The Extended Day (or Aftercare) Program is available daily until 5:30 pm.

Billing and payment is completed through FACTS.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We believe that students learn best when they present themselves in a professional manner and are free from distraction of comparative dressing.

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P.E. UNIFORMS 5-8TH GRADE

DAVE'S SPORTING GOODS

2720 US Hwy 1, Vero Beach

772-567-3634

Physical education uniforms for students in grades 5-8th grade can only be

purchased at Dave's Sporting Goods.



APPROVED UNIFORM PROVIDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORMS OF VERO BEACH

1094-12th Street Vero Beach, FL 32960 772-563-0777 Store 516-852-8979 Cell Owner/Contact: Nancy Dahl The store will also accommodate appointments outside of regular business hours if needed.

DAVE'S SPORTING GOODS

2720 US Hwy 1, Vero Beach 772-567-3634 Dave's Sporting Goods now carries all SHCS uniform apparel.

Girls VOLLEYBALL **CHEERLEADING** LACROSSE **FLAG FOOTBALL** Boys **BASKETBALL FLAG FOOTBALL**

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CROSS COUNTRY

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*SPORT AVAILABILITY BY GRADE TBA In order to participate in any sport, each student must:

Complete a "Parent Consent and Release of Liability" form

Provide an up to date physician's certificate.

Sign Student Contract

Forms can be found on the school website.



WHAT IS THE FALCON SHOP?

The Falcon Shop is our online spirit store and can be accessed via the school website at www.sthelenschoolvero.org

Apparel purchased from the Falcon Shop can be worn on spirit days.

FALCONS

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

Please observe the "No Cell Phone Zone."

- For the safety of all, parents/guardians are NOT permitted to park and walk up during drop off or pick up. Students must enter or leave their vehicle in the designated drop off/pick up area.
- Students, parents, and staff are prohibited from unloading items (backpacks, projects, etc...) from the trunk or back of vehicles during drop-off and pick-up.
- Drop off begins at 7:15 am and students are considered tardy after 8:00 am.
- Dismissal begins at 3:00 pm. DO NOT enter the pick up line before 2:30 pm (or 11:30 am on noon dismissal days).
- Vehicles MUST have a blue car tag hanging from the rear view mirror with your family number and last name visible until your child enters your vehicle.
- Students remaining after 3:30 pm will be signed into the extended day program. There is a charge for this service.
- Students will NOT be dismissed from the school office after 2:30 pm. Parents are not permitted to pick up any students via the school office after 2:30 pm. Students should be dismissed and picked up directly through their after program (i.e. extended day, tutor, study hall, sports).
- If your child is going home with someone other than those listed in FACTS, written permission and ID is required.
- The lane closest to the school (right lane) is reserved for those picking up younger kids in grades K-3.
- Please refer to the Drop-Off & Pick Up Procedures and Student Handbook for additional details.

IMPORTANT

1. Enter the carpool line from 20th Street by turning north onto Tallhassee Avenue.

2. Please follow the signs and traffic pattern shown here.

3. NO unloading of items from the trunk or back of vehicles during drop-off and pick-up.

3. After dropping off or picking up your student(s), make a right turn ONLY onto Vero Beach Ave. and proceed to Victory Blvd.

4. There should not be vehicles travelling in the areas marked with an "X".

