



# Mary Hanley Catholic School—February

## Dear Families of Mary Hanley School,

As we move into February we pass the half-way point of the school year. An elementary school is always a busy place and the learning happening is incredible. When looking at the calendar, it is also one of the busiest months filled with activities and special events. From Groundhog Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school to Valentine's Day, there are a great variety of activities happening in and around our school: Family dance, Faith Development Day for staff, and plenty of school events! Make sure to check out the attached calendar for details.

This month we take time to **celebrate Friendship**. Our leadership teams have identified this month as Friendship February. We look for ways to be a good friend, how to be friendly, and much more!

At school this month we challenge our students to focus on kindness. Activities with buddy classes, surprise kindnesses, and helping others out without being asked are just a few ways we'll share kindness here. **Take time to plan ideas like that into your family routines too.**

Students got to enjoy a presentation from **Flying Bob (a one man circus)** in January. He passed along a good message of "Love what you do and it will bring you JOY!" He also amazed and entertained with some pretty cool circus stunts (high wire, unicycle, juggling and more)!

Thanks for all you do to support your children in their education! **Have a fantastic February!**

## Important Reminders:

February 1—**Twin/Triplet Day!** Plan to dress the same as a friend or sibling!

February 2—**Groundhog day**—How much more winter is ahead?

February 5—**Faith Development Day** for Teachers— **No School** for Students

February 6—**Parent Council** meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 7—Gr. 6 visit to Fr. Michael Troy Jr. High

Feb. 8—**Family Dance**

Feb. 14—Valentine's Day

Feb. 18—Family Day—**No School**

Feb. 20—**Kindergarten Open House** for new registrants.

Feb. 27—Pink Shirt Day —Be a buddy not a bully

## Kindergarten Registrations:

We are now taking registrations for Kindergarten for next school year. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please register at the office. If you know other families who have children of this age, please let them know to come in and register. A kindergarten child needs to be 5 before March 1, 2020.



**Our Kindergarten Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

Parents of children registering for Kindergarten for the 2019—2020 school year are invited to come and learn more about Mary Hanley School and our Kindergarten program. The administrative team and teaching staff will be on hand to discuss the program, provide a guided tour of the school and answer any questions you may have.

## School Clothing Orders:

We are pleased to offer Mary Hanley Clothing for sale to all our community. We have a selection of shirts, hoodies, and toques available for purchase. These all come with either our school logo or MHCS (Mary Hanley Catholic School) and are available in youth or adult sizes. The website for ordering will be open until Feb. 18 and then clothing will all be delivered in March.

Please check out this website to order: <https://www.customsportsswag.com/mary-hanley-school>

Or visit [customsportsswag.com](https://www.customsportsswag.com) and choose Mary Hanley from the list of schools.

The orders and payment are all being done through Custom Sports Swag for this offer. Happy shopping!

**Caught You Being Kind** – throughout the month of February tickets (a heart) will be given out if a leadership student (or teacher) catches someone being kind. Once caught, and given a ticket, the student will write their name and class on the ticket and give the ticket to their teacher. Teachers can collect the tickets and hand them in. At the end of the month we will put all the names in a box and draw names for prizes.

### Twin/Triplet / Match a friend Day—Feb. 1

As a part of Friendship February, students are invited to dress up the same as a friend or brother or sister. They can plan to match clothes, hair, and hats. A group of friends can even plan together (triplets, quadruplets, or more)! This day helps us celebrate how we are alike in so many ways. We look forward to seeing the creative ideas the students will show!

### Pink Shirt Day—Feb. 27

Across Canada, students are encouraged to wear pink to show their support against bullying of any type. We celebrate that all are welcome and belong at Mary Hanley. It is a good day for all of us to remember to stand up for others and to stand up for what is right!

### Drop off Zone—Respect our Neighbours

During the morning rush and pick up time, we are trying to move 7 large busses and many cars in and out of the neighbourhood. Neighbours are complaining of people blocking their access, driving on the sidewalks, and not following the traffic signs. **Please respect the spaces and show patience** as we work to get our students here safely.

We will be inviting By-Law officers out to monitor our drop-off zone during the morning and afternoon rush. Thank you for your cooperation.



# KINDNESS

## Pass it on!



Give a flower                      Eat lunch with someone new

Listen with your heart                      Visit a sick friend

Clean a neighbor's walk                      **Offer a hug**                      Be Tolerant

*Give an unexpected gift*                      Make a new friend

Pick up litter                      **Say "hello"**                      Call a lonely student

**Open a Door**                      Help carry a load                      Plant a tree

**PASS A KINDNESS ON**                      **Share a snack**

Cheer up a friend                      **Thank a Teacher**                      Lend a hand

**READ TO A YOUNG CHILD**                      Do a kind act daily

Leave a thank you note                      Offer your seat

**Drive courteously**                      LET ANOTHER GO FIRST

Bake Cookies for someone                      Give a compliment

**Help a student make friends**                      Assist an adult

Give a balloon away                      **Lend a classmate a pencil**

Celebrate something every day                      Encourage a friend

**Respect others**                      **Walk a dog**                      **Do a favor**

Forgive mistakes                      **Smile at someone new**

Bring Donuts in to work                      Send a thank you card

