



March 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome to the month of March with a focus on our Lenten Journey, Mary Hanley Day and report cards. We start off the month with more cold and spring not yet in sight. We are looking forward to outside recesses as February has kept us mostly inside. As we prepare for Easter, students take time to reflect on the meaning of Lent in their classes. They pray and think about how they can improve their practice so that their hearts are ready to celebrate Easter.

Thanks to our Parent Council for their work in supporting the school—a pancake lunch will be provided to all students and staff thanks to the work of the hot lunch committee. We also have added \$300 worth of books to each classroom library along with new gym equipment for all the classes to use.

Parent Society Casino this month! Our main fundraiser occurs every 2 years and it is happening this month. Thanks to all the volunteers who will be working at our casino on March 14 and 15 to raise funds to support our school. These funds support fieldtrips, technology, our library, learning and so much more at our school. Thanks parents for your support!

Kindergarten Registration 2019–2020

Do you have a child/children registered at Mary Hanley School? Do they have younger brothers/sisters that need to be registered for September 2019?

Please contact the school immediately for a registration form as our classes are filling up quickly.

We are also accepting registration for Kindergarten students not currently affiliated with the school. The kindergarten program is offered to children who will be 5 years of age on or before March 1, 2020. If you have friends, relatives or neighbours who have children in this age group please be sure to invite them to call the office or drop by the school for a visit.



Important Calendar Dates

March

- 5 Pancake Luncheon—Shrove Tuesday
- 6 Ash Wednesday celebration at 10:00
- 7 Mary Hanley Day!
Alberta Opera 9:30 a.m. **Pinocchio**
- 8 Gr. 4-6 classes to FMT for **Wizard of Oz**
- 10 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 13 SAC meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Reports available online after 3:00 p.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 Demo of Learning from 3:30—7:00 p.m.
FULL DAY of SCHOOL
- 22 Noon Dismissal
- 24–31 Spring Break—no classes

Classes Resume April 1, at 8:20 a.m.

Report Cards

Report cards will be available online Friday, March 15 after 3:00 p.m. Please ensure that you have created your Parent PowerSchool account in order to be able to view the report card online.

Demonstration of Learning

The Demonstration of Learning will take place on Thursday, March 21 from 3:30—6:30 p.m. Parents are invited to come during this time—**no appointment required!** - with your child and work through activities in the class to show what has been learned! The time required to work through activities can vary, but please allow around 20 minutes for each child.

Please be aware of the times - students must be picked up at the end of the day (2:40 p.m. as this is a full day of school) so that they can have a break prior to the demonstration. Please also be aware of the end time of 6:30 p.m. - arrive in plenty of time so that your child can share their learning!

We look forward the wonderful sharing of learning!

Mary Hanley Day—March 7, 2019

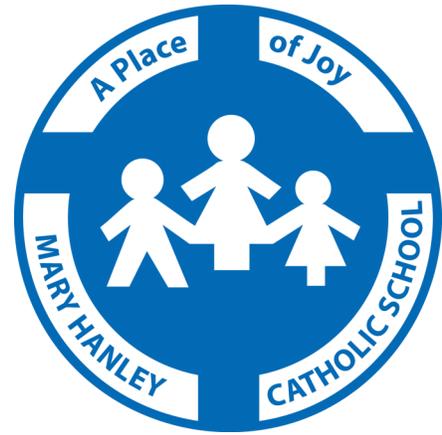
We are celebrating **Mary Hanley Day** on Thursday, March 7. Students are invited to wear any Mary Hanley spirit wear - new or old! - that they may have. If they do not have Mary Hanley wear, they can always wear blue on this day.

Mary Hanley (1907—1975) was a dynamic teacher and administrator. She loved children and teaching and inspired many of her students to become teachers. Her students never forgot her.

Born in Belleville, Ontario, she moved to Edmonton at the age of six. She graduated from St. Mary High School, Camrose Teacher College, and the University of Alberta. In 1931 her career began with the Edmonton Separate School District. After teaching at Sacred Heart, St. Edmund and Grandin Schools, the school board recognized her exceptional talents by appointing her the first lay principal in the Catholic system. Mary Hanley opened St. Margaret School in 1950 and retired from there in 1972.

Mary's love of music strongly motivated her students, and her rhythm bands regularly won top honors in the Kiwanis Music Festivals. She broadcasted elementary music programs on CBC radio, and also gave teaching demonstrations in Edmonton, Calgary and Regina for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Conferences. In 1969, the Centennial Medal was conferred on Mary Hanley in recognition of her valuable service to Canada. After forty-one years, Mary Hanley left her beloved profession.

Mary Hanley School opened on March 7, 1985. Mary Hanley's spirit lives on in this "Place of Joy".



Family Dance

The Mary Hanley Catholic School Council Family Valentine Dance was once again a huge success! Thank you to the organizers and volunteers for coordinating, planning, and organizing this fun event! Students, their families, and staff had a great time! From the DJ and all the set up crew to the servers at the cafeteria and all the clean up, your help was appreciated! This event brings our community together.

Drop off and Pick Up

Please be aware of the zones for pick up and drop off around our school.

Parking too close to the crosswalk blocks sightlines for our patrols and students crossing.

In front of the school, it is a quick drop off zone. There are areas where no stopping is allowed. Please be careful for our students' safety.

Thanks!

