

Mary Hanley Catholic School

November Newsletter 2019

Important Calendar Dates:

- November 3 – Catholic Education Sunday
- November 4 – Grade 6 students at *No Stone Left Alone*
- November 6 – School Advisory Council meeting – 6:30 pm
- November 8 – Remembrance Day Ceremony – 1:30 pm
- November 11 – **No School**
- November 13 – Gr. 6 Immunizations
- November 24 – Holomodor Memorial Day
- November 25 – 28 – Book Fair
- December 1 – First Sunday of Advent



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Not Forget

Safety First!

Please remember to always use the **marked crosswalk** when crossing the road in front of the school. We have trained Patrols that will help you cross the road at the cross walk.

Also **do not park in the “no stopping” zones** before and after the crosswalks. These areas need to be kept clear in order for our Patrols to have unobstructed views of the road. Parking in these areas can lead to large monetary fines.

Message from Administration

As we are settling into our third month of school, we would like to take an opportunity to thank all the parents we have met and have made us feel welcomed into this wonderful community. We are beginning to associate more names to faces and each day we are learning more and more about the inquisitive and kind students who walk the hallways of Mary Hanley school.

This past month was filled with wonderful moments that showed the true spirit of this community. We welcomed many visitors and parents into our classrooms for Read-In week at the beginning of the month. We gathered as a community for our Thanksgiving Celebration, Family Movie Night and Halloween. Our Grade 6 students had a wonderful retreat at Corpus Christi Parish at the end of the month and got to meet students from other neighbouring Catholic Schools who may become new friends next year in Junior High. Our Grade Four students received their new Bibles and welcomed Father Joseph in to bless the Bibles. We welcomed the community into our school on October 21, as they came and voted for our elected leaders. Many classes came down to the gym and got to learn about voting by watching it occur first hand. Our student leaders went off to WE Day and our Elementary Student Symposium this month and will help lead our community this school year.

We look forward to some of the amazing events that are upcoming this month. We are blessed to work with such a dedicated and kind staff as we continue to learn about and lead this community of Joy!

Mr. D. Robinson
Principal

Mrs. D. Fransen
Assistant Principal

Fees

School fees were due by the end of September. If you have not paid your school fees, please go online, to PowerSchool, and make your payment. **Fees for Gr. 1-6 are \$50 for each student** and for **Kindergarten, it is \$30 per student**. These may be paid online at <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/> Remember that all school payments will be done through PowerSchool this year (fees, field trips, milk cards, bus passes).

Bus Pass Fees are due on the 1st of every month. Please log onto PowerSchool before the first of every month to make your payment.

Bus Attendance / Informing the Office

This year we have been taking attendance on all our buses every day after school. This is working out well and it is allowing us to take account of our students at the end of the day. To help us with this please remember that if your child normally takes the bus at the end of the day, but will not for any reason, please inform the office before dismissal. This will save us valuable time looking for students at the end of the day.

Online Registration Verification

We would like to thank all our families who completed this by September 30. We have had over 80% of our families complete this important process. We ask those who have not, to please go onto PowerSchool and complete the verification form for your child(ren). The District will continue to send out emails to the families that have not completed this form.

Completing this form is **very important**, as it will provide us with the most up to date information pertaining to your child. It is imperative that we have the most current telephone numbers and email addresses. We need an **email address from all our families** in order to send out information and for emergency contact purposes. We also need **up to date phone numbers**. These numbers are very important so we can contact parents immediately in case of an emergency. We have noticed that a few of the numbers that have been provided to us are incorrect. Please check these phone numbers and email addresses on the verification document and make corrections as needed.

PowerTeacherPro/ Assessments / Reporting Periods

We hope that all of our families have logged on to PowerSchool to check on the assessments that have been added to their child's account. A reminder that there will only be two reporting periods, January and June, this year, but there will be ongoing assessments added to PowerSchool. We have attached some documents to the end of this newsletter that we hope will help our parents understand this new form of reporting.

To see the assessment that is being done, parents need to have logged into, and created an account, on PowerSchool. If you have not already done so you can contact the office for assistance in setting up your account.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents and students will have a chance to meet with their teacher to go over and talk about assessments, areas for growth and areas to celebrate. This will occur on Thursday, December 5 from 1:00 – 4:00PM and 5:00-7:00PM. Later this month we will send out a way to book times for this event.

Mary Hanley and WE Day

We recently had around 30 students attend WE Day at Rogers Place. These students were inspired by the awesome learning that was done at this national event. The students who attended this event will now apply

their learning at Mary Hanley and lead our school in a few Social Justice Activities over the year. We look forward to being inspired by our WE Day leaders!

School Council News

On Wednesday Nov. 6th, at 6:30PM, our School Council will hold their next meeting. All parents are welcome to attend to give your suggestions and input on decisions made by the School Council. Please consider attending the next meeting to give support to the School Council and to the school. The PAT results will be shared at the next meeting.

Family Movie Night

The Mary Hanley Catholic School and School Advisory Council recently hosted a successful Family Movie Night on October 18. Families came and watched Toy Story 4 and had popcorn and other treats. All proceeds will go towards supporting the students at Mary Hanley.

We thank all the members of School Advisory Council for setting up, hosting and cleaning up this wonderful event.

Lates and Absences

The Government of Alberta expects all children to attend school regularly and to be on time. It is up to the school to enforce this expectation. Some of our families are allowing their children to come to school late and/or to be absent from school without valid reasons.

In order for students to be successful learners and to grow socially they need to be on time and attend school regularly. We are actively monitoring the attendance of all our students and will notify the attendance board about the children whose attendance does not improve over the next few weeks. If you need help or assistance in getting your child to school on time please contact the school.

Spring Concert

This year we will be having a Spring Concert instead of an Advent Concert. Please watch for more information on this event in the New Year.

Bus Route Cancellations:

Please be advised that the following Radio and TV Stations will carry announcements with respect to transportation cancellations due to inclement weather conditions.

RADIO STATIONS

630 CHED
CISN FM 103.9
FRESH FM 92.5
INEWS 880 AM
Kiss FM 91.7
UP! 99.3 FM
HOT 107 FM

AM 930 The Light CJCA
SHINE 105.9 FM
TSN 1260
95.7 CRUZ FM
The Bear 100.3 FM
SONIC 102.9 FM
104.9 VIRGIN Radio

CBC
CHFA (CBC Fr.)
CFCW 840
CAPITAL FM 96.3
K97 97.3
102.3 NOW! Radio



TV STATIONS

CITYTV

CTV Edmonton

GLOBAL Edmonton

CBC TV

Every effort will be made to have messages broadcast commencing no later than 6:30 a.m.

Transportation / Yellow Bus Issues

A reminder if you are having issues with the service you are receiving from the yellow bus company, please do not phone the school with your complaint. Instead you are to phone transportation directly (780-441-6078) or Stock Transportation (780-451-9536), as they are the ones that will assist you with this matter.

Also please make sure that you are checking your phone in the morning or after school in case transportation calls because there is a delay in service. This call will come from the school's number (780-461-2551), but it will be a robotic call initiated through the Transportation department. Please pick up and listen to this call, as they will inform you of the situation and how long the bus may be delayed. Since students and parents are the first priority in the morning, Transportation calls all parents first before they phone the school about the delay. It is important that you listen to this call and not phone the school asking about the information as we may not have been informed yet.