

Message from the Administration:

Happy New Year to all our Mary Hanley Families. We really wish that our 2022 is filled with more Joy and Happiness than our previous year! We hope that all our families had a wonderful Christmas. We really hope that all our families were safely able to celebrate Christmas and share the joy of the season.

A reminder that ***all students*** have been granted an extended Christmas Break by our Government. Students will not be returning to school until **Monday, January 10**. Our teachers are currently preparing for learning that will happen next week. The Government will be releasing more information later this week about schools, and we will share out any information that may impact student learning. Please take this time to rest up, stay warm and keep safe.

We continue to ask all our families to continue following all AHS guidelines related to COVID-19. Our goal is to keep all our students safe and to have a successful return to school this January.

Thank-you for your understanding and cooperation.

Mr. D. Robinson
Principal

Mrs. D. Fransen
Assistant Principal

Epiphany Prayer

O God
Who by a star
guided the wise men to the worship of your Son
we pray you to lead to yourself
the wise and great of every land
that unto you every knee may bow,
and every thought be brought into captivity
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Epiphany Celebration:

Our community will celebrate Epiphany together as a community once we are all back together as community next week.

A “Place of Joy” Christmas:

We had a wonderful December at Mary Hanley. The staff each decorated mini Christmas trees and displayed them in a hallway in the school. Students then voted on their favourite Christmas tree. Our winning tree belonged to Mrs. Thomas! Congratulations on a wonderfully decorated tree!

Our students also decorated their classroom doors to help add to the Christmas spirit. The winning doors were decorated by the 3A (Ms. Ledesma) and 5B (Mr. Erdelac) classes!

We decorated our school “Giving Tree” with donations of hats, scarves, gloves, toothpaste and toothbrushes. These items were donated to those in need.

It truly was a Place of Joy this past December!

First Week of January:

The government recently announced that all students will be extending their Christmas Break until January 10th. This week, teachers will be planning for the return of students next week.

If the Government and/or the Division make changes to this plan we will keep you informed.

Staffing:

We are pleased to welcome Simone Rodgers to our staff. She is our new Admin Support, replacing the retired Mrs. McCarthy Durand.

We are also pleased to welcome Dilanka Thantrige, as our new EA in kindergarten. She will begin on January 17th.

School Fees:

All School fees have been added to PowerSchool Accounts. We ask all our families to please log into their PowerSchool Accounts and pay their School Fees.

Bus Pass Fees:

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. We know students are returning to school at a later date, but bus fees still need to be paid for the rest of the month. If you have not already made payment, please log on and do so.

Health and Safety during COVID-19 Times:

As always, the health of our students and staff is our first priority and as such, we will always take extra precautions to ensure optimum safety. We ask that our parents do the same by refraining from sending children to school when they are not well. In the event that a child comes to school with symptoms, please be reminded that as per the AHS guidelines and the screening tools, we will call the parents to pick up their child immediately.

Children need to be at home when sick and not at school. We ask that children remain at home until they are symptom free and only return when they are fully healthy again. This might seem like a slight inconvenience to your family, but the impact of sending children to the school who are exposed to sick family members can have a more wide-ranging impact on multiple families in our community.

Transportation and Severe Weather:

Our transportation system has an excellent record of service. However, given the possible extremes of Edmonton weather and the potential for unexpected mechanical difficulties, it is impossible to guarantee buses will run on time or at all. A route can take 50% longer in adverse weather conditions. Parents are advised that if a bus does not arrive within twenty minutes of its scheduled time, they are to assume the bus is not coming. Parents must ensure that their child knows to return home or to a pre-selected location. Parents must then make alternate arrangements to get their child to school.

Parents should also ensure that:

- children are supervised at the bus stop
- children have a place to go in the event the bus does not arrive
- children have alternate arrangements for getting to school should the bus not arrive
- children are suitably clothed to withstand weather extremes

Transportation Services' normal operational procedures for delayed transportation also apply in severe weather conditions. The Carrier is responsible for notifying the School and the Transportation Services office when a route is running late.

Parents then have access to 3 different resources (by calling either the school, the Transportation Services office, or directly contacting the carrier) to get an update on the status of a particular route.

CANCELLATION OF YELLOW SCHOOL BUS SERVICE FOR ALL PROGRAMS

The following radio and TV stations will carry announcements with respect to transportation cancellations due to inclement weather conditions:

RADIO STATIONS

630 CHED	UP! 99.3 FM	95.7 CRUZFM	CHFA (CBC Fr.)
CISN FM 103.9	HOT 107 FM	The Bear 100.3 FM	CFCW 840
THE CHUCK FM 92.5	AM 930 The Light CJCA	SONIC 102.9 FM	CAPITAL FM 96.3
INEWS 880 AM	SHINE 105.9 FM	104.9 VIRGIN Radio	FMK97 97.3

Kiss FM 91.7

TSN 1260

CBC

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.

Inclement Weather Conditions:

Parents are reminded that on days when temperatures hit -20 degrees Celsius, we will have all the doors open in the morning and children are to come in and proceed directly to their homeroom area. Supervisors will always be on hand within the building supervising students. As well, as always, children would have indoor recess within their homerooms. Teachers will review expected behaviors during these scenarios.

School Advisory Council News

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12th. We would like to thank our School Council for their recent fundraising effort (50/50 Christmas Raffle) before the break. Thank you!



If you would like to participate in the SAC meeting, please email 8060web@ecsd.net.

School "Spirit Wear" Online Store:

We have an online store where clothing items can be purchased with the new school logo and the new school mascot logo. There are many clothing items to purchase and many logo designs to choose from. Please consider visiting the site to buy some "Spirit Wear" for your child to wear around the school or in their online classes! We are very excited to see our students show their "pride" and "joy" for their school by wearing the new logos proudly in their classrooms, online or in-person. The website for the store is found on our website and below:

<https://maryhanley.entripyshops.com/>



Parish News:

If you are interested in having your child complete Sacramental Preparation (Confirmation, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist) please visit the Parish website for more information and to access the necessary forms that need to be completed.

[Corpus Christi Parish website](#)

Open House:

Our Open House this year will be held virtually. The date for the Open House is February 16th. Information will be found on our website and access to the virtual Open House will be through the website. Please pass on the information to any friends, family and neighbours that are looking for an excellent school for their children.

Important Dates:

January 6th - Epiphany

January 10th – Classes Resume – students return to school

January 12th – SAC Meeting – 6:30 pm (online)