



Hanley School Newsletter

**DECEMBER
2022**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Last day of Classes	Dec. 22
Christmas Break	Dec 23- Jan 6
Classes Resume	Jan 9
Semester 1 Exams	Jan 26- 30
PD Day No School	Jan 31
Semester 2 Begins	Feb 1

From the Office:

We're in the middle of a pretty cold week for the last days before the Christmas Break. The temperatures and windchill are bringing a combined reading lower than 40 below today! The school division's policy of no buses running when it gets that cold has affected a number of days already this winter so we'll have to see how many more in January. It's good to see the students that do get here on those days to catch up on any missing assignments and to work with their friends and other students as well.

The SCC Hanley Community Calendars are finished and ready for pick up at the school office for those who ordered one. The picture was taken by Charlotte McGregor and we thank her for sharing it with us to use. Thank you as well to all the advertisers for their continued business and their ad on the calendar. Your support for our school is appreciated!

Our annual Christmas dinner is still scheduled on Thursday this week and it's wonderful to bring back the tradition we've been fortunate to have had with students in the gym sharing a meal. Thank you to Mrs. Schraeder for organizing it!

Mr. C Freeden has been arranging a new activity for the high school students to take part in with a hockey game on Thursday afternoon at the rink after the clean-up jobs from lunch have been taken care of. Students and

some staff members will play and many students are helping as well. We have some classes that will be going to the rink to watch and cheer them on.

The Basketball season is underway and along with my own Junior Boys team, we have Miss Randall coaching the Senior Girls and Mrs. Tasha Grassy volunteering her time to coach the Senior Boys. Thank you both for giving your time to those programs.

Next month will wrap up our first semester this year. We'll send out an exam schedule in January for the exams that will fall between January 25th and 30th.

I think we're working out the bugs in the Edsby program that the school division is now using for marks and attendance and report cards and communication. Parents can also use it to clear their student's attendance before school each day if it's needed. I wanted to thank you for your patience and your willingness to try something new. Many of you have reported that you like using it more that you did PowerSchool and that it's a good change. Our next set of reporting marks for students in grades 7-12 will take place at the end of January and will be ready to access in Edsby at the beginning of February!

We'll have some staffing changes after the Christmas break I can tell you about here next.

Mr. Hutchinson will return after his leave and we want to thank Mrs. Stanley for her work the last five weeks she joined our school! Mr. Hindmarsh is taking an education leave starting in January to go back to school for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Block will be our Vice-Principal after Christmas for the rest of this school year, and some classes will be shifted as we adjust some schedules. Mr. L Freeden will assume some of the classes from both of them and we will welcome Ms. Brittany Nedelec to our school staff in January as well to take some of Mr. Freeden's classes. Ms. Nedelec has subbed in our school recently this past month or so and is looking forward to her position.

Thank you for a positive first four months of this school year and your support of our school, our staff and our work with your students. I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas season, and Season's Greetings to everyone as well as you enjoy time with family and friends. The first day back for students after the break will be on January 9th. That's all for now. For further information and updates from the students and classrooms, check out our school website at <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/hanley/>.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-2023

<https://www.spiritsd.ca/files/docs/2022-2023-School-Year-Calendar.pdf>

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SAVE THE DATE!
HANLEY SCHOOL PRESENTS
**WINTER
FAMILY
FESTIVAL**
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023
HANLEY SCHOOL
K-6 STUDENTS & FAMILIES
5:30-7:30PM (COME & GO)

ART, GAMES, FUN, & MORE!

Gather with us for an evening of family fun! This is a come & go event, so please join us for the amount of time that works for your family. More details will be released as we get closer to the event.
We look forward to seeing you!

Grade Kindergarten

Wow! It has certainly been Decembrrrr. We've been able to get to our forest a few times when the cold let up, otherwise we've been staying warm and busy inside! In math we've been working on counting, recognizing, and writing numbers. In ELA we've started literacy groups with Mrs. Carpenter. In our groups, we have been practicing our letter sounds, being letter detectives, and working

on phonemic awareness. It is always helpful if families practice letter sounds at home when there's a chance! We had a fun afternoon where we read Sneezy the Snowman! and then came up with our own funny ideas for how our snowman might melt. Afterwards, we had an ice cream party! Vanilla ice cream, smarties, sprinkles, mini oreos, and whipped cream. Yum!

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday. See you on January 9th!



Grades 1/2

December is always a fun, busy month! We finished Charlotte's Web and celebrated with a party! In reading we are continuing to learn all about different vowel combinations, double letters, digraphs and trying our hardest to "read, read, read!". We started reading books to our new Grade 5/6 buddies and made snowmen with them for an art project.

We have been doing lots of writing. We are striving to make our stories longer, sounding words out alone, using proper capitalization and punctuation. We have written stories about snowmen, Christmas adventures as well as using pictures to inspire our stories.

The grade ones have been working hard to learn addition and subtraction strategies. So far, we have focused on 1 more and 1 less, 10 more and 10 less, making 5, making 10, and

counting on and back from the biggest number. We use a number line and 100 chart to help us. We will continue to focus on these skills after

Christmas to become more automatic with fact fluency!

In Grade 2 Math, we are working on whole numbers to 100, place value, ordering and comparing numbers, ad-



dition and subtraction, even and odd numbers. We used two songs to learn our doubles and how to count by 3's. We continue to practice friendly tens and counting on and back. We are also working on mental math strategies.

In Science we started our Materials unit and learned about the Five Senses. In Social we finished our Needs and Wants unit. In Health we are working on Manners. The month is ending with some very fun days. We will create some great memories

with our Polar Express Day, Green Grinch Day, Christmas Skating party with the Kindergarteners, the Christmas Dinner and then ending the month with a grand finale of our classroom Christmas party! May you have a beautiful holiday season!

Grade 3/4

It's that time of year again! The grade 3-4 class continues to be a busy room filled with lots of learning and fun. This month, both the grade 3 and 4's have been working on addition and subtraction in math. We continue to rotate through reading groups every day, though the formatting will change with Mr. Schulz completing his practicum and heading back to school in the new year. We will miss him so much! In writer's workshop we have been learning about different holiday traditions celebrated in Canada. Students watched videos, read books, and performed research on Hanukkah, 3 Kings Day, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Lunar New Year and Diwali. We also decorated our door for the school competition using this theme! In

science, we have been learning about sound, and playing all sorts of 'guess that sound' games, which students have really enjoyed. We've learned how far a whisper can travel and will soon learn how far sound can travel in space with interactive Mystery Science lessons. Our table group competition has been very successful with students working hard to earn their table points and a small prize at the end of the week. In outdoor learning, students made coloured ice molds to decorate their sit spots, and we also made homemade bird ornaments to send home for the birds over the holidays! Happy Holidays & New Year Everyone!



Grade 5/6

Happy Holidays to all! I can't believe we are here already. The grade 5/6 class is wrapping up their Language Arts unit about Peace and Conflict. They have been very engaged throughout this unit learning about some history

around the atomic bomb and WWII. We will be starting a new unit in Social Studies right after the break. In Math, both grades are working through dealing with large numbers, decimals, multiplication, division, and basic frac-

tions. I hope everyone has a chance to rest and refresh over the break. See everyone in the New Year!

Grade 7

Christmas is around the corner and a break along with it! The students have continued to work hard this past month. In ELA, we finished our novel study of The Girl Who Drank the Moon. We are wrapping up final projects for the novel. With the no bus days, I am extending the due date until after the break. However, most students should already be done. In math, we are beginning our unit on

Fractions and Fraction Operations. So far, I am very pleased with the foundational knowledge our class possesses! Once again, it's always a good idea to strengthen a child's foundational skills with reviewing and mastering basic multiplication facts. In social, Mr. Herman has begun a new unit with the class called "The Land". In science, the students had the opportunity to

make casein plastic in order to learn more about mixtures and solutions. After the break they will delve into the adventure of separating mixtures! In closing, I would like to wish all of you and your families the best of holidays. Merry Christmas and blessings to all!

Grade 8

The grade 8's are wrapping up 2022 with a short week before Christmas break. In E.L.A., they have been working on an essay about boot camps and just finishing reading the short story, *Dancing with Beads* by Deborah Ellis. In Science, they just finished a unit on Cells, Tissues and Body Systems. In Math, they are working on integer equations. In Home Ec., the grade 8's are

making sock monkeys and learning how to hand sew. In art, the grade 8's have been learning about art from the Canadian Prairies, with a focus on indigenous artists Alex Janvier and Leah Dorion. In I.A., students are working on their drafting skills. In Phys. Ed., they are working on their basketball skills. In Health, the grade 8's

are learning to recognize violence and abuse in relationships. Lastly, in Design, students are researching simple machines. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Grade 9

In ELA the Grade 9s are currently working through a Mythology and Folklore unit where they are learning the basic skills of essay writing. This unit will extend into January and then we will likely begin a Poetry Unit. The 9s are working on linear equations in Math with Mr. Block and Mr. Herman. In Health the 9s are currently investigating different types of addiction and the impact addiction has on individuals and those

that are around them. In Science the Grade 9s are studying the final frontier... space. They should be writing an exam on Space this week. The Grade 9s are wrapping up a unit on Ancient Civilizations and will be welcoming back Mr. Hutchinson in the new year. In PAA the 9s are doing 2D design using vector graphics in Adobe Illustrator with Mr. Block. The IA crew is doing

welding and small engines, and the Home Ec. crew is learning about sewing. In Phys. Ed the 9s have been playing a lot of various games and sports. They will be focusing on basketball after Christmas. Happy Holidays!

Grade 10

It's almost the holidays! At this hectic time of year, the Grade Tens are working hard to wrap up a few things up before they attack the turkey. In Design, they have been working on a free project, designing whatever they desire, such as their

own companies or logos. In Math, they have been working on trigonometric functions like Sine and Cosine. They have been examining the Mysteries of Life in ELA. And in Science, they have been examining the mysteries of the uni-

verse by studying Physics! And finally, they have been cooking in Home Ec and finishing their wood projects in IA. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Grade 11

Happy Holidays Everyone!! We are excited to have a two week break to rest, celebrate and enjoy our friends and family!

In **ELA 20-** We watched Big Fish and are discussing and writing about parental hopes and dreams.

In **Phys. Ed 20-** We are doing a variety of fun games.

In **Health Science 20-** We

are surveying all the body systems and the pathologies and medical diagnostics that go along with them.

In **Foundations 20-** We are studying parabolas and quadratic equation.

In **Psychology 20-** We are looking into criminal minds and what motivates them.

Thank you to Mr. Schilling for all his hard work. We give you a 110% and will miss you in the New Year.

Grade 12

December has flown by and the Gr. 12's are ready for the Christmas break! In History we have been learning about 20th century Canadian History and the impacts of war on our country. We have started a new unit on Diverse Voices that make up our country in ELA. Workplace 30 math are working on sym-

metry, reflections and rotations while Pre-Calculus math is learning Trigonometric Identities. In Chemistry they are learning about calculating strong and weak acids and bases. The projects in shop are coming along really nice.

I have really enjoyed getting to know and teaching the stu-

dents in Hanley the past 5 weeks, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year!

