



Hanley School Newsletter

**JANUARY
2023**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sem. 1 Final Exams Gr. 10-12	Jan 26- 30
PD Day No School	Jan 31
Semester 2 Begins	Feb 1
February Break	Feb 20- 24

From the Office:

After a long Christmas break it was great to see our students back in the hallways and classrooms this month looking to get back to work and, for those students on semestered classes, getting ready for their final exams at the end of the month. As I mentioned in December, our staff changes happened and classes are moving ahead as planned with changes to the timetable. Mr. Block is our acting interim vice-principal for the remainder of the school year as Mr. Hindmarsh is on a leave. Miss Brittany Nedelec joined us to work in the middle years and elementary classes as well for the remainder of the year. Welcome Miss Nedelec and Mr. Block to your new positions! The last day before the Christmas Break we held our annual Christmas Lunch with the whole school taking part in the preparation, and everyone eating together in the gym. What a great tradition we were able to get back into place – thank you to Mrs. Schraeder for all your organization of the ingredients and the schedule of workers! Thank you to all the families for doing your part to provide those items to make it a success. Final exams will start on January 25th and students in the whole school will have a day off of school on Tuesday, Jan-

uary 31st as the school division has a prep day scheduled. We normally refer to this as our “turn around day” as the day after begins our second semester and our new classes and timetable.

Progress Reports will be available through EDSBY for grades 7-12 again at the beginning of February. The reporting is all done online this year with our new program. Many of you have said how easy it is to use the app and the division is clearing up many of the bugs we initially have found with the program. We hope the reporting in February is simple for you to access (and for us to complete).

Our school extra-curricular programs are also continuing this month, with Basketball teams for Junior Boys, Senior Girls and Senior Boys practicing and playing. Curling for Junior and Senior teams has also kicked off and Badminton will start practicing after the February break. The SRC has done some wonderful planning at the Christmas lunch organizing the program, and held a movie night for elementary students on January 13. They also have upcoming plans for a high school event as well – stay tuned for more details.

Our School Community

Council has raised some more funds through money raised on the Community Calendar project. They are directing a large amount towards a new playground project we have talked about. It is always a large amount to save for as those playgrounds are very expensive to install, but we have made a significant start. Thank you SCC for your interest on that project. The SCC also supported the SRC plans for engaging our students and plan to help us pay for some further signage around the school to display details of our School Goals in the form of the PAW the whole school helped create. The words RESPECT, ENGAGEMENT, INCLUSION and COLLABORATION are at the heart of what students and staff want to see at Hanley Composite School.

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/>. As always, Mr. Block and I would love to talk to you if you have time to send us a message or give us a call. We'll talk to you soon.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-2023

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

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Winter Family Festival & Art Sale

Hanley Composite School

February 8, 2023

Come & Go 5:30-7:30PM

Hanley Composite School is excited to host K-6 families for the 'Winter Family Festival & Art Sale' on Wednesday, February 8th, from 5:30-7:30PM. This is a Come & Go event, so please feel free to join us when it best suits your family.

We encourage you to move through the stations/activities as a family when it's possible. Some of the stations will require adult support for younger children.

There is no admission for the evening—just come & enjoy!

A Student Art Show & Sale: every K-6 student will have one piece of art for sale to be purchased by their own family. This donation amount can be anything from \$0+. It is an anonymous amount that will be paid to the cashiers for that evening (likely Molly Speir and Ms. Martineau). Artwork will remain on display for the evening so all families can enjoy the beautiful art, but your child's artwork will be marked with a sticker once it's sold. Students will bring home art pieces on Feb 8 or 9. Funds raised will support programming and purchases for K-6 students.

Other activities to look forward to: Cookie Decorating, Hot Chocolate Station, Winter Craft, Family Bingo, Gym Games, etc.

If you have any questions before the event, please contact your child's homeroom teacher(s).

S1 Final Exams – January 2023

Wednesday, Jan. 25

9:00

**Science 10
Foundations Math 20
ELA A30**

Thursday, Jan. 26

9:00

**Work Place Math 10
Health Science 20
History 30**

Friday, Jan. 27

9:00

**ELA A10
ELA 20
Chemistry 30**

Monday, Jan. 30

9:00

**Pre-Calculus Math 30
Work Place Math 30**

Grade Kindergarten

We have been enjoying the rime ice on the trees and the milder January temperatures. They've been making our forest adventures even more fun!

Some of the students in the Grade 5/6 class have been developing skills as Forest Leaders and have been joining us in the trees for some afternoons. It has been so nice to have their help and to play with them.

In ELA we are reviewing the first 15 letter sounds that we've learned. We talk about the sound the letter makes, how to make the sound, how to write the letter, and some of us are even making words with the letters!

In Math we're practicing our numbers from 0-10 to make sure we have a good grasp on recognition, formation, and other numeracy skills. We like to break apart numbers

and solve number riddles!

We added a Pet Adoption play area in our room and the students have loved using their imagination to take care of the pets.

We are looking forward to the Winter Family Festival on February 8th from 5:30-7:30PM. We hope to see you all there!

Grades 1/2

Happy New Year! We started the year off with a celebration of the New Year and writing New Year's Resolutions! In addition to our own personal goals, we have a class goal to read 100 read-aloud books before the end of the year! So far, we have read aloud about 20 books! We will have a reading celebration when we hit our goal!

We continue to grow as readers! Mrs. Carpenter and I have been doing some reading assessments and we are thrilled to see the progress of each child! The past two weeks we reviewed long vowels (there are so many....we will continue reviewing all year long!), as well as the sounds of oi/oy, wh, ph, ou/ow, silent letters (kn, mb, wr), ea in sweater and a making the short o sound, as in swamp. We are reading, reading, reading and our writing is improving as well!

Mrs. Carpenter and the grade

ones are still working hard on addition and subtraction strategies. There are many strategies to learn, and my goal is to have students find strategies that work well for them to become automatic with fact fluency! Not all strategies will make sense for everyone. We do lots of number talks to discuss how different brains get to answers differently. For example, $4+8=12$. Some students count on and say 8 - 9,10,11,12. Some said they made 10 and added 2 more. One student thought $4+4+4$ to get to 12. Our main goal is to answer facts quickly and accurately! We will continue to work on fact fluency until February break!

In Grade 2 math, we have been reviewing subtraction strategies and we have started the hard work of learning regrouping! We have learned the rhymes: "More on top?

No need to stop!" "More on the floor? Go next door, get ten more!" "Number's the same? Zero's the game!" They have helped us know when we need to go borrow ten to subtract the bottom number. It's tricky and we are working hard!

In Science we have started our Animal Needs Unit and we are enjoying learning about how animals need food, shelter, and safety. We also had a STEM project where we had to figure out how to s-t-r-e-t-c-h a snowman. We are having fun times learning how to work with others and how to build and change projects to make them better. STEM projects really help us work on learning from our mistakes!

In art we have learned about Henri Rousseau! We enjoyed looking at some of his art and have created our own tiger in the jungle drawings.

We have had a few busy first weeks and we look forward to what the rest of January will bring!



Grade 3/4

The grade 3/4's have a new classroom setup that they are adjusting to, to start the new year. In health we are working on our classroom values of: responsibility, respect, safety, and kindness. We have been reading books, and playing games that help us converse and put these values into practice. Students have set goals for the new year for at school and at home. In math, both groups are working on addition and subtraction. In science, students

are finishing up our unit on sound through lots of hands-on activities and demonstrations. In PE students have been showing off their dance skills in different games like freeze dance and musical hoops, and creating dances of their own in groups. The 3/4s also completed some beautiful art projects that involve blending, shading, and bird research/drawing. Come and check them out across the hall from our classroom

if you are in the building. The class is looking forward to creating new art projects for the auction at our K-6 Family Winter Festival next month. We hope to see you then!

Grade 5/6

The grade 5/6 class is learning all about communication and the many forms it takes. In math, both grades continue to learn about whole numbers and how to work with them. In Social Studies the class is starting a project about Indigenous people of Canada. It will involve learning about the past and present times. In Health, the focus is around healthy choices and

safety. The class will be learning some drama games and activities in Art. As a reminder, please ensure your child is dressed for the weather everyday. When it is nice outside, we would really like to be outside. It makes it challenging when students don't have the proper clothing to be outside for extended periods of time.

Grade 7

January has certainly been busy! In ELA, the class finished our novel study. We have begun our exploration of Informational Text and Non-fiction. In math, we are currently studying fractions and fraction operations. In science, the class continues to look at Mixtures and Solutions. Finally, in social, the Grade 7s are learning about people's relationship with the land.

I hope everyone's New Year has begun well! Best wishes to all. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school (306-544-2511).

Grade 8

The grade 8's have continued to work hard with the start of 2023. In Art, they have continued learning about Canadian art with a focus on Christi Belcourt and the Great Lakes Region. In I.A they are reviewing how to hand draft in orthographic view, and will be learning to draft in isometric view shortly. In Social Studies, they are learning about

Canadian immigration policies and how they came to be. They will also be starting a unit on racquet sports shortly in Phys. Ed.

Grade 9

The students came back from the break recharged and ready to finish of the semester strong. In ELA, they have been working on comparative essays regarding heroic characters.

Math has the students working with linear relations and polynomials, and Science has them learning all about static electricity. The 9s have just began investigating ancient Greece in Social class and are working with adictions in Health. IA has the

students learning about welding and small engines. In Design, they are working on 2D and 3D design using various software including TinkerCAD and Adobe Illustrator. In Home Ec., students are learning to sew and will be creating their own aprons. In Phys. Ed. they are continuing to learn about the importance of physical activity while working on a variety of skills and playing a variety of games.

Grade 10

Well, the Grade Tens are very busy getting ready for their first ever set of final exams! They are also diligently completing their last few assignments and projects in their various classes. In ELA, they have been working on a book review and an I-Search report. In IA they are finishing up their beautiful pro-

jects. The aroma from the Home Ec lab has been heavenly as they wind up the term with a unit on Appetizers. In Mathematics, they have been working on Trigonometry, finding angles and sides in various right triangles. In Science, they have been studying the Laws of Motion. And in De-

sign, they are completing a final project of their choice, designing various things from signs to clothing lines. Have a wonderful January!

Grade 11

Final Exams are next week. Good Luck!

In **ELA 20-** We are reading Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams and preparing for final exams.

In **Phys. Ed. 20-** Playing sports, games and having fun!!

In **Health Science 20-** We

have completed our survey on body systems and are now analyzing our nutrition and how it effects our body.

In **Foundations 20-** We are working on scale factors.

In **Psychology 20-** We are working on our final projects.

This involves researching something in social psychology that interests us and creating a game that we can play.

Grade 12

The grade 12 classes are winding down for the semester. The History class has completed their final unit on Canadian Nationalism in the 20th century. The students also submitted their term research projects. The ELA 30A class completed their study of the "Canadian Voice" in literature and other media. The

Chemistry class is completing their course with a study of oxidation reduction reactions and electro chemistry. Workplace math is learning about the law of sines and the pre-calculus class is studying identities. Projects in the shop are nearing completion!

Talk to you all again in the new semester!

Hanley School would like to thank the RM of Dundurn and Sask Lotteries for their generous donation to our track and field program for purchasing some new equipment.