

St. Mary's School

Morning Memo – Week of February 5, 2018



1. Follow us on Twitter: @stmarys_mh, Instagram , and Facebook
2. Open registration is on now. Students have brought home “prepopulated” registration forms, please complete and return them by as soon as possible. Space in the Fine Arts Academy is limited, so please return your registration forms promptly to avoid disappointment. Open house for new and prospective students is planned for February 6 from 6:00 to 8:00.
3. St. Mary's School “Our School” student survey will be conducted this week. Parent Accountability Surveys were sent by Alberta Education to grade 7 parents. Please complete the survey by February 24. If you are a grade 7 parent and you have not received a survey, please call the school. The survey provides us with valuable information when developing our three-year education plan.
4. Upcoming Events
 - Monday – Assembly
 - Drama Club second half of lunch
 - Tuesday – Homework Club 3:30 to 4:30
 - New Student Open House 6:00 to 8:00
 - Administration away for “Hour Zero” training
 - Wednesday - Homework Club 3:30-4:30
 - Winter Walk Day
 - Thursday – Monsignor McCoy will be here to meet the grade 9's during Period 5
 - Friday – Fine Arts Gala and Art Auction – The Summit – Tickets are \$20
 - Pizza by the Slice \$3
 - FA Popcorn and Yogurt sales \$2
 - Blue Day with Pep Rally during Period 7 – “Cheer for Chow”
5. Sports Events this Week
 - Monday – Girls A at MHCS- 4:15
 - Girls B at MHCS- 5:30
 - Tuesday- Boys B2 at Parkside- 5:30
 - Wednesday – Girls A at Home- 5:30
 - Thursday - Boys B2 at AMS - 4:15
 - Boys A at Seven Persons
 - Friday/Saturday –Tournaments
 - Boys B1 at AMS
 - Girls A at CHHS
 - Boys A at Home
6. Congratulations to all students and staff who participated in our “Word of the Week” program last week. We will continue this week.
 - a. Staff and students are encouraged to be “caught” using the word of the week. If this happens they will be given an entry form for a draw to be completed on Friday mornings during announcements (Staff draw will occur monthly).
 - i. Student Word – chasten – verb...to discipline for the purpose of making better
 - ii. Staff word- auspicious – adj....showing or suggesting that future success is likely

7. The Leadership group will be selling “Crush” for your crush tags every day at lunch time. Students can purchase these and send a Crush pop to their friends on February 13, 2018.
8. Ever wonder what teachers do on PD Friday’s. Each teacher belongs to at least one PLC that works toward improving learning in their classroom. Today’s article is on effective PLCs Enjoy...

PLCs at Their Best and Worst

In this article in *All Things PLC Magazine*, Richard DuFour, Rebecca DuFour, Robert Eaker, Thomas Many, and Mike Mattos describe what happens in the most effective PLCs:

- Same-grade/same-subject teacher teams get frequent and timely information on their students’ learning on key standards from common assessments they developed.
- Teachers use the data to identify the strengths and weaknesses in their individual practice.
- The team identifies areas of the curriculum where students are struggling and names individual students for follow-up intervention and enrichment.
- Teachers compare their students’ results, pinpoint the most effective practices, identify team PD needs, and adopt ways to improve their collective capacity.
- Teachers measure progress toward team goals.
- The team compares its assessments with district, state, and national assessments.

DuFour, DuFour, Eaker, Many, and Mattos then describe some weaknesses they have observed in some schools’ PLC work:

- Considerable lag time getting assessment results to teachers;
- Assessment data presented in ways that aren’t helpful;
- Teacher reluctance to share their individual results with colleagues, preferring to look at aggregate performance across groups;
- A desire to eliminate questions on which students did poorly;
- Data analysis seen as a bureaucratic task primarily to satisfy “downtown;”
- Assessments used primarily to report on student progress; teachers teach, test, and hope for the best as they move on to the next unit.
- Not using the analysis of results to improve professional practice;

“Data Quest: Turning Data Into Information” by Richard DuFour, Rebecca DuFour, Robert Eaker, Thomas Many, and Mike Mattos in *All Things PLC Magazine*, Winter 2018 (p. 16-17)

Important Dates 2017-2018

February

5	Assembly
6	St. Mary's Orientation Open House 6:00-8:00PM
7	Winter Walk Day
7	Art Club 3:18-4:30PM
9	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
9	Pep Rally for Basketball (2:15pm)
9	Fine Arts Silent Art Auction and Wine Gala – Tickets are available in the office \$20
9-10	Boy's A Basketball Tournament
13	Shrove Tuesday
13	Red/Pink Day
14	Valentine's Day
14	Ash Wednesday
16	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
19-21	PD Days – No School for students
22-23	Teacher's Convention – No School for Students
26	Assembly
28	Pink Shirt Day

March

2	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
5-6	Choral Music Festival
7	Face to Face Retreat
7	Art Club 3:18-4:30PM
9	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
12	Assembly
13	Friday's Schedule
13	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
13	Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:30PM
14	Band Music Festival
15	Green Day
16	PD Day
20	Parent Council Meeting 6:30 PM in the Library
21	Art Club 3:18-4:30PM
22	PARTY Program- 9 Law
23	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
26	Assembly
29	Holy Thursday Celebration
29	Find The Bunny Activity
30	Good Friday

April

9	First Day back after Easter
11	Art Club 3:18-4:30PM
13	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
16	Assembly
16	Canstruction at MHC
17	Parent Council Meeting 6:30 PM in the Library
20	Zoo Day
20	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
23-27	Madagascar Jr. Production
25	Art Club 3:18-4:30PM
26	Students will attend Madagascar Jr. Production at 1:00PM
27	PD Day
30	Assembly

May

3	Track Day
4	Fake An Injury Day
4	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
8	Grade 9 English Language Arts Achievement Part A Exam
9	Art Club 3:18-4:30PM
10	Grade 9 French Language Arts Achievement Part A Exam
11	Attending McCoy "Back to the 80's" at MHC Theatre
11	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
13	Mother's Day
14	Assembly
15	Gr. 9 Immunizations
16	Friday's Schedule
16	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
17	PARTY Program- 9 Rus
18	PD Day
21	No School
23	Art Club 3:18-4:30PM
25	Disney Day
25	Grade 9 Practice Math PAT- period 1-3
25	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
28	Assembly

June

1	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
4	Parent Council Meeting 6:30 PM in the Library
6	Art Club 3:18-4:30PM
7	Friday's Schedule
7	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2

7	St. Mary's Dance 6:00-9:30 PM
8	PD Day
11	Assembly
11	Rehearsal for the Spring Show
12	Spring Show at the College
13	School Mass 10:00 AM – Holy Family Parish
15	Neon/80's Day
15	Pizza \$3/slice, Kernels Popcorn \$2 and Frozen Yogurt \$2
17	Father's Day
20	Art Club 3:18-4:30PM
20	Grade 9 French Language Arts Achievement Part B Exam
21	Year End Picnic (tentative)
22	Grade 9 Farewell
25	Grade 9 Social Achievement Exam
26	Grade 9 English Language Arts Achievement Part B Exam
27	Grade 9 Math Achievement Exam
28	Grade 9 Science Achievement Exam
29	Last Day for Teachers