



March
2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March:
- 8—Report Cards
 - 10—Daylight Savings - Clock moves ahead one hour
 - 13-14—No Kindergarten Classes—P/T Interviews
 - 13—Celebration of Learning
 - 14—**Early Dismissal** at 11:30 a.m. Gr 1-5
 - 14—PL in afternoon—No Classes in afternoon
 - 15—PL Day—No Classes
 - 18—Council Mtg @ 6 p.m.
 - 20—Deadline to order Hot Lunch 10:00 p.m.
 - 22—Beach Theme Day
 - 26—Assembly 2:30 p.m.
 - 27—Hot Lunch Day
 - 28—Green Shirt Day
 - 29— Good Friday—No School

- April:
- 1-5—Spring Break—No school
 - 8—PL Day—No School
 - 9—Spring Fling BBQ
 - 18—Family Gym Night
 - 22—Spring Photos
 - 25—Choir Concert

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- **Kindergarten P/T Interviews—March 13-14**
No Kindergarten Classes
- **Celebration of Learning—March 13** 6:00—7:30 p.m.
- **Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 14**
Grades 1-5 classes will dismiss 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 14
- **PL Day Friday, March 15—No Classes**
Due to Professional Learning Day, there will be no classes.

Report Cards and Celebration of Learning

Report cards will be available online and printed copies will go home on Friday, March 8. Celebration of Learning for all students will be the evening of Wednesday, March 13 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please drop in to spend 15-20 minutes of time in each child’s class. The event will be set up with classroom activities that will allow your children to show and demonstrate what they have been learning.

Kindergarten Families are also welcome to attend as the Book Fair will be open at this time.

Kindergarten and Gr 1-5 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Kindergarten will be having Parent/Teacher interviews March 13 & 14 therefore there will be no Kindergarten classes on those days.

Mrs. Newman will contact parents directly to set up a time.

As a follow up to our Celebration of Learning, Thursday, March 14 (afternoon) and Friday, March 15 (morning) is set aside for individual parent teacher interviews for Grades 1-5. Your child’s teacher will reach out to you to set up an interview if one is needed. You can also connect with them at our Celebration of Learning to inquire about an interview time.

Note that students Grade 1-5 are dismissed at 11:30 AM on Thursday, March 14 and there is no school for all students on Friday, March 15.

Spring Scholastic Book Fair

We are having a Spring Scholastic Book Fair March 11-15 with shopping times available during the day, immediately after school and during Celebration of Learning. Students will be given an opportunity to preview the book fair March 7-8.



Thank you for supporting our Learning Commons!

Returning 2024-25 Digital Registrations

There has been a delay in sending out the digital returning registration forms for our Kindergarten to Grade 4 students for 2024-25 due to issues with the computer program. The Division's Technology Department is currently working on fixing these issues. We will communicate the date that these digital registrations will be sent to parents as soon as we hear from the Technology Department. Thank you for your understanding.

Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

Absolutely no parking in the east and west Staff Parking Lots and the east alley. Please observe the No Parking zones in and around the school as well. This is a serious **safety concern** for our students, parents and staff. Do not park in residence driveways as this is private property. Thank you for observing all the signs posted.

Please remember to update your information with the office if you have changes to your phone numbers or address. Thank you.

Daylight Saving Time Sunday, March 10

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead. Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday evening, March 9.



Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser

We are running a Kernels Popcorn fundraiser starting April 15. Orders will be available online as well as manual orders. All orders are due on Friday, April 26. Cheques should be made payable to Senator Buchanan School Council. All funds raised will go directly to student field trips. Thank you for your continued support!



No School March 29- April 8

Schools will be closed on Good Friday, March 29 until April 8, 2024 for Spring Break and Monday for Professional Learning Day.

Classes resume Tuesday, April 9.

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Shivratri (Hindu)

March 8- On Shiva's night, the Hindu deity Lord Shiva performed the Tandav, the cosmic dance of creation and destruction. A 24-hour fast is kept and devotees make pilgrimages to major shrines for worship.



Ramadan (Islam)



March 11- This is the holiest month in the Islamic Year and begins at the sighting of the new moon. It commemorates the period during which Prophet Muhammad received divine revelations. Observing Muslims fast between the hours of sunrise and sunset during the entire month, read the Quran and worship in the mosque or at home. The dates vary by a day depending on the whether the Saudi Arabia or the North American Calendar is being observed.

Eostre (Wicca)

March 20- A fertility festival celebrating the birth of spring. The word Easter is derived from the Maiden Goddess. Celebrations including lighting fires at sunrise, ringing bells, and decorating hard-boiled eggs, an ancient Pagan custom associated with the Goddess.



Shunki-Sorei-Sai (Shinto)

March 20- On this day, ancestors are given reverence at home altars and considered active members of the living family. Gravesites are cleaned and purified.



Shunbun No Hi (Japan)

March 20- During the time of Spring Equinox, Buddhists meditate on the harmony in the universe.

Now Raz, New Year (Afghanistan, Iran-Bahá'í, Zoroastrian, Islam)



March 20- Nowruz means 'New Day' and is the traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New year. Iranians celebrate it on March 20th. It is also a holy day for Zoroastrian, Sufi, Ismaili and the Bahá'í faiths. Persians (Iranians, Afghans, and Tajiks) and other Indo-Iranian groups (Kurds, Armenians, Azarbaijanis and Balochs) start preparing for the Nowruz with a major spring-cleaning of their houses and the purchase of new clothes to wear for the new year. They visit the elders of their family, then the rest of their family and their friends. On the thirteenth day, families leave their homes and picnic.



Palm Sunday (Christian)

March 24- Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was cheered by crowds who strew palm branches in his path. It is observed by worship services and parades using palm branches.

Purim (Jewish)

March 24- Purim is known as the Feast of Lots, which celebrates the deliverance of Jews in Persia from the machinations of Haman. Jews dress in costume and give gifts of food to each other.



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Holi (Sikh, Hindu)



March 25- According to myth, a tyrannical king's son, Pralad, refused to worship his father as God and was condemned to death by burning. However, the boy's aunt, named Holika, transferred her own immunity from fire to Pralad, and burned to death in his place. This festival of colour celebrates Spring, where people play with liquid and powdered colours, light bonfires and blow horns to celebrate the destruction of Holika.



Holi Mohalla, Bikarami (Sikh)

March 26- On this day, mock battles are fought and martial arts are displayed in honour of Guru Gobind Singh, who took to armed struggle against tyranny.



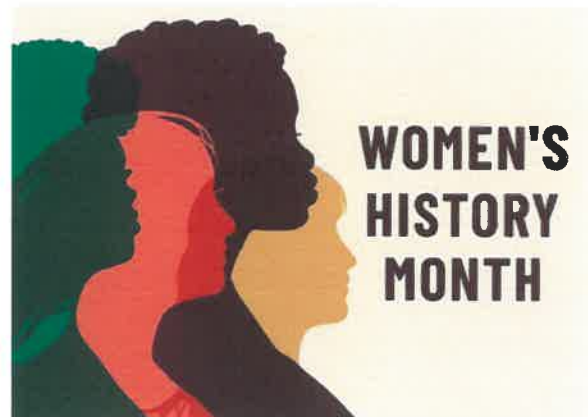
Easter (Christian)

March 31- This day celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from his grave. Christians celebrate the day with family meals and attending religious services, some as early as sunrise.



Birth of Prophet Zarathustra, Fasli (Zoroastrian)

March 26- Zarathushtra (Zoroaster in Greek; Zartosht in India and Persia) is the founder of the Zoroastrian religion dating back to sometime between 1500 and 1000 BCE. He lived in Persia, modern day Iran. Zoroastrianism became the state religion of various Persian empires, until the 7th Century CE. When Arabs, followers of Islam, invaded Persia in 650 CE, a small number of Zoroastrians fled to India where most are concentrated today.



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