

# **ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND** **COORDINATOR OF INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, & EQUITY** **NEWSLETTER**

## **POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“Hold fast to  
dreams, for if  
dreams die, life is a  
broken-winged bird  
that cannot fly.”*

*—Langston Hughes*

## **Upcoming dates for February**

**Feb - Black History Month**

**Feb 19 - President’s Day**

**Feb 20 – World Day of Social Justice**

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## *THE DIVERSITY CORNER*

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**Featured Leader** - Born James Mercer Langston Hughes (February 1, 1901– May 22, 1967) was an American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist from Joplin, Missouri. One of the earliest innovators of the literary art form called jazz poetry, Hughes is best known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance.

**Did you know** - Hughes came from an impressive lineage of abolitionists and activists. His maternal grandfather, Charles Henry Langston, advocated for equal rights, education, and suffrage in Ohio and Kansas for 30 years. Hughes’s great-uncle, John Mercer Langston, was also an abolitionist, as well as an attorney, politician, and diplomat who was one of the first Black men in the United States elected to public office when he was voted as township clerk of Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1855. Later, he became the first Black man elected to Congress from Virginia, where he served during the 51st Congress from 1889 to 1891.

**Black History Month** - On Feb. 7, 1926, Carter G. Woodson, initiated the first celebration of Black History Week which led to Black History Month, to extend and deepen the study and scholarship on African American history. Black History month was officially recognized in 1976, by President Gerald Ford. President Ford called upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.

**POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK (SUMMARY)** - this quote tells us that our dreams are important. Our dreams are directly connected to our purpose. That is what drives us. If we don’t fulfill the very purpose we were designed for, then we are denying the world the opportunity to see our full potential.

~ COREY SHORTER, CIDE, ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

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