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### Term 2 Reporting

The publication of this newsletter coincides with the release of our students' Term 2 report cards. This report card is an overview of a student's performance on tests, quizzes, assignments, and classroom activities for all courses in the first term which ended January 29, 2016. Please review each course with your child considering the mark achieved and the accompanying set of comments. Rounded average is indicated on report cards and is calculated based on all courses a student is taking. Rounded average is not used for calculation of Junior High Honour Roll/Principal's List.

### Calculation of Honour Roll and Principal's List

#### Jr. High:

Honour Roll: Minimum 80% in five core courses (Math, English, Science, Socials, French).

Principal's List: Minimum 90% in five core courses (Math, English, Science, Socials, and French).

#### Sr. High:

Honour Roll: Overall average greater than 80%.

Principal's List: Overall average greater than 90%.

### Parent – Teacher Interviews

We invite parents and students to meet with their subject teachers at our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 18. Conferences will be held in teacher's classrooms between 12:30 -3:30 pm and 5:30 -8:00 pm, by appointment only. Appointments can be made through the [OPTIS online](#) booking system ([www.hths.k12.nf.ca](http://www.hths.k12.nf.ca)), or by calling 437-5563.

### Grade 9 Parent Meeting: Thursday, March 3

There will be an information session for current parents of Grade 9 students on March 3 at 7:00 PM in the school's Learning Resource Centre. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of the high school credit system in preparation for upcoming 2016-2017 course selections.

### PowerSchool

Statistics indicate that approximately 50% of our students and parents have logged in to PowerSchool to access grades and attendance. We would like this number to increase and encourage more students and parents to access their accounts. Please contact [Mr. Hickey](#) if you need your PowerSchool account information.

### 2016 Public Exam Preparation Classes

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District will be offering a 48 hour Public Exam Preparation Program from February to June 2016. This program will be offered twice a week, with classes on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings at Gonzaga High School, Smithville Crescent, St. John's. There will be no classes over Easter Week and these sessions will be made up throughout the program.

Registration will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Gonzaga High School. Participants will be required to complete a registration form and pay the required fee of \$185.00 per course on that evening. No refunds will be issued after March 4, 2016.

Cash/Debit/Visa/MasterCard will be available. No cheques accepted. [Registration form is attached.](#)

For further information please call Brenda Hickey at 758-2700.

### English Dept. News:

#### Scripps Spelling Bee Competition



This year HTH held its second annual Scripps Spelling Bee competition. We had increased participation this year, with eleven participants who studied and prepared for this local school event. Many spectators including parents and students observed 18 suspenseful rounds of spelling words. Congratulations to David Humby and Emily Hynes were found to be the two most proficient spellers in our school! These two students will be representing HTH at the Regional Spelling Bee which will take place on February 27th at the Holy Heart Theatre. The English Department and the Holy Trinity High Community are proud to have these participants showing how exceptional our students really are!!

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#### Public Speaking

This year at HTH senior high students have the opportunity to participate in four public speaking competitions. The annual Pouch Cove Lions Club Speak Off and the Knights of Columbus Regional Speak Off are events which allow students to compete for monetary prizes, along with the opportunity to advance to district and provincial speaking competitions. The Adventure in Citizenship Annual Speak Off is offered by the Rotary Club of St. John's Northwest, which permits students the privilege of speaking in front of a large audience at a banquet dinner at the Holiday Inn, with the winner traveling to Ottawa to participate in the Rotary Club of Ottawa's *Adventure in Citizenship* program. Lastly, the NLESD Eastern Region Senior High Public Speaking Competition is another opportunity for high school students to showcase their public speaking skills, with the chance to advance to a provincial speaking competition.

For junior high students, one participant from HTH will be chosen to represent our school at the NLESD Intermediate Public Speaking Competition in May. This is a great opportunity for our junior high students to practice their public speaking skills, while gaining experience in a formal competition.

We are looking forward to reviving our interest in public speaking at HTH and appreciate any support from our school community.

#### Lisa's Story Workshop and Presentation

English 2201 students will participate in a full day seminar and guest speaker presentation in connection with our novel study *Night*. Writer and performer Lisa Hurd with producer and workshop facilitator Fabian O'Keefe will be at our school later this month to present "*Lisa's Story: Wartime Experiences of a Little Austrian Jewish Girl*". Lisa's Story will raise student awareness and acceptance of cultural diversity through a multi-modal approach to performing arts. The tour will present an exploration of racism, hate, and prejudice through a performance by Lisa Hurd. Students will hear the story of her wartime experiences as a little Austrian Jewish girl during the Nazi era, and see her personal artifacts. Workshops will be presented by Fabian O'Keefe to reflect and construct meaning through active participation in writing exercises, group drama, and improvisation.

#### **Guidance Dept. News:**

##### MUN Applications/Interviews:

Graduating students are reminded that applications are due *March 1<sup>st</sup>*. Applications can be completed on-line: [www.mun.ca](http://www.mun.ca)

MUN interviews will take place in late April, early May. Individual interview times will be scheduled for those students who have applied. This is an opportunity to meet with a faculty advisor and select courses, and for information sharing.

##### Scholarships/Programs

Follow Ms. Brenton on twitter:

@hthguidance for updates and links.

##### Kindness Week

From Feb. 22-26 we will celebrate Kindness Week, which will include daily themes and activities. Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> is *National Pink Day* – all staff/students are encouraged to wear pink. Check the school webpage and Twitter for further information as we finalize our plans.

#### **HTH Art Spot**

Holy Trinity High art classes continue to be busy creating beautiful works of art using all kinds of interesting things. This semester, our senior high students have completed projects using various drawing materials and they've experimented with acrylic and water colour paints. Most recently, students have worked on sculptural pieces creating both unique cardboard reliefs and yummy papier mache food. Students will have the opportunity to further explore art making practices such as mixed media and printmaking in the upcoming months and we look forward to seeing the imaginative pieces that will be produced.

Our first group of grade 7's have finished their term of art and have moved on to music. They took with them a portfolio full of finished art projects. They worked hard in groups to develop stop motion animation films and their completed movies turned out amazing and they can be viewed on the **HTH Art Spot**. It was a wonderful term and Ms. Channing looks forward to getting to know the new group of grade 7 art students this term.

A reminder that **HTH Art Spot** can be found through Ms. Channing's webpage or by visiting [hthart.blogspot.ca](http://hthart.blogspot.ca) and is a hub for information about ongoing or upcoming projects, interesting art news and info about what is going on at HTH.

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### **Duke of Edinburgh:**

The Duke of Edinburgh is an Award program that is open to young people of ages 14 to 24. This Award challenges youth to try new things and work at activities they are passionate about. It is a process of personal and social development where youth learn from new experiences they have and discover hidden capabilities and talents. In addition, it looks fantastic on a scholarship application, resume or application to a post-secondary institution. This Award is spread to over 140 counties and territories. Once enrolled, the applicant will focus on the four main areas of the Award: service, skill, physical recreation and adventurous journey.



At HTH students are busy working on this Award. November was a busy month for us. Students participated in a full day first aid course and a three hour training session to prepare for their adventurous journey. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had ten students hike with full backpacks over 10 km from Maddox Cove to Cape Spear for their practice hike for their Bronze Award. For the qualifying adventurous journey for Bronze (and the practice hike for the Silver Award) we had eight students hike with full backpacks, over 21km for two days and one night. They explored the East Coast Trials near Tors Cove, Bauline East, and Mobile.

If your child is interested in joining the Duke of Edinburgh team at HTH, you can contact [Ms. Vanessa Furey](#) for more information.

### **French Dept. News**

#### Study French in Quebec (grades 9 and 10)

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, through the Department of Education, offers bursaries to students for summer French programs in Quebec. The bursary covers the cost of tuition, room and board, plus various extra activities, for a 4-5 week program in Quebec. Students in grades 9- 10 (any level of French- beginner to advanced) can apply for a bursary through the Government of NL.

Applications are now available through your child's French teacher or the Department of Education website:

<http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/french/bursaries.html>

#### Explore Bursary

Explore French bursaries for level 2 students are now available. Your child can see their French teacher for an application or visit the Department of Education website:

<http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/french/bursaries.html>

#### CPF Speak-Offs

The Canadian Parents for French speak-off will take place in the month of March. There will be an announcement with a date and further details later this month.

#### French/Art news

This past November students from Ms. Codner's Grade 7 French Immersion class had the opportunity to submit artwork to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 for their Poster contest.

Congratulations to the following students:  
Emily Hynes - 1st Place-Color Poster,  
Hannah Frisby - 2nd Place-Color Poster  
and Emma Cole - 1st Place-Black and White poster. All 3 students received a monetary award for their winning poster.

#### **Social Studies Dept. News:**

Students in Grade 8 have responded overwhelmingly to the Canadian Roots Tour which will take place next November. Students will be traveling to Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal where they will learn about and experience many things about our history and our Canadian Identity. If there are any other parents who are interested in signing their Grade 8 students ONLY up for the trip, please contact Mr. Hammond to see if there are any spaces left available. These students will have an amazing experience, as previous travelers can attest.

#### **Home Stay Families Needed**

Each year our school hosts a few international students for either 5 or 10 months as part of the [Newfoundland International Student Exchange Program \(NISEP\)](#) offered through the Department of Education and the English School District. Host families are needed from Torbay, Flatrock, Bauline, and Pouch Cove. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact [Mr. Hickey](#) at the school.

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### **Math News:**

On February 24 students in Grade 9, 10 and 11 will be writing the University of Waterloo Math Competitions and students in Grade 12 will be writing the Blundon Math Competition sponsored by Memorial University. After school on February 25, senior high students will be participating in the senior high math league competition sponsored by the English School District and Memorial University. Good luck to all students.

### **Prom News:**

Students who will be attending the Prom on April 30, 2016 are reminded that the second payment of Prom fees is now due. Please bring your payment to Ms. Evans (Room 229). Invitations will be going home in the near future. Please return the reply cards ASAP so that we can confirm our numbers. The second order for hoodies will be going in on Feb. 15. If you want to order a hoody, please see Ms. Downey (Room 122) to place your order. The cost is \$50. Students are reminded that Graduation Photos will be taken February 15 – 17. Please check the list outside the main office for your appointment time. The sitting fee is \$25. A suggestion is to wear a white blouse or white shirt and tie for the photos.

### **Safe Grad Update: Gr. 11 and 12 parents**

The Grade 11 parents will be having another meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Learning Resource Centre regarding "Pay It Forward" for Safe Grad 2016. We encourage parents of current Grade 11 students to get involved in this parent initiative. When your child is in Grade 12 next year, the tradition of Grade 11 parents helping out will follow.

The **Grade 12 parents** have set up a Fundraising Committee and planning is underway as the Prom is less than 3 months away. A recycling drive was held on January 16, 2016 and another will be held in March. Thank you to the students and parents involved and to all those who supported this recycling blitz. There will be another meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:00 PM in the Learning Resource Centre. We encourage all Grade 12 parents to attend and support this Committee.

### **Science Dept.:**

#### Lego Robotics

Members of the HTH Lego Robotics team performed well under pressure at the FLL Lego Robotics Competition just before the Christmas break. The HTH team was successful in many of the challenges presented to them at the Skills Canada-hosted competition and took home an award in the gracious professionalism category. The Tigers will be gearing up for the competition again next year!



### **Recycling Club**

Recycling Club is open to all students at our school. It is a great way to help reduce waste, and raise money for school projects and equipment to help our students! Students in Career Education can gain hours by volunteering every week, or when they are free to join in. An increase in participation of junior high students has been a great help in making our school a greener place. A pizza party will be held at the end of the year for regular attendees! Recycling will now be held on Thursdays at 2:25 p.m. and will run until approximately 3:30 p.m. Thank you again to all of our wonderful student and teacher volunteers!



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### Teachers in Action Program

Teacher Intern Ms. O'Rielly, along with teachers Ms. Lushman, Ms. Mercer and Mr.



Normore are working with Memorial University in an Action Research project entitled Teachers in Action. Funding and support has been provided to increase the number of inquiry-based opportunities for students to engage, explore, explain, and expand their science experience at the Grade 8 level. Students are excited about the experiments and seem very engaged in the project. They have shown amazing participation and enhanced confidence in lab skills throughout the last two months. Hands-on learning has led to an increase in motivation as students come to class asking excitedly if they will be participating in activities. More fun science on the way...and their grades indicate some powerful learning is taking place as well! Here are some pictures of Grade 8 students in action.



### **Agriculture, Aquaponics and Robotics**

*Construction, Designing, Agriculture, Robotics, Programming, Aquaponics*  
If students or community members are interested in the any of the above we want you to be involved!

Holy Trinity High will be developing, constructing and monitoring an Aquaponics system over the next few months. This project incorporates aquaponics, agriculture and robotics that develop designing and engineering skills. The system once developed will be monitored and controlled by Phidget sensors and cameras that will be programmed by students. Data will be accessible to the whole student body and the general public. Students taking part in this project will develop skills in construction, agriculture, aquaculture, hydroponics, aquaponics, robotics and

programming in an effort to produce food. Students of different interests and abilities can participate at different times and at different levels of engagement- from constructing, to planting, to programming, etc.

We are now looking for students interested in construction, agriculture, programming or any other area of the project mentioned above. We are also hoping to include community members who may have interest in getting involved in any part of our project. For more information or to become involved please contact:

Mr. Glenn Normore  
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Ms. Kerri Mercer  
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### **Upcoming Science Events:**

Several senior high students will be participating in Lab Extravaganza Day on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is an enrichment event that provides students with the opportunity to explore their options at Memorial University. The faculties of Biology & Ocean Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Pharmacy, Engineering, and Earth Science provide workshops, exciting activities and lab demonstrations!

Many students in Grades 7 through 9 will be participating in the Model Bridge Building Competition on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This an opportunity for students to develop critical-thinking skills in designing and completing an actual, small-scale engineering project. These students have chosen to build a bridge as their science performance assessment project and will be putting their skills to the test at the Johnson Geo Centre. Further information on the competition can be found at [www.modelbridgesnl.ca](http://www.modelbridgesnl.ca)

The Let's Talk Science Challenge will take place on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Memorial University. We will have several teams of Grade 8 students take part in this exciting question and answer competition which helps students build upon their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) knowledge. This experience also helps build students' skills in team collaboration, cooperative learning, critical thinking and problem solving. The Holy Trinity High Tigers are the defending champions in this event and are sure to have another great experience this year!

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**Athletics Dept. News:**

Basketball season is in full swing with afterschool leagues and invitational tournaments being played. The Sr. Girls team is travelling to Grand Falls Feb 12<sup>th</sup> for the Donnini's Classic Tournament. The Grade 8 Girls won Silver at the McDonald Drive Invitational Tournament.



The grade 8 girls and grade 8 boys played a game against each other this month and both teams had a great time! The girls are hosting the 3rd Annual Martin Molloy Memorial Tournament on Feb 26-28. This is the 3rd year and has been a tremendous success. All support is welcome. The schedule will be posted on our athletics' twitter (@gotigersathlete).



The NLVA are hosting an afterschool winter league for the first time this year. Our junior volleyball teams will be participating in this league which started this week. Grade 7 Girls (Martin) won their first game against MPI Grade 8's. More team results will be tweeted (@gotigersathlete) as games get played. The Grade 9 Girls team have just returned from Provincial play in Corner Brook where they had a safe and fun weekend. HTHS continues to have a strong volleyball showing this year.

The Sr. Girls Volleyball team are AAAA Champs! This accomplishment makes them the top high school team in the province! Great job girls!



HTHS Girls Hockey team will be playing in the SSNL regional this season. This is the first time in several years that we are able to ice a girls' team!



The Sr. Boys hockey team have been busy with regular season play and invitational tournament play. The boys' team travelled to Grand Falls where they had a 2 win and 2 loss record. The boys defeated Carbonear and Lewisporte and lost to Gonzaga and Grand Falls. The boys were involved in the Confederation Cup this past weekend where they had a record of 1 tie and 3 losses. In regular season City League play, the team are 3-3-2 which makes them tied for 2nd place. The Jr. Boys Hockey Team has been selected and are gearing towards The Robert French Memorial Tournament.



Please check the schools' athletic calendar for dates of upcoming tournaments and/or practice times. Also follow HTHS Athletics @gotigersathlete on twitter.