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Term 3 Reporting

Enclosed with this newsletter is your child's Term 3 report card. This report is an overview of your child's performance on tests, quizzes, assignments, and classroom activities for all courses from September 5, 2012 to April 12, 2013. Please review each course with your child considering the mark achieved and the accompanying set of comments. Junior High averages were calculated using the five Core subjects: English Language Arts, French, Math, Science, Social Studies. It is these courses that are used to calculate the Honour Roll. Senior High averages are calculated using all courses. Parent Teacher Meetings do NOT take place for this reporting period.

Music Dept. News

It is a long-standing tradition that our Senior Concert Band and Senior Jazz Band take a large trip to attend a music festival every second year. This year's trip was to Orlando, Florida, and our senior bands were there from April 3rd to 9th. While in Orlando they played at Parkway Middle School on Friday, took part in their festival competition on Saturday, and for their grand finale they performed on the main stage at Downtown Disney on Monday! In between performances they enjoyed visits to Disney World, Universal Studios, Cocoa Beach, and the Kennedy Space Center. They enjoyed the amazing concert experience of The Blue Man Group, the magic of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, and the awesome fireworks in the Magic Kingdom. They represented our school very well and returned home with silver awards for both groups, a special Mickey Mouse statuette for their Disney performance, and memories to last a lifetime. Congratulations to Mr. Collins, our four outstanding parent chaperones, and the senior bands on their successful trip!

The music schedule remains busy for the next month or so, as all four of our school bands participate in the Rotary Music Festival in St. John's. Check Mr. Collins' band web page at http://mail.esdnl.ca/~ronald_collins/band for a full schedule of our concerts and clinics. Finally, our own Spring concert for the bands will take place later in May, and everyone is invited to hear some great music and see the premiere of a slide show of highlights of the senior band trip to Florida. We hope to see you there.

Math News

In February, 84 of our Grade 9, 10 and 11 students wrote the University of Waterloo Math Contests. The results for our school are as follows: Grade 9: 1st Noah Griffiths, 2nd Steven Kennedy, and 3rd Erik Mello & Cassandra Menchions (tied). The school team for Grade 9 (made up of the top three marks at each grade level) placed 7th in NL. Grade 10: 1st Kurtis Galway, 2nd Daniel Codner & Arielle Whalen (tied), and 3rd Jarad Squires. The school team for Grade 10 placed 9th in NL. Grade 11: 1st Alex Peters, 2nd Kelsey Menard, and 3rd Shalyn Codner. The school team placed 5th in NL.

Congratulations to all participants! Our Grade 12 students wrote their contest on April 17th however the results are not available yet. In May, 60 of our Grade 7 and 8 students will also be writing Math contests from the University of Waterloo. Good Luck to all our students!

MUN Math Placement Test

All students entering Memorial University in Sept. 2013 who are intending to take a mathematics course should write the Mathematics Placement Test. Information for students and parents is available the school's website.

Prom News

Prom is less than a month away and final preparations are being made. If you have fees left to pay please bring them to Ms. Downey by Friday. Hoodie orders must also be in by Friday. For the information of families, a photographer has been booked for Prom night and he will be available at the Hotel from 5:30 – 7:00 to take family pictures – he takes a picture of the graduate, graduate and date and graduate and parents 3 5x7 pictures for \$20. A letter will be sent home the last week before Prom with any reminders for parents and students. Also, please remind your son or daughter to listen for Prom announcements to ensure that no important information is missed.

Science Department

Eastern Newfoundland Regional Science Fair 2013 Congratulations to Brendan Meaney and Laura Couturier who participated in Husky Energy's Eastern Newfoundland Regional Science Fair at Bishop's College this past weekend. Brendan received a Silver Medal in Junior Life Sciences for his project: "Hermit Crabs Reaction to Visual Stimuli". Laura received a Gold Medal in Intermediate Life Sciences for her project: "Les effets de l'acidification des océans sur les larves d'huîtres". Way to go!!

Chris Hadfield and HTH. During February, Ms. Neil's Grade 9 science classes participated in an *Action Project: RADI-N2 & You*, sponsored by "CurioCity: Let's Talk Science" program. Our students were exposed to real-life, real-time Canadian research. We were one of 100 schools across the country who received a Bubble Detector to measure neutron radiation in the classroom over a two-week period. Data and pictures were sent to the website and compared with the other schools. The data was also compared with that collected by Air Canada Jazz pilots and Chris Hadfield on the International Space Station. Far out!

MedQuest at MUN is an exciting, career-oriented summer program which introduces students in Grades 10 – 12 to various health professions. Students can choose one of six one-week sessions from July 1 - August 9, 2013. Many of our students have taken advantage of this highly recommended program. Visit the [website](#) for more information. The deadline for applications is May 10.

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Women in Science and Engineering, WISE, sponsors a summer program for Grade 11 girls who are interested in exploring careers in science and engineering. Eight-week job placements are complimented with social activities, workplace tours, and great networking opportunities. Interested students are to check the [website](#) for information and an application package. The deadline for applications is May 6.

Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) and Canadian Chemistry Contests. Congratulations to our motivated senior students who participated in these Canada-wide competitions!

All-Science Challenge We are delighted to participate once again in this team-based event sponsored by Let's Talk Science. Ms Gallivan and Ms Myrick-Hicks are busy coordinating and coaching student teams in this highly-charged, fun-filled science competition taking place at Memorial University on April 23. Special thanks are extended to Mr. Terry Gardiner and Nalcor for printing the Science Handbooks. Good luck, students!!

French Department News

Summer Bursary Program in Quebec

Each year, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador offer bursaries for students interested in studying French in Quebec over the summer. Invited guest Sarah Miller spoke to our Senior High and grade 9 French students regarding the bursary programs available to them. Taylor Hanley, the support coordinator for the YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange Program was also invited to speak to our Senior High French student regarding exchange/work programs available in Quebec.

CPF Speak-off's

On March 23rd grade 9 student Aaron Barrett participated in the Canadian Parents for French speak off's at Memorial University. Aaron was an excellent representative of our school and did a fantastic job. Bien fait Aaron!

English Dept. News

Congratulations to students who participated in the Pouch Cove Lions Club Speak-off. 1st place winner was Julianne Meaney; 2nd place, Alyta Langmead; and 3rd place, Lucas Ings-Simms. Julianne also placed 1st at the St. John's Northwest Rotary Speak-off and as the winner of this speak-off, she will spend four days in Ottawa at the end of April where she will participate in the Adventure in Citizenship program that gathers over 220 young Canadians to learn about the diversity of our country, and the privileges and responsibilities of being a Canadian citizen.

An Evening with the Arts

Come join us as we showcase HTH's talented students. Featuring a student art exhibition, Drama production and performances by music students. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be presold

at Holy Trinity High School office. A limited number of tickets available at the door. Free mocktail with ticket purchase, compliments of HTH Smart Risk Group and the Town of Torbay. For more information email lisaclarke@esdnl.ca or karenchanning@esdnl.ca. Doors will open at 6:30pm, production to begin at 7:30pm.

Holy Trinity High Coffee House

Our annual **Coffee House** will take place 7:00 PM Saturday, April 27 in the school gym. Join us for an evening of local entertainment, tea, coffee, and desserts. Admission \$10, tickets now available at the school office. All ages welcome. This is an event organized by the HTH School Council. Please come out and support the school!

Allied Youth

The Allied Youth held their Provincial Conference in St. John's April 4 - 7. Three senior high students from Holy Trinity High were elected to the Provincial Executive: Lucas Ing-Simms - Provincial President, Ryan Mahon - Provincial Vice President, Ashley Vincent - Youth Director for the Avalon Region.

Also, the Torbay Post won the Dawe Award for positive lifestyle initiatives.

As well, a new award was created and named after Mr. Walter Hammond, a HTH teacher, for the post that best inspires its members to learn about the issues facing youth today. Mr. Hammond has been involved with Allied Youth for over 20 years! These were great accomplishments for our local AY post!

Guidance Dept. News

Grade 9 Johnson Horizons Program

Awarded to 50 grade nine students in NL, the Horizons program is the largest leadership development program in the province. It is valued at \$1200 (\$200 awarded in August 2013) and \$1000 upon entry to Memorial University. The criteria is based on both the quality and quantity of leadership ability and team ethic demonstrated through volunteer, school, community and extracurricular involvement. Students must also be planning on attending Memorial University. Interested students must complete an application form, which includes a cover letter, resume, and 500-600 word essay. Applications are available from Grade 9 English teachers or the Guidance office, and must be submitted to Ms. Brenton by **Monday, May 6th**. Only one student will be nominated by the school, and forwarded to the Horizons selection committee for consideration.

Final Exam Schedule

The June Exam schedule is now posted on the school's website. Students are encouraged to print a copy of the schedule. Best of Luck in June!