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### **Term 2 Reporting**

Enclosed with this newsletter is your child's Term 2 report card. This report is an overview of your child's performance on tests, quizzes, assignments, and classroom activities for all courses from September 9, 2010 to January 31, 2011. Please review each course with your child considering the mark achieved and the accompanying set of comments.

### **Parent – Teacher Interviews**

We invite parents and students to meet with their subject teachers at our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 17. Conferences will be held in teacher's classrooms between 12:30 pm-3:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, by appointment only. Beginning February 11 at 9:00 AM, 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.

### **Staff Professional Development Day**

There will be no classes Friday, February 18 due to staff Professional Development Day.

### **School Closures due to Weather**

In the event of poor weather conditions, please check our school website ([www.hths.k12.nf.ca](http://www.hths.k12.nf.ca)) for updates concerning school closure. Local radio stations and the Eastern School District Website ([www.esdnl.ca](http://www.esdnl.ca)) also announce school closures.

### **Band**

Our band program is having its usual busy schedule this year. All four groups performed well at our Christmas concert. Both Junior and Senior Jazz Bands represented our school at the NLTA Christmas Suite at the Arts and Culture Centre in December. All four groups will take part in the Rotary Music Festival later this term, and will close the year with our annual Spring Concert. The big news, however, is the upcoming trip planned for our Senior groups.

The Senior Concert Band and Jazz Band will travel to Anaheim, California from April 6-12 to take part in the Heritage Music Festival. Our last appearance at a Heritage Festival was in New York in 2009, where both groups received Gold Awards. We wish both groups great success during this year's trip.

### **Music Department**

As part of a project for our Applied Music class, students are required to submit a piece of music created and recorded entirely on a computer. The most convenient method for submitting this project and its associated files is on a USB flash drive. If you have any older flash drives (128MB, 256MB, 512MB, or 1GB) you no longer use, we would welcome them as a donation to our music program. Please make sure you erase all data from the drives before sending them in. We hope to have a complete class set which can be reused every year. Thank you for your generous consideration.

### **Sporting News**

#### **Hockey**

Another competitive season is coming to an end for the Senior Boys Hockey team. The boys travelled to Bay Roberts to compete in the Wesley Gosse Memorial Tournament finishing in second place. The team recently competed in The Confederation Cup and in the near future they will play in the St. John's City High School playoffs.

Our Junior High Hockey team has been practicing and will be having its first game on February 15 at 4:00 PM at Jack Byrne Arena.

#### **Volleyball**

The Grade 7, 8, and 9 Girls' Volleyball Teams are having a very busy and successful year thus far. These teams have already won several tournaments and are still competing in Invitational Play.

Grade 10/11 girls Volleyball Team came close to making playoffs in the City League. They began the year with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the NLVA

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Volleyfest Tournament. They are planning on participating in invitational tournaments to end out their year.

### **Basketball**

Grade 7 Basketball is an organized group made up of boys and girls who are continuing to develop basketball skills. Although they are not an official school team, they have intra-squad scrimmages to enhance their skills for possible games the future. Students who are interested in participating should contact Mr. Earle.

### **Canada Games**

Best of luck to student athletes Callie Langmead (Hockey), Andrew Bragg (Boxing), and Cody Everson (Boxing) who will be representing our province at the Canada Winter Games in Halifax this month.

### **Social Studies**

In January, the Grade 8 students of Holy Trinity took part in a very worthwhile set of outings connected with their Social Studies and Religion programs. All students had the chance to visit The Johnson Geocentre, The Rooms, the Provincial Archives, and Art Gallery.

In January, the Grade seven students toured the Hindu Temple, Muslim Mosque, Jewish Synagogue and Gower Street United Church as part of their religion program. The students were warmly welcomed and a representative of each faith spoke to the children about the tenets and practices of their faith. The students were given treats and drinks at the mosque and received a brief lesson on how the Arabic language is written. All boys without hats were given a kippot to wear. A most informative trip!

### **French Department News**

During February 1 – 6, nineteen Core French and French Immersion students along with Ms Andrea White, Ms Tracey Lawlor and Mr. Keith Connors travelled to Montreal and Quebec City to be immersed and experience the French culture and language first hand. Students partook in a wide variety of valuable educational opportunities as well as the popular Winter

Carnival activities. A wonderful time was had by all.

*Explore French Bursaries* for level 2 students are now available at the school. Please see Ms Jackie Codner for an application. Bursaries for students in Grade 9 will be available next month through your child's French teacher.

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

### **Math News**

In February our Grade 9, 10, and 11 students will be writing the University of Waterloo Math Competitions and a team of Grade 12 students will be participating in the Senior High Math League sponsored by Memorial University and the NLTA. Good luck to all students who will be participating.

Congratulations to Junior High students Kelsey Menard, Neeson Mello, Alex Peters, and Shalyn Codner who won a Silver Medal for our school at the Eastern School District's Junior High Math League Competition.

### **English Department News**

Welcome to our MUN interns Ms. Amanda Vallis, who is working with Mr. Walter Hammond, and Mr. Jonathan Sing, who is working with Ms. Linda Budgell. And welcome to Mr. Wade Lambert who is replacing Ms. Susan Perry who was recently seconded to the Department of Education for the remainder of the school year. During Term II several public speaking contests will take place outside the school. The first competition is the *Pouch Cove Lions Club Speak-off* which is scheduled for early March. This is an open competition for any student in grades 10 – 12. If interested, drop by

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Ms. Budgell's homeroom ( 217 ) for application forms. Students who participate in this speak-off will be considered to represent Holy Trinity High at the *Rotary* and *Knights of Columbus* speak-offs held later in the term. Our annual *English Night* is scheduled for April 14. With the start of a new term, we encourage our HTH students to consider the famous words of Dr. Seuss as you plan for success in your studies - *You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself, in any direction you choose.*

### **Prom News**

Plans are underway for this year's prom which will be held at the Sheraton Hotel on May 7. At this time the second payment of Prom fees should be paid - if not already done, please bring the appropriate fees to Ms. Downey in a sealed envelope. Grad t-shirts have been ordered and in March orders will be taken for Grad hoodies. As well, pictures for the slide show need to be brought in - these should include baby pictures, elementary and junior high pictures, school concerts, outings, sports events, etc. Please put a name on the back of each picture so that they can be returned.