
February 7, 2013

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 to January 25. Please review each course with your child considering the mark achieved and the accompanying set of comments. Please note: On the Report Card, **A** represents Absences (excused and/or unexcused), and **L** represents Lates (excused and/or unexcused).

Parent – Teacher Interviews

We invite parents and students to meet with their subject teachers at our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 14. 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), or by calling 437-5563.

Staff Professional Development Day

There will not be classes Friday, February 15 due to staff Professional Development Day.

Grade 9 Parent Meeting: February 20

There will be an information session for current parents of Grade 9 students on February 20 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 2013-2014 course selections.

PowerSchool – ParentPortal

The PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal provides parents/guardians and students with quick and easy access to current marks, assessment information, attendance records, assignment due dates, and school announcements. Sign-up information forms were mailed to all parents in December, 2012. If a parent still has difficulty registering, we will be happy to assist you during Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please stop by the main office for assistance.

Safe Grad Meeting

Parents interested in helping organize HTH Safe Grad, which will take place May 11 from Midnight -6:00 AM, are invited to attend a planning meeting February 19 at 8:00 PM in the school's Learning Resource Centre. Parents of both Gr. 11 and 12 students are invited.

Parent Drug Information Session

Holy Trinity High, in partnership with the Town of Torbay, will be holding a parent drug information session on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00pm. Constable Garry Crocker from the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary will lead the presentation. Please email to register kristajones@esdnl.ca or call 437-5563. Presentation will be held at Holy Trinity High School.

2013 Public Exam Preparation Classes

The Eastern School District will be offering a 48-hour Public Exam Preparation Program from February – June 2013. Registration will be held on Monday, February 11, 2013 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Gonzaga High School. Registration forms can be found on HTH school website.

Guidance Dept

Graduating students are reminded that MUN applications are due March 1. Applications can be completed on-line: www.mun.ca MUN interviews have been scheduled for April 30. Individual interview times will be scheduled for those students who have applied. This is an opportunity to meet with a faculty advisor, select courses, and ask questions.

HTH Art Spot

Holy Trinity art classes have started off the year with great success. Our high school classes have been working hard on their drawing unit and recently started creating works of art using various paint media. Ms. Channing is so pleased to be teaching grade 7 and 8 art this year! Also a great success is this year's Art Club. It is our biggest turn out yet, but we are always welcoming new members. Open to both senior and junior high, art club takes place in the art room (room 134) every day 5/12 at lunch. Bring your lunch and come be creative! Be sure to check our blog where you can find information about ongoing or upcoming projects, interesting contests and all things art related at HTH. It can be found through Ms. Channing's webpage or by visiting hthart.blogspot.com.

Science Department

All Science Challenge
[Holy Trinity](http://HolyTrinity) has participated in this challenge every year since its inception. We have placed as high as third in the Province and won the Most Spirited Team award twice! NALCOR has sponsored our team for the past three years. All interested students should check out the [All Science Challenge website](#). Tell your Science Teacher you are interested. The Challenge is held at MUN on April 13, 2013. It is a fun event!! PARENTS: We could certainly use your enthusiasm, support and/or expertise! We need you! Do contact your child's teacher or email: glenmore@esdnl.ca

NL Bridge-Building Competition

[The Newfoundland and Labrador Model Bridge Building Competition](#) is an opportunity for students to develop critical-thinking skills in designing and completing an actual small-scale engineering project. Imagine designing a bridge that could withstand the strength of a small car!! There are two separate divisions of competition: Junior: Grades 7 – 9; and Senior: Grades 10-12. We won the Newfoundland-wide senior competition a few years ago. The competition will be held at the Geo-Centre in early March.

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Eastern Newfoundland Regional Science Fair

This science fair is an annual event that brings together over 300 innovative and Grade 7 to 12 Science students of Eastern Newfoundland to compete for a wide range of awards and opportunities. This year's ENRSF will be held at Bishop's College April 13-14, 2013.

Robotics

An Underwater Robotics Program is being offered to both Jr and Sr High students at Holy Trinity on Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Students will meet weekly to learn how to design and build a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). All interested students are invited to come on Tuesday evenings.

Math News: Students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 will be writing the University of Waterloo Math Contests on Thursday, Feb. 21. This is a worthwhile activity which involves the top math students across the country at each grade level. Senior High students will participate in the Senior High Math League Competitions on Feb. 16 and Mar. 16 and Junior High Students will participate in the Junior High Math League Competition on Mar. 15. If your son/ daughter excels in math, please encourage him/her to participate. Students work as a team of four to complete challenging math problems in competition with students from other schools in the Eastern School District. All competitions take place at the District Conference Centre and pizza and snacks will be served.

Prom News: Plans are underway for Prom 2013. Committees have been established and work has begun to ensure that all graduates and their parents have a memorable evening. Orders for long sleeve Grad t-shirts are now being taken with the deadline of Feb. 14. The cost is \$15. Please see Ms. Downey to place an order.

A reminder that the second payment of prom fees should now be in – if this is not done please submit payment ASAP. Students are reminded to submit photos for the slide show – please bring pictures to Ms. Higdon in the office and make sure a name is on the back of each picture. Graduation photos will be taken on Feb. 12, 13 & 14. Students must be signed up for a sitting time and the cost is \$25. Please bring the sitting fee at time of photo shoot.

French News

As part of the Français 3202 curriculum, students study the novel *Les Misérables*. On Jan. 16th the class was in for a treat when they had the chance to see the novel come alive on the big screen. Our grade 12 French Immersion students, along with Ms. Codner and MUN intern Ms. Doulton, attended a viewing of the film at Empire Studios. This was a great enrichment activity for our French Immersion students! *Explore French* bursaries for level 2 students will be available in the up-coming weeks 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's will take place in the month of March. There will be an announcement with a date and further details later this month.

Social Studies

Fall 2013 Canadian Roots Tour

Our Fall 2013 Canadian Roots Tour to Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa is rocking along! With 37 students presently registered with the trip, it should be a great time during the November 11 weekend next fall. Students will have the opportunity to attend the Remembrance Day services in our nation's capital during the trip as one of the activities planned. This trip is open to students who are presently in Grade 8 and it is not too late to sign up. If there are more students in Grade 8 who are interested in getting information about this trip, you can visit Mr. Hammond's webpage (linked to the staff page on the HTH homepage). A great learning and fun opportunity for everyone involved!

European Travel 2014

Ms. Krista Jones and Mr. Fred Power are planning on taking interested Level I-III students to Scotland and Ireland during the Easter Holidays 2014. An information meeting for students will be held in the near future. For more information parents can contact Group Leader Krista Jones (kristajones@esdnl.ca).

International Students Group Christmas Party

A Bowling Christmas party was held for our international students this year. About 15 students participated in a fun afternoon of bowling and pizza. Holy Trinity High welcomes our four International students!

Canadian Geography Guest Speaker

As a part of the *Passages to Canada* program, a guest speaker visited our class to speak about immigration to Canada. Remzi Cej, a Canadian citizen originally from Kosovo, fled his home in 1999 to escape the war. He told the students of how soldiers held his family at gun point forcing them to flee with nothing more than the clothes on their backs! His was an inspirational story of how someone can still grow and thrive and become an important part of Canada's cultural mosaic.

