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Term 2 Reporting

The publication of this newsletter coincides with the release of HTH 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 31. 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. However, in Grade 7, 8, and 9 Honours designation is based only on the five core courses (English, Math, French, Socials, and Science). Honour Roll for Jr and Sr High students will be posted early next week outside the main office.

Parent – Teacher Interviews

We invite parents and students to meet with their subject teachers at our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 20. 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.

Grade 9 Parent Meeting: February 27

There will be an information session for current parents of Grade 9 students on February 27 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 2014-2015 course selections.

Safe Grad Meeting

The next scheduled planning meeting for parents interested in helping organize HTH Safe Grad will take place February 18 at 8:00 PM in the school's Learning Resource Centre. Parents of both Gr. 11 and 12 students are invited to attend. It is customary for Gr. 11 parents to assist in the planning of this event. For more information email:

hthschoolcouncil@gmail.com

2013 Public Exam Preparation Classes

The Newfoundland Labrador English School District will be offering a 48-hour Public Exam Preparation Program from February – June 2014. Registration will be held on **Thursday, February 13, 2014** from 7:00 to 9:00 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:

<http://www.mun.ca/undergrad/admissions/apply/>

HTH Art Spot

Art and Design 2200 and 3200 students have been working their creative brains over the fall and winter and have completed artworks using

various drawing and painting methods. We have just moved on to our sculpture unit, which is always a hit. Many of these artworks will be displayed in our end of the year Evening with the Arts, which all parents/guardians and community members are invited to attend. An exact date is TBA.

Our grade 7's completed great stop motion animations. Using teamwork, imagination and technology, the 7's mini movies turned out to be a big success! We will continue to work together to make the process even better.

Parents and students are reminded to check out 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.

Math News:

On Thursday, Feb. 20 students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 will be writing the University of Waterloo Math Contests and on Saturday, Feb 22 students will be participating in the third Senior High Math League competition for the year. Best of luck to all students involved in these very worthwhile activities. Information will be going home soon to parents/guardians of grade 9 students who are interested in taking semesterized math next year.

Prom News:

Graduates interested in serving on the Prom committee have met and several sub-committees have been formed. These students along with their teacher advisors will be making plans during the next couple of months to organize a beautiful Prom Dinner and Ceremony that students will remember for years to come. Please watch the school website for announcements regarding the Prom. The second payment of Prom fees should be in to Ms. Downey by now, so please take care of this matter if you need to. Also, orders will be taken over the next two weeks for Grad hoodies. The cost is \$50 and hoodies are available in navy, black or white. Please see Ms. Downey to try on samples for sizing and payment must accompany all orders.

French News

Online registration for the Explore Program Summer 2014 is now open to Level II and Level III students. The Explore Program offers students the opportunity to study French for five weeks in another region in Canada. The summer program in Quebec for current Grade 9 and Level 1 students (3 and 4 week programs) is also accepting applications. These programs are fantastic opportunities that are open to all students, not just French Immersion students. The bursaries cover tuition, accommodations and meals however the student is responsible for airfare and spending money. The deadline for the Explore program is February 28th, 2014. For more information please visit <http://www.myexplore.ca/en/subscription>. The

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deadline for the Grade 9 and Level I programs is March 28th, 2014. Please see Ms. Codner or your French teacher for the application and/or further information.

Music Dept

Our music department continues to grow and excel. Our Christmas concert featuring our bands and choir was a big success, with involvement from approximately one hundred students. In April, our senior concert band and jazz band will travel to Ottawa as part of an exchange with St. Matthew High School in Ottawa, and the St. Matthew's band will be visiting us in May. This exchange trip is sponsored by a government sponsored organization called SEVEC which covers most of the costs normally associated with a trip of this magnitude. Our senior bands took part in a similar exchange with Fredericton High School in 2007 and it was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

Our school has recently received 22 guitars for use in our music program. This will greatly enhance the programs we can offer our students in both junior and senior high. Students in grade 9 or in senior high are encouraged to consider taking Experiencing Music next year to get the most out of these new guitars.

Finally, Mr. Collins would like to wish all of our students participating in the Kiwanis Music Festival good luck!

Learning Resources Centre

Fiction, Biography or Short Stories!

Cleaning up or clearing out? If you have popular, high interest novels suitable for teens or preteens in good, reusable condition we can add them in our Learning Resource Centre collection. Please contact kellymccarthy@esdnl.ca