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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 3. 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.

Calculation of Honour Roll and Principal's List

Jr. High:

Honour Roll: Minimum 80% in all courses.

Principal's List: Minimum 90% in all courses.

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 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 26

There will be an information session for current parents of Grade 9 students on February 26 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 2015-2016 course selections.

French News

Quebec Trip

February 3 – 8, 2015, thirty six grade 9 – 12 students travelled to Montréal and Quebec City along with their teacher chaperones- Ms Andrea White, Ms Tracey Lawlor, Mr Keith Connors, Ms Chantelle English and Mr Dan O'Connor.

Students were immersed and experienced the French culture and language first hand.

Students experienced a wide variety of valuable educational opportunities and will partook in the 2015 Winter Carnavale activities.

Explore Bursary

Explore French bursaries for level 2 students are now available; 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.

CPF Speak-Off's

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.

Bilingual Career Fair

On November 27, 2014, French immersion Career students from levels 1 – 2 participated in the Bilingual Postsecondary Career Fair. More than 100 exhibitors were on site (60 booths) to guide students towards a bilingual career in Newfoundland and Labrador. Our belief is that a multilingual and skilled workforce will enable our province to continue the growth it has experienced over the last decade.

Safe Grad Meeting

A meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 2015 @ 7:30 pm in the LRC for Level II parents in relation to planning the 2015 SafeGrad for current Level III students. Traditionally, it is the Level II parents who plan and organize the SafeGrad for the graduating class. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting or, if you are unable to attend but would like to volunteer, please contact Patricia Mahon by telephone at 437-1838 or email @ gmahon@nl.rogers.com. Please remember that next year's Level II students will pay-it-forward for the graduating class of 2016.

Guidance Dept:

Post-Secondary Applications:

MUN: Graduating students are reminded that applications are due **March 1st**. Applications can be completed on-line: www.mun.ca
For those who apply, school-based interviews will be conducted on April 27th, whereby MUN faculty advisors will counsel individual students in relation to course selection/registration.
CNA : Applications should be submitted ASAP. Available at the Guidance Office or www.cna.nl.ca

HTH Art Spot

Ms. Channing would like to welcome student intern Ms. Allison Adams to her art classes this term. Ms. Adams will be working with most art classes until April and has brought new and exciting energy and ideas to the art room.

Holy Trinity High art classes continue to be busy creating beautiful art works using all kinds of interesting things. This semester, our senior high students have completed projects using various drawing materials such as charcoal and pen and ink. They've experimented with acrylic and watercolour paints and most recently, created unique cardboard relief pictures.

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Students will have the opportunity to try sculpture and printmaking in the upcoming months and we look forward to seeing the imaginative pieces that will be produced.

As well, our grade 7 group will begin production of their stop motion animations, which is always a big hit and our grade 8's are in the middle of creating their own dream catchers; a creative new project brought forth by Ms. Adams. All of these projects will be showcased in our Annual Evening with the Arts later in the year. The date will be announced soon.

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

Math News: Students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 will be writing the University of Waterloo Math Contests on Tuesday, Feb. 24. This is a worthwhile activity which involves the top math students across the country at each grade level. Good Luck to all!! Senior High students will participate in the Senior High Math League Competition on Feb. 21 sponsored by the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) and Memorial University of Newfoundland. Students work as a team of four to complete challenging math problems in competition with students from other schools in the School District.

The NLESD has developed short videos as learning clips for all concepts covered in Grade 7 Math and Math1201. These videos are great review for students if they are having difficulty with a concept, if they missed a topic in class, or simply as a way to reinforce the concepts taught in class. The videos can be found on YouTube just search "nlesd math" to find them.

Prom News: Plans are underway for Prom 2015. Committees have been established and work has begun to ensure that all students and their parents have a memorable evening. A reminder that the second payment of prom fees should now be in – if this is not in please submit payment to Ms. Evans in room 204 ASAP. Students are reminded to submit baby pictures for the slide show – please email pictures to Mr. Hammond or pass them to Dianna Llewellyn or Travis Cramm - please make sure a name is on the back of each picture. Graduation photos will be taken on Feb. 17, 18 & 19. The sitting fee is \$25. Please bring the sitting fee at time of photo shoot.

Drama News

Congratulations to all who were involved in the HTH Christmas Variety Show, "On the Subject of Christmas" which took place on the last day before the Christmas holiday. From all reports, the show was a great success. To put such a show together at such a busy time of year is no easy task but it is made possible through the dedication of many talented and hardworking students and staff here at HTH. Thank you to all who helped put the show together and to those who played a part in the before, during and after tasks that made this year's show so great. Students from Mr. Brenton's and Mrs. Clarke's Drama 2206 did a great job on set design and construction with some great props and a stage that was in constant motion. . Lighting and sound was also the work of some talented students from these classes as well as some 2206 alumni from last year. All of the script was original thanks to the efforts of Drama 2206 students and members of the HTH Drama club. Thank you as well to our choir, ukulele group, many singers and musicians and even the teachers group who made their debut dance this year. This annual show certainly highlights the talent, creativity and tremendous cooperation we have here at HTH! Great job everyone and we look forward to next year.

Science Dept:

March 7 [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. Many of our Grades 7-9 students have chosen to build a bridge for their Science project. On March 7, with over 100 entries, our students will put their amazing bridges to the test at the Johnson Geo Centre. Senior High Students are also invited to build a bridge for the Senior High Competition. When the provincial competition has been completed, the results of all regional competitions will be compiled and the overall best of the bridges results-in various categories- will be posted on the [PEGNL](#) website.

April 17-18 Eastern Newfoundland Regional Science Fair This science fair is an annual event that brings together 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 Holy Heart High School from April 17-18.

April 29 [Let's Talk Science Challenge](#)– We have five teams of students who will be taking part in this full day of science, technology, engineering and math – all wrapped up in fun and excitement! This event includes an exciting

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question and answer competition with a fun, hands-on design challenge that inspires students to acquire science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) knowledge beyond their curriculum. Last year Holy Trinity came First and Third among 45 schools! The competition will take place on April 29 at Memorial University! Good Luck, students!!!

April 30 – May 1 Our Junior High Underwater Robotics team will compete at the Marine Institute from April 30-May.

May 1 – May 2 Our Senior High Underwater Robotics team will compete at the Marine Institute from May 1-May

May 1- May 2: High School students are invited to participate in the [MUN Brainstorm Competition](#) once again this year. We first have a school-based competition to determine who is eligible to compete at MUN. There is also a Canada-wide competition which leads to a final World-wide tournament!

Looking ahead! Many summer science opportunities will be available to Newfoundland students. A list is presented for your information. More information can be found on their websites.

- [WISE](#) ...Women in Science and & Engineering: Employment opportunities for Grade 11 Girls
- [Med-Quest](#) ... Grades 10 – 12
- [MUN: Engineering Summer Programs](#)
- [Arctic Engineers- High School](#) – For Younger Students
- [Girl Quest](#): Girls 9-12
- [Robotics/Jr. Engineers](#): ages 9-12

Communication: Parents and Students, to keep up-to-date regarding science opportunities, follow @hthscience on Twitter.