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School is Out!

The staff of Holy Trinity High wishes our students a safe and fun filled summer holidays. We hope that your hard work and commitment to your academics has paid off with a rewarding report card. Have a great summer!

Unreturned Textbooks:

Students who have received outstanding book bills should return books or pay the replacement cost on Friday, June 24 at the main office.

Summer School and Supplementary Exams

Refer to school website for summer school and supplementary exam information.

Senior High Students:

Please be advised that the school, in cooperation with both the school district and the Department of Education, has a contingency plan in place for the release of student transcripts in the event of the continuation of the mail strike into July. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, student transcripts for all Level II and Level III students should be delivered to the school during the week of July 18 – 22, 2011. The school will have a supervisor available for two days when students can receive their results. The District will inform parents via the local media when the date has been confirmed, and will also be posted on the school's website. Transcripts may be provided to students by fax or email by the Department of Education, upon written request, **following the conclusion of the scheduled pickup period at the student's school**. The availability of this service will be communicated after all school pickup services have ended.

Please note that a student picking up his/her transcript must present personal identification. A parent can pick up a transcript for their child as long as they present personal identification. If a person, other than a parent, is designated by a student to pick up a student's transcript, then, this person will require written permission signed by the student or the parent stating that they have permission to pick up the transcript. As well, the designated person will be required to present personal identification.

MUN Bridging Program (Level 3 students)

This program is designed for students who have missed the MUN admission requirement by 5% or less (ie. average between 65-70 in courses required for admission). The summer Bridging Program takes place from August 15 – 26, 2011 and provides the academic skills necessary for university studies. The program will consist of approximately 70 hours of instruction and exercises over 10 days, 8:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. For further information and application visit, http://www.mun.ca/lifelonglearning/programs/bridging_program/or contact Elaine Healey at 864-3074 (ehealey@mun.ca).

Prom News:

We had a very successful Prom Celebration on May 7, 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel. Students were very well-behaved and represented their school well. Many positive comments were forwarded to the teachers and administration about the evening and the fine job that was done. Students have all received pictures taken during the march and a DVD copy of the evening's ceremony which they may add to their memories of their graduation year. Best wishes are extended to all of our graduates in their future endeavours, whether they enter post-secondary classes in the fall or at a later date, or go directly into the workforce. The Cap and Gown Ceremony will be held on December 1st at which time we will celebrate their high school graduation and accomplishments to date. Congratulations to Michael Gardiner on being selected as Class Valedictorian by the graduating class. Have a Great Summer graduates!!

Next year's Prom ceremonies have been booked for May 5, 2012 at the Sheraton Hotel.

Science Department

*Let's Talk – All Science Challenge
Grades 7 and 8 – Bronze medal winners*

The All Science Challenge is an exciting question and answer competition and hands-on design challenge for students in Grades 6 to 8. On May 3, three teams of Grade 7 and 8 students, selected from an initial interested group of 24 students, competed against 50 teams from around the province in the All-Science Challenge at Memorial University. Congratulations are extended to all participating students and especially to the team of Terriah Hansen, Evan Penney, Ryan Whitten and Cassandra Menchions, who placed third overall and brought a Bronze Medal home to Holy Trinity High School. The HTH team also received the Most Spirited Award! Students studied for several weeks in preparation for the Challenge, with Mr. Normore, Ms. Myrick-Hicks and Mr. Melindy helped preparing the team. Special thanks to NALCOR for assisting with the study handbooks. We certainly look forward to next year and fielding a very competitive HTH team!

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Marine Institute – Ocean-Net Youth and the Oceans Conference Series

Twenty grades 7 – 12 students participated in this year's Ocean-Net conference, "Sustainable Oceans –It's Now or Never". Students had the opportunity to listen to expert speakers and to engage in activities in marine innovation such as a viewing a computer simulation of mapping the ocean floor, observing an ROV (Remote Operating Vehicle), observing net reactivity in the Flume tank and nautical rope tying. We look forward each year in participating in the Ocean-Net Youth Conference to both challenge and increase student awareness in marine sustainability.

Earth Systems 3209 Annual Field Trip

Two Earth Systems 3209 classes participated in field trip excursions during May. Students travelled to Flatrock to learn about the geological processes that formed a plunging syncline and shaped the scenic harbour. The students followed the East Coast trail from Hickey's Lane to Jim Dunne to see a magnificent thrust fault produced from plate tectonic activity. Then the class travelled to Signal Hill and the Johnson GeoCentre where they observed much about the geology of our entire province. Students had a great learning experience and lots of fun.

Teacher Ms. O'Reilly selected to attend an Educational Journey to the Torngat Mountains Research Station and Base Camp

Ms O'Reilly is one of ten Newfoundland teachers chosen to participate in a "once in a lifetime" professional learning summer institute during August in the [Torngat Mountains National Park](#): the newest, and considered the most exotic member of the Parks Canada family, located in the arctic corner of the Inuit homeland, the "land of Spirits". The participants will engage in science and monitoring activities, in addition to learning about the distinct cultural way of the Inuit in their homeland. Best wishes to Ms O'Reilly on this adventure! We look forward to hearing about her adventures in September.

Student Michael Gardiner, off on a Youth Expedition to Iceland, Greenland, Labrador, July 23 – August 7

The [Students on Ice Arctic Youth Expedition 2011](#) is one of the most comprehensive youth expeditions ever undertaken to the Arctic! Michael was chosen as one of 65 international students, aged 14-18, to embark upon this ship-based journey which will explore Iceland, southern Greenland, the north shore of Labrador and the northern reaches of Nunavik. Students will

travel on this transformative adventure together with a team of 35 world-renowned scientists, historians, artists, explorers, educators, leaders, innovators and polar experts. Students on this summer's expedition will develop the knowledge, skills, perspectives and practices that will help them to be Arctic ambassadors and environmentally responsible citizens. We wish Michael well on this fabulous journey and look forward to hearing more on his return.

Physical Education Department

Holy Trinity High School offers Physical Education from grade 7-12. The senior high levels offer Healthy Living, PE 3100/3101. Students are offered a wide variety of activities within our program as well as many opportunities for activities which take place away from the school. Activities include; downhill skiing, snowshoeing, swimming, wall climbing, skating and bowling.

This year 180 students and staff took part in a ski day at Ski White Hills. Students had a great day and the school received a lot of positive feedback from parents and community members.

The Holy Trinity High Athletic program continues to grow each year. This past year we had eighteen sports teams. In addition to teacher coaches, we had 14 coaches who came from the community. Without this community support our program would not continue to grow and be successful.

School Sport Newfoundland and Labrador awarded our school the Bronze Star Award. This is an accomplishment to be proud of as this highlights the involvement and school sport achievements that we have had over the past year.

Congratulations to Dan O'Connor and Chris Ryan for being awarded the Frank Saunders Recognition Award. Both winners have contributed to the Athletic Program at Holy Trinity High School. Senior Athletes of the Year for the 2010-2011 school year are Matthew Walsh and Laura Roche. Junior Athletes of the Year are Redmond Hunt and Cassidy Gosse. Congratulations to all athletes for a successful school year.

French Department

Trip to Quebec
During February 1 – 6, 19 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.

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Students partook in a wide variety of valuable educational opportunities and partook in the 2010 Winter Carnival activities. A wonderful time was had by all.

Summer Bursary Program in Quebec

Each year, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador offers bursaries for students interested in studying French in Quebec over the summer. This year, many grade 9 students from Holy Trinity High School applied to receive this bursary. To date, five of our grade 9 students have accepted bursaries.

Canadian Parents For French

On March 12 Shawn Doyle and Michael Gardiner participated in the Canadian Parents for French speak off at Memorial University. Both boys were excellent representatives of our school and did a fantastic job. Michael placed third in his division.

French For The Future

On April 7th twenty-five Level 1 – 3 French students participated in the annual *French For The Future* student workshops at the INCO Innovation Centre. French For The Future is a not-for-profit organization that encourages and promotes linguistic duality in Canada by highlighting its positive social and career benefits. Students were also treated to a production of "La Bête à Sept Tête".

Math Department

Math News: In May, 60 of our Grade 7 and 8 students wrote the University of Waterloo Gauss Mathematics Contests. The results were as follows: Grade 7 - 1st place Kiera Dore and Chris Winsor, 2nd place Evan Penney and 3rd place Noah Griffiths; Grade 8 – 1st place Terriah Hansen, 2nd place Jiwon Ha and 3rd place Zachary Brooks.

Outstanding Achievement Certificates were awarded to first place students, Certificates of Distinction were awarded to all students who ranked in the top 25% of students at Holy Trinity High and Participation Certificates were given to all students who participated in the competition. These certificates were presented at the assembly today. Congratulations to all students who participated!

Parents are reminded when purchasing school supplies for September that High School Math students will need a graphing calculator which will be used for all their math courses throughout high school. Please check the Back to School Flyers in August for discounted prices. When purchasing a graphing calculator please purchase the TI-83Plus or TI-84Plus model.

All students in Grades 7-9 will also need a calculator. A 4-function calculator with a square root function or a scientific calculator will be sufficient for junior high.

For those students who have been unsuccessful in Math 1204 or 1206, we strongly suggest that these students attend the summer school program in an effort to have success in the course and be able to continue to the next level in math with their peers. This is especially important since these courses will not be offered next year and instead a new math program will be offered which will mean that a student entering Level II, having to start the new program will have to complete an extra year of high school to graduate with a Level III math course.

Social Studies Department:

Enterprise Fair 2011

Students completing Enterprise 3205 have to complete a mandatory business plan. The school Enterprise fair was held at the school on Wednesday, May 5th, 2011. Three winners were selected to attend the district Fair in Mount Pearl at O'Donel High School. They were Kylene Barrett, Michael Gardiner & Michael Steckley and Katherine Brooks accompanied by their teacher Mr. Connors.

At the Easter School District Enterprise Fair, there were approximately 50 projects. All three projects from Holy Trinity made it into the top 12. *Kylene Barrett* captured first place, while Michael Gardiner & Michael Steckley came fourth. This was indeed a great achievement and these two groups were awarded attendance at the Provincial Fair in Clarenville. At the provincial fair in Clarenville, Kylene placed third overall. Her project was very well received and the judges were impressed with her detailed work. Kylene was awarded \$300 for her project.

Enterprise 3205 students worked hard promoting their businesses and selling products at various times throughout the school year. They have worked hard and have shown much initiative and innovation. Overall, it was a very successful year for the Enterprise program at Holy Trinity. We are looking forward to another very successful year next year!

Social Justice

Thirty-two Career Education students participated in the 3rd annual *30 Hour Famine* for World Vision March 30-31. Students went without food for 30 hours, drinking water and juice only and eating one bowl of rice for supper March 31. Students stayed after school to participate in team building activities in support of this fundraiser. Students have raised over \$2264.45, a tremendous effort! In addition, Career Education students raised \$250 for Japan Tsunami relief during a recycling and penny drive on just one day. Great job students!

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Model United Nations (UN)

Students from Holy Trinity travelled to Memorial University with Mr. Connors to take part in MUN Squared 2011. Students discussed a number of issues from the movement of illegal drugs to nuclear war. Holy Trinity students were well prepared and did a great job on their debates. Special congratulations go to Ryan Steeves and Katherine Brooks, who were given honourable mentions at the debate forum. This event involved the schools in the metro region.

Shave for the Brave April 2011

We are very proud to announce that 42 students plus one local resident raised \$8,179.30 for the shave this year! Our tiger mascot walked throughout the crowd and even got in on the action by shaving substitute teacher Tommy Connors. Mr. Connors said he would shave if the crowd could raise \$500 right there and then. After \$540 was collected, he shaved his head and beard!

There is some confusion about where the money raised during the Shave goes. Young Adult Cancer Canada doesn't contribute to Research for a Cure. Instead, it focuses on improving the quality of life as people transition through and beyond cancer through their programs and resources. Funds raised at Shave for the Brave allow Young Adult Cancer Canada to provide support programs to young adults dealing with cancer at no cost to the participant. Thank you so much to the students and everyone who supported them.

English Department

HTH students were very active in public speaking contests such as the Pouch Cove Lions Club Speak-off which was held in March. Congratulations to Chelsea Thomas who placed first. Michael Steckley represented HTH at the annual Rotary Speak-off. Our annual English Public Speaking Night held in April was a great success with many grade 7 – 12 students participating. As the summer begins, English teachers are looking forward to their summer reading. We encourage our students to do the same. Dr. Seuss said, *"the more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."* Have a Happy Summer and Enjoy the Journey!

Band News

The Senior Concert Band and Jazz Band have been going on trips to music festivals outside our province every second year since the 1980s, and this year they travelled farther than ever. In April of 2011 the bands attended the Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim California, where both groups were successful in attaining Silver awards. During their visit,

the Jazz Band also performed at a local school where they shared music and spoke to the students about Canada and Newfoundland in a Question and Answer session that bridged the 5000 kilometre distance between our home and theirs. Of course, the bands took full advantage of the opportunities presented on this once-in-a-lifetime trip to California. Other activities included a visit to the Grammy Museum, a tour of Paramount Studios, a photo opportunity outside the Staples Center, and a tour of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. Fun activities included an afternoon on Manhattan Beach and some time at two amusement parks - Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland. Another highlight of the trip was witnessing the arrival of celebrities for a movie premiere at the Kodak Theatre including Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway, and Jamie Foxx. When asked about their favourite part of the trip, students answered with surprising diversity. While some spoke of the roller coaster rides or the time at the beach, a large number of students commented on the connections and friendships they made with other band members as we went through these amazing experiences together. All in all, we had the chance to represent our school, province and country through musical performance, and to create memories that will last a lifetime.

Festive Fall Gala 2011:

Thank you for the tremendous community support shown for our Gala 2010 fall fundraiser. We will again be having a school fundraiser on October 15, 2011. We are now accepting donations from community and business supporters, Please contact Mr. Hickey (andrewhickey@esdnl.ca) or Ms. Clements (maureencléments@esdnl.ca) if you have an item to donate. Also, parents and alumni are invited to follow us on Facebook- **Holy Trinity High - Festive Fall Gala 2011**. This is not an open page as it is intended for parents and alumni only; however, access may be gained by submitting a friend request. Tickets for the Gala will go on sale in September.

School Opening Date:

September 7: 9:30 AM All students