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Summer Holidays are here!!

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 and Locks:

Students who have received outstanding book or lock bills should return books/locks or pay the replacement cost on Friday, June 21 at the main office. Textbooks for 2013-2014 will not be issued for students with outstanding book issues.

Summer School:

Included with some student's report card is an application for Summer School. Summer school is available for students who were not successful in certain courses (excluding Public Exam courses). There is an information meeting Thursday, June 20 at District Conference Centre on Strawberry Marsh Road in St. John's for junior high parents. We strongly recommend students going to summer school rather than challenging a supplementary school based exam in September. Please note that summer school will be held at Booth Memorial High.

Supplementary Exams (Non-Public Exam Courses)

Supplementary exams for non-public exam courses will take place at the school on Monday, September 9 for Science and Social Studies; Tuesday, September 10 for Math; and Wednesday, September 11 for English. Students are to register at the school office on or before Friday, September 6. A fee of \$30 must accompany the registration form.

Public Exam Results:

Official transcripts will be issued to students in July and will provide students with basic information concerning Supplementary Exams for Public Exam Courses. Registration for the August 2013 Supplementary Public Exams must be completed through the Department of Education and the registration form can be accessed through their website (see below). The deadline for registration is July 31, 2013. August supplementary public exams for 2013 will be

written from August 12 - August 15. A copy of the schedule will be posted on their website, which can be accessed via the link below <http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/evaluation/exams.html>

MUN First-Year Success Program

The First-Year Success Program is aimed at incoming students at the St. John's campus who have entrance averages between 70-74.9% and have not been accepted to direct-entry programs. First-year students who do not meet the 70% admissions average but go on to successfully complete the Summer Bridging Program will also be eligible for the program. Contact the academic advising centre at 864-8801 or for more information about the First-Year Success Program and descriptions of the new course offerings, check out the Guide to First Year:

<http://www.mun.ca/advice/guide/stjohns/fysp.php>

Math News

In April, four of our Grade 12 students wrote the University of Waterloo Euclid Mathematics Competition. The top three students were Jimmy MacDonald, Adam Barnes and Courtney Jones.

In May, 60 of our Grade 7 and 8 students wrote the University of Waterloo Gauss Mathematics Competitions. In Grade 7, the top three students were Jasper Rubin, Olivia Nesbitt and Nathan N. Mullins. In Grade 8, the top three students were Josh Langmead, Lucas Menard (tied for first) and Miranda Norman. Outstanding Achievement Certificates were awarded to first place students, Certificates of Distinction were awarded to all students who ranked in the top 25% of the students at Holy Trinity High and, as well, participation certificates were given to all students who participated in the competition. These certificates were presented at the closing assembly today.

Parents are reminded when purchasing school supplies for September that High School Math students should have a graphing calculator which will be used for all their math courses throughout high school. Check the Back to School Flyers in August for discounted prices.

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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 $\sqrt{\quad}$ or a scientific calculator will be sufficient for junior high.

Social Studies News

Grade eight Social Studies students took a step back in time during a field trip to the Colony of Avalon. The NL Studies 2205 class took the opportunity to visit The Rooms to view the museum and the 'off-limits' vaults of the Provincial Archives. Career Education and Skilled Trades students attended the Skilled Trades expo at the Mount Pearl Glacier on April 19. Also, Grade 9 girls participated in a 2 hour hands on workshop this winter where they learned the basics of electricity.

Friends of International Students Committee was struck in September to welcome international students and plan some activities for them during their stay. On Wednesday, April 24th, Holy Trinity High hosted their Heritage Fair for the Grade 8 students in Social Studies. Over \$1600 was raised for our 5th 30 Hour Famine at HTH.

Remembrance Day assemblies were followed by student participation (placed wreath) at the town of Torbay Remembrance day parade. In Canadian History, students participated in the letters from the front project and immigration project. Our fall 2013 Canadian Roots Tour to Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa is under construction with 37 students presently registered with the trip. As a part of the Passages to Canada program, a guest speaker visited the Canadian Geography classes to speak about immigration to Canada.

Six groups from our school competed in the Provincial Entrepreneurship Fair at Terra Nova Lodge in late May. Bethany Greeley (Craft Cards) finished first in the business competition and received \$1000 for her entry; while Samantha Miller (Simple Sweets) was awarded third place overall with \$400. Shamus Mayo won \$100 for the People's Choice Award. Mandy Gould entered a Legal Essay competition

sponsored by the Law Society of Newfoundland in March and was awarded \$500 for winning the competition in the grade 11 division. A delegation of 21 students from HTH travelled to the two day Model UN competition at Memorial University in February.

French News

On May 2, thirty grade 8 Core French students participated in French For The Future workshops at MUN. 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 and by forging linguistic and cultural links among students who are enrolled in French First Language, Core French and French Immersion programs. On May 9th and 10th, eleven Core French 3200 students were involved with teacher interview training for French 3200 at the Ramada Hotel. Students were commended for their excellent behavior and were wonderful representatives of our school.

HTH Art Spot

There is tremendous artistic talent at Holy Trinity High School and this year's art classes once again had the opportunity to showcase their beautiful works at our Evening with the Arts. Students completed projects in the areas of drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking and many creative pieces were displayed including, posters, portraits, and Papier Mache colossal candy. Also featured at our Evening with the Arts was our Drama club who put off a wonderful theatrical production. Thanks to all who came out to see the show, we hope next year's event will be even more successful!

Also a great success was this year's art club. With it being open to both junior and senior high students, it was our biggest turn out yet! We look forward to continuing on with art club next year, so keep your ears and eyes open for start dates in September.

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

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HTH. It will be up and running again in September.

English News

On November 8th, Grade 11 students in English 2201 attended the production of *Lord of the Flies* at Holy Heart Theatre. This was a great introduction to William Golding's novel in preparation for the novel study in Term 2. Several students participated in external public speaking competitions such as the *Pouch Cove Lions Club Speak-off* and the *St. John's Northwest Rotary Speak-off*. In the *Pouch Cove Lions Club Speak-off*, the 1st place winner was Julianne Meaney; 2nd place, Alyta Langmead; and 3rd place, Lucas Ings-Simms. Julianne Meaney also placed 1st at the *St. John's Northwest Rotary Speak-off* and as the winner, she travelled to Ottawa at the end of April and participated in the Adventure in Citizenship program that gathers over 220 young Canadians to learn about the diversity of our country, and the privileges and responsibilities of being a Canadian citizen. Ms. Lisa Clarke's Drama Club performed the play "Snowy White and the Seven Chicks" on Saturday, April 20th during the annual Evening with the Arts. Grade 8 students in Ms. Amy Chislett's English Language Arts class participated in the YMCA of Northeast Avalon's "Community Matters Competition". This competition requires students to write an essay describing a business or product that can contribute to their community in a positive way. We had several students awarded achievement of excellence; Miranda Norman, Mackenzie Manning, Keisha Roche, Katelyn Jordan, Willam Martin, Bridger Thiessen, Cassidy Dunn, Shauna Bradbury, and Rebecca Joyce. In addition, we had two winners at the District level: Keisha Roche and Cassidy Dunn. Finally, Cassidy Dunn was awarded an achievement of excellence at the Provincial Level. Students were awarded their prizes and certificates at the Junior High Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to all who participated!

Science News

The All-Science Challenge was once again a resounding success!! Holy Trinity had the largest contingent of students. Our prepared students represented HTH with great spirit!

HTH Junior Robotics and Senior Robotics teams again presented their innovative designs and participated in multiple competitions at the Marine Institute. Congratulations are extended to students and a special, 'thank you,' to Mr. Keith Ledwell, who gave generously of his time and talent to coach our students.

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame provided hands-on medical activities for senior students who are interested in life sciences.

Summer and Science! Many of our students are continuing their interest in science throughout the summer, with participation in MUN programs; MedQuest and ArcticEngineer.

Coastal Connections, at Terra Nova National Park is offering on-the-water workshops aboard the Coastal Explorer! Their Learning Partnership provided exciting experiences for our students earlier this year and will do so again in the fall.

The Science Department website, found on our main HTH website, will have information and URL's of various science activities referenced. Do visit!

Thank you! Science is more-richly experienced in real-world settings. We, therefore, conclude our final report of the year with a resounding, 'Thank you', to the supporters and partners of science education at Holy Trinity. Our supporters include, but are not limited to: [Let's Talk Science](#), Coastal Connections, Professional Engineers and Geosciences of NL, Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, Memorial University, the Johnson Geo-centre, Mr. Brian Power and Mr. Keith Ledwell. To our talented teachers and supportive parents, we extend a special 'thank you', for your continued motivation and encouragement.

Music

Our music department had another successful year. This was a trip year for our Senior bands, and this year they attended a Heritage Festival in Orlando, Florida. Both our concert band and jazz band received Silver awards at this event. While in Florida, the bands also played at a local junior high school, then had the distinct privilege of playing on the main stage of Downtown Disney! This performance is one that will be remembered by all band members, chaperones, and Mr. Collins as a real highlight of the year.

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Thanks to some generous donations, our music department was also able to make a few purchases, including another electric guitar and a guitar effects processor unit. This will add greatly to the sound of our jazz bands next year.

Other events this year included a return to the NLTA Christmas Suite for our jazz bands, our own annual Christmas concert and Spring concert for all four bands and the school's glee club, and our participation in the Rotary Music Festival for all four bands. All were successful events.

Athletics

Throughout this year our students participated in school wide activities such as our Healthy Commotion Day/ Terry Fox Walk for Hope, Skating, Bowling, and Ski White Hills. We hope to continue with these activities next year with the support of staff and parents.

Our athletic program continues to be strong in the sports of softball, volleyball, cheerleading, basketball and junior high hockey. Thank you to coaches and parents for your support. At our Athletic Banquet we recognized student athletic achievements. Congratulations to all athletes and coaches. Athlete's of the Year for Jr. High were Meghan McDonald and Max French and for Sr. High was Curtis Kavanagh and Courtney Horwood . Don Llewellyn received the Frank Saunders Award for his contribution to the Holy Trinity High Athletic program.

Holy Trinity High received a very generous donation to our athletics program in the form of 12 volleyballs, 12 basketballs and 12 soccer balls that were delivered to our school. Although the donation was anonymous we would like our benefactor to know how grateful we are for this act of kindness. It is a great boost for our program and a great lesson in selflessness and generosity for our students.

We would like to acknowledge the generous monetary donation to one of our sports teams by a local family in memory of their late son, Justin Tak Chan.

Prom News

We had a very successful Prom Celebration on May 11, 2013 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 will be available in the fall. After the official ceremony, the festivities continued at the First Annual Holy Trinity Safe Grad which was held at Axtion. Again, student behavior was exemplary and there have been many positive comments about the event. 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 November 14, at which time we will celebrate their high school graduation and accomplishments to date. Congratulations to Matthew Anstey 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 10, 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel.

School Opening Info

September 5: 9:30 AM All students – Bussing information will be made available on the school website.

Holy Trinity is proud to announce that we will be switching to paperless newsletters for the new school year.

