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Summer Holidays are here!!

The staff of Holy Trinity High wishes our students a safe and fun filled summer holiday. We hope that your hard work and commitment to your academics have 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 27 at the main office. Textbooks for 2014-2015 will not be issued for students with outstanding books.

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). The location of Summer School will be Prince of Wales Collegiate located at 24 Paton Street. Registration for Summer School 2014 will take place on **Monday June 30, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** at Prince of Wales Collegiate.

There is a possibility of a bus service for HTH students that will transport them to and from Prince of Wales Collegiate each day. Pick up/drop off locations would be St. Agnes Church in Pouch Cove, Wilkinson's Store on Pouch Cove Highway, and Holy Trinity Elementary School parking lot. Students will be charged a fee of \$90.00 for this service during the registration process. Please indicate at time of registration if you would like to avail of the bus service. *If there is not a substantial interest in this service there will not be any bussing provided.*

Classes are tentatively scheduled to begin on **Thursday July 3, 2014** and will run daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes finish on **Wednesday July 30, 2014**. There will be a 15 minute recess break each day. No holidays will be observed. The registration fee is \$185.00 per course. Registration fees must be paid on Registration Day. **NO PERSONAL CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Payment can be made by **Cash, Visa, MasterCard or Debit**. Course registration is non-refundable unless a course is

not offered or a particular site is unavailable. A Financial Assistance Form will also be available during the on-site registration process. Students will not be permitted to register after **Monday July 7, 2014**. A student may register for a maximum of one course. Courses will be offered in Grades 7- Level II, where numbers warrant, in the following areas: English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. Textbooks for students at all grade levels will be provided at each site on a sign-out basis.

Supplementary Exams (Non-Public Exam Courses)

Supplementary exams for non-public exam courses will take place at the school on Monday, September 8 for Science and Social Studies; Tuesday, September 9 for Math; and Wednesday, September 10 for English. Students are to register at the school office on or before Friday, September 5. 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 our website. The deadline for registration is August 1, 2014. August supplementary public exams for 2014 will be written from August 11 - August 15. A copy of the schedule is posted on our website. The registration form is to be submitted to the Department of Education.

MUN Bridging Program

Memorial University's Summer Bridging Program will only be offered at Grenfell Campus in Corner Brook from August 11 to 22, 2014. Any Newfoundland and Labrador student who misses the MUN admission requirements by five per cent or less - that is, a high school graduating average between 65 and 70 per cent in courses required for admission - is eligible to apply. For further information visit, <http://www.swgc.mun.ca/student-services/summer-bridging-program/Pages/default.aspx>

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Math News

In April, our Grade 12 students wrote the University of Waterloo Euclid Mathematics Competition. The top three students were Kelsey Menard, Alex Peters and Neeson Mello.

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 Lauren White, Jenna White and Sarah Dunphy. In Grade 8, the top three students were Marcus Furlong, Olivia Nesbitt and Jasper Rubin. 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 all Senior High Math students must have a scientific calculator. Students in Academic or Advanced Math 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. When purchasing a graphing calculator please purchase the **TI-83Plus or TI-84Plus** model.

All students in Grade 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

5th Annual 30 Hour Famine

Congratulations go out to the members of this year's 30 Hour Famine! This small but determined group of students raised almost \$1500 for world vision to combat poverty. Students also enjoyed listening to a guest speaker from Bhutan who told us of his experiences as an immigrant to Canada. Students also cleaned up the school grounds and collected 6 large bags of garbage. Help us now keep the grounds clean for the summer.

Grade 7 Field Trip

The grade 7 students had a very successful religion field trip on Friday, June 6th. Students visited three places of worship, the Hindu Temple, Jewish Mosque and Anglican Cathedral, in St John's to further their understanding, acceptance and appreciation of all world faiths. The students, through their respect and learning, enjoyed seeing the different perspectives of the world. It was a great day!

YMCA Community Matters

Congratulations go out to Samantha Spurrell, Emily Tilley, Brandon Turpin and Grace Williams for winning the YMCA Community Matters Competition Regional Level.

French News

Congratulations to Chantel Cross, Level I French Immersion student who placed third in the provincial Canadian Parents for French Speak Off held at MUN in May. Bravo Chantel!

We have several students who will be travelling to Quebec this summer on student bursaries and French work exchange programs. We wish those students much success in their second language learning.

Plans are now well under way for the Quebec trip in February 2015. Students and teacher chaperones are very excited and looking forward to this very educational trip next winter!

HTH Art Spot

On the evening of May 22, Holy Trinity High held the Annual Evening with the Arts. Special to this year's event was the renaming of the Theatre Arts room to the "Dinn Theatre", in dedication to our former Theatre Arts teacher, Mr. Michael Dinn. With many of his family, friends, colleagues and former students in attendance, the dedication was very touching and Holy Trinity High is so pleased to now have Mr. Dinn's name on permanent display at our school. It is so fitting that his spirited character and commitment to Holy Trinity High will always be remembered as you enter the "Dinn Theatre".

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Also new to the event this year was participation of the school choir, lead by Ms. Carla McGrath and the Ukulele club, lead by Mr. Matthew Grant. As always, the event showcased the talented junior and senior high art classes and the incredible work they've created throughout the year. All were impressed and overwhelmed with the display of student talent and Art teacher, Ms. Karen Channing received many positive comments from parents, teachers, and community members congratulating her students.

Holy Trinity Drama Troupe

What a great and memorable year Holy Trinity's High Drama club had in 2014! Performances by Sarah Butler, Alyta Langmead, Julianne Meaney, Lucas Ings-Simms, Ian Murray, Aidan Driscoll, Danielle Drover and Monica Cho in the Christmas Variety show were fantastic. Next was the Eastern Regional Drama Festival. Unfortunately, this year it coincided with the band trip, so Sarah, Julienne and Ian were unable to participate. Enter Shauna Bradbury and Lauren O'Dell, two talented students who filled big shoes and helped our Drama group put in an awesome ensemble performance at the festival. Congratulations to the cast for their hard work and dedication in preparing to play roles as a group of very unusual psychiatric patients visited by the Grim Reaper in the play selected by students, "Cheating Death" by Kamron Klitgaard. Our adjudicator, Michael Chaisson, was impressed by the acting skills of our students, particularly by the stage presence of Danielle as a female reaper! Special recognition went to Lucas and Alyta who received awards for outstanding performances in a festival of 16 school entries. The Evening with the Arts, our annual school show which highlights the talents of our artists, actors and musicians, came right on the heels of the festival. Our group, determined not to have anyone left out this time, collectively wrote a prologue for the play to include everyone-Julienne as God's secretary, Ian as The Tooth Fairy, Sarah as a crazed Kindergarten teacher and Aidan doing double duty as a Hitman, entertained us and scared us at the same time. Monica did the monologue of her life and the play was seemingly even a greater performance

before our local audience of friends and family. What a super year with memories to last a lifetime. Way to go guys. You were awesome! Congratulations to all the students who were involved in The Evening with the Arts and special thanks to all the teachers and volunteers who helped to make this a great event.

English News

Congratulations to Julianne Meaney, Alyta Langmead, and Rebecca Duff who participated in the Pouch Cove Lions Club Speak-Out competition in February. Julianne placed first, followed by Alyta in second and Rebecca in third. Julianne moved on to speak at the Lions Club Regional competition. Rebecca also participated in the Adventure in Citizenship Annual Speak-Off at the Holiday Inn, hosted by the Rotary Club of St. John's Northwest. All three speakers were great representatives of Holy Trinity High School. At the intermediate level, congratulations to Shae-Lynn Stamp who participated in the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District speaking competition this past May. Shae-Lynn was also a wonderful representative of Holy Trinity High School and was noted by the adjudicators as speaking with passion and conviction. Congratulations to all of the participants this year on a fantastic job!

Science and Technology News

Underwater Robotics An underwater ROV, or Remotely Operated Vehicle, is a tethered underwater robot used in many industries that operate underwater. ROVs can perform specialized tasks in numerous industries such as scientific research, the oil and gas industry, salvage operations and exploration of ship wrecks, ocean engineering, and many others.

On May 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Holy Trinity Junior and Senior High Underwater Robotics Teams participated in a Remotely Operated Vehicle competition at the Marine Institute. Students designed and built a remote operated vehicle used to complete designated tasks. This year's competition theme highlighted the role that ROVs play in scientific exploration of shipwrecks and our oceans. Our students also had the opportunity to tour and operate the Marine Institute's ROV simulator, which is used in the instruction of post secondary students. Students

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had a lot of fun completing the challenges in the competition and learned many new skills.

A special thank you to parent volunteers Keith Ledwell and Stephen Lomond for the many hours spent working with the ROV teams.

Music

What a great year for our music program at Holy Trinity High School! The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the exchange trip with St. Matthew's High School in Ottawa during April and May. Both bands played great music together, and explored a little of each other's culture as we shared homes for 2 weeks. A special thank you to all parents who hosted Ottawa students, and to the five Grade 9 students who officially became part of the Senior Band in January while continuing their commitment to the Junior band.

Our Junior band grew again this year, both in numbers and in performance. We had a strong group of Grade 7's join us, and we played some challenging music. We look forward to continued success for our Junior bands next year.

Congratulations to our Choir, which grew from a student-led glee club last year to a full-fledged choir under the direction of Ms. Carla McGrath this year. Their progress this year was amazing, with many performances both in and out of the school.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the school's Ukulele club which met regularly under the guidance of Mr. Matthew Grant. It was great to see the Ukulele club join the choir at our Evening with the Arts last month.

Once again all four of our school bands took part in the Rotary Music Festival. Our Junior Concert Band and Junior Jazz Band both received Bronze awards, and our Senior Jazz Band received a Silver award. Our Senior Concert Band received a much-deserved **Gold** award. We are very proud of the efforts and performances of all the groups.

This year the Music Department purchased four iPads for use with the band program, and we have invested in a program called SmartMusic.

This program allows students to practice everything from scales and exercises up to and including their band music at home with the aid of the iPad. The program uses the microphone to evaluate student performance and provide feedback to the student and the teacher. Next year is also a travel year for the senior band as they return to the United States to take part in a Heritage Music Festival. The exact location has yet to be determined.

Have a great and musical summer!

Athletics

On June 5 we held our annual sports awards banquet. Congratulations to all the individual award winners and to all the teams who had a very successful year. Such a program would not be a success if it wasn't for our coaches. Thank you for donating your time. Athletes of the Year winners for Senior High were Redmond Hunt, Liam O'Rielly, Nicole Mahon and Clea Murphy. The Junior High Athletes of the Year were Chris Coady and Nicole Barrington. Clea Murphy and Darryl Pye were awarded the Frank Saunders award for their time and dedication to the HTHS sports program. Nicole Mahon was awarded the Torbay Athletic-Academic Award for HTHS.

Our Grade 9 Girls volleyball team held a "Kidney Comfort" fundraiser tournament for the Dialysis Unit at the Health Sciences Center and raised \$2700.00. The proceeds were used to help buy blanket warmers and other equipment to help with patient comfort. Great job to all those involved in hosting such a successful event.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award encourages young people to make a difference while exploring their potential, taking on new challenges and achieving success. Our school had an active group of students this year who have been working on all award levels.

Students have worked on their own skill, service and physical recreation piece while we completed preliminary training and both the practice and qualifying hikes as a group. Our practice hike took place in early June- conditions were wet and cold to begin with but then dried off and became sunny and warm. Students and

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teachers enjoyed the five hour hike from Blackhead to Fort Amherst. Our qualifying hike took place this weekend past on the Spout section of the East Coast Trail. The group travelled 25.4 km with heavy packs over rough terrain. We saw sea stacks, the spout and whales. Much fun was had and the participants pushed their limits to gain a new perspective of what they're capable of. Congratulations to you all!!!

Any student interested in information on the program or joining the group can register on line at dukeofed.org.

Prom News

We had a very successful Prom Celebration on May 10, 2014 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. 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 in November, at which time we will celebrate their high school graduation and accomplishments to date. Congratulations to Kelsey Menard on being selected as Class Valedictorian. Have a Great Summer graduates!!

Next year's Prom Ceremonies have been booked for May 9, 2015 at the Sheraton Hotel.

School Opening Info

September 3: 8:15 AM All students – Bussing information will be made available on the school website. Students will be dismissed at noon.

