
November 10, 2010

Term I Reporting

Enclosed with this newsletter is your child's Term I report card. This report is an overview of your child's performance on tests, quizzes, assignments, and classroom activities for all courses in the first term which ended November 5th. Please review each course with your child considering the mark achieved and the accompanying set of comments.

Parent – Teacher Interviews

We invite all parents and students to meet with each subject teacher at our Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Thursday, November 18th**. Conferences will be held in teacher's classrooms between 12:30 pm-3:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, by appointment through the OPTIS online booking system (www.hths.k12.nf.ca). Conferences should not exceed ten minutes in duration. If more time is needed, parents are encouraged to arrange another time to meet with the teacher.

K12 Planet

All students/parents have usernames and passwords for our K12 Planet system. K12 Planet allows parents and students to monitor grades and attendance online. Parents of new Grade 7 students were given usernames and passwords in September. If you have forgotten your password you can enter your user name in the automatic REQUEST PASSWORD option on the K12 log in site to have your password emailed directly to you - *provided you have inserted your email address in K12 system under "My Info"*. If you have not done so, then you can email Mr. Hickey or Ms. McCarthy to request this information. Email addresses are available on our website.

Remembrance Day Holiday - Nov. 11

School will be closed Nov. 11 to observe Remembrance Day.

School Council News

Our fall fundraiser *Festive Fall Gala* was a tremendous success. Approximately \$40 000 was raised during the dinner and auction. These funds will be used to purchase resources to supplement our academic, athletic, and performing arts programs. Thank you to all the businesses for your generous contributions and thank you to parents for attending the event and making it a success.

Parent and community representatives on the school council are: Marion McCarthy, Terry Gardiner, Keith Hogan, Jennifer Dawe, and Barbara Hudson. Welcome to new members: Christina Broccolo, Tara Power, and Patricia Mahon. The next meeting of the School Council will take place Nov. 30, 7:00 PM at the school.

English Dept. News

A Speak Out sponsored by MUN Oxfam will take place December 1st, 7pm at Bishops College High School for junior and senior high students. Interested HTH students should contact their English Language Arts teacher. Check out the school website for more information about public speaking contests regularly held throughout the school year.

Social Studies Dept.

Career Education students have been involved in many community volunteer opportunities this fall. First, career education students raised \$337.98 for the Red Cross and Hurricane Igor relief by collecting spare change during lunchtimes over one week. Also, they collected over 3000 bottles for recycling on behalf of Habitat for Humanity. Finally, in support of our Fall Gala, these students contributed over 260 volunteer hours! Thank you to all students who volunteered their time, and a sincere thank you to the community for your continued support!

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Athletics

The Senior Boys and Girls Softball teams participated in the Provincial high school championships in Stephenville where each captured silver medals.

The Senior Boys and Girls Soccer teams captured silver in Regional play downs.

We are very happy to witness the girls' volleyball program growing at Holy Trinity High. Grade 7 girls recently won gold at the Volleyfest Tournament. Grade 8 girls have started playing in the ESDNL school league, and the Grade 9 girls recently won the Beaconsfield Invitational Tournament. The Grade 10-11 team and the Grade 12 team are also playing in the St. John's City league.

Also, senior boys' hockey, boys and girls basketball, and cheerleading have also starting practicing for their upcoming seasons.

Band News

Our bands are off to another great start. The Grade 7's have transitioned quite well into the Junior Band program, and are already progressing towards their first performances in December. The Senior Bands have been hard at work as well. The Senior Concert Band has one performance done, and all the bands have a busy December planned. Our own Christmas concert is set for December 16th, so mark your calendars. The band's first fundraiser for the year is currently ongoing. Tickets are available from any band member and the first prize is \$2500 cash - just in time for Christmas! Our Senior Bands will be travelling to California in April 2011 to perform with Heritage Festivals. The last band trip was in 2009 when our senior concert and jazz bands took home two gold awards in New York City.

Prom 2011

Plans are currently being made for Prom 2011. The date has been set for Saturday, May 7th, 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel. An information package detailing payment and the Subway fundraiser has been given to each graduate. If your child did not get this information please have them contact Ms. O'Neill in Room 229. Information about the Prom can also be accessed on the school website.

Smartrisk No Regrets

On November 4th and 5th, two students, Marissa Farrell and Jillian Penney, were chosen to attend a national program called Smartrisk No Regrets, accompanied by their teacher adviser Ms. Kelly McCarthy. This program runs from coast to coast and has a purpose to create awareness about the many preventable deaths in youth today. The five messages conveyed by this program are Buckle Up, Look First, Wear The Gear, Get Trained, and Drive Sober along with creating your "Stupid Line". Marissa and Jillian will use these five messages to try and prevent injuries to youth in Holy Trinity High. They plan to hold many events and activities throughout the year to motivate their peers and create a safer school and community.

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 11: Remembrance Day
Nov. 16: Grade 9 immunizations (boosters)
Nov. 16: Picture retakes
Nov. 18: Parent - Teacher meetings (pm)
Nov. 19: HTH School Closeout
Nov. 25: Cap and Gown Night
Dec. 16: Band Christmas Concert
Dec. 22: Pancake Breakfast