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### **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 9. 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 their teachers at our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 22. Conferences will be held in teacher's classrooms between **12:30 - 3:30 pm and 5:30 - 8:30 pm**, by appointment through the OPTIS online booking system ([www.hths.k12.nf.ca](http://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. During the initial booking parents will be limited to scheduling appointments with only three teachers. On Nov. 21 this limitation will be lifted.

### **PowerSchool ParentPortal**

It is expected that at the end of November Eastern School District will open PowerSchool ParentPortal. This will allow parents access to their child's attendance and grades. More information will be sent home when it is available.

### **School Closed - November 23**

School will be closed Nov. 23 for teacher Professional Development. There will not be afternoon classes on Nov. 22 due to parent - teacher meetings.

### **School Council News**

Parent and community representatives on the school council are: Marion McCarthy, Keith Hogan, Tara Power, Patricia Mahon, and Barbara Hudson. The next meeting of the School Council will take place Nov. 20, 7:00 PM at the school.

We currently have two openings on the school council. Parents who are interested in running for a position on school council are asked to

email their intention to Mr. Hickey. If necessary, election will take place Thursday Nov. 22.

### **English Dept. News**

On November 8, 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 that students will be studying after Christmas. Students interested in participating in public speaking competitions that take place outside the school should see their English teacher or Ms. Budgell in Room 217 as there are several contests taking place in the second semester: *Pouch Cove Lions Club*, *the Knights of Columbus* and *Rotary* speak-offs.

### **Science News**

#### **Physics**

On September 24-25, the Eastern School District was fortunate to host the Go Physics! outreach program delivered by the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics.

On Monday, September 24th, a workshop for teachers was delivered by Dave Fish, the PI Educational Outreach Consultant. A small group of teachers, including Mr. Mark Barter from Holy Trinity, participated in activities and discussions on modern physics and teaching ideas for the classroom. Then on Tuesday, a larger group of students from the St. John's region had the opportunity to experience some hands-on activities, discussions and thought experiments which were 'mind-blowing', as described by Alex Peters, Danielle Drover and Neeson Mello. The impact of this experience was truly immeasurable.

### **NL Mining Week 2012: Women in Mining Forum**

Twenty-four young women from Holy Trinity were invited to a "Women in Mining Forum" at the St. John's Convention Centre. Women working in the mining industry shared their stories, insights, and experiences about working in the dynamic mining industry.

### **Eastern Newfoundland Science and Technology Fair 2013**

This regional fair will take place at Bishop's College on April 12 and 13, 2012. Although it

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may seem early, we know that students who are working on their projects need to be aware of the dates, as it is the Friday and Saturday following the Easter break, with registration closing before the Easter break. All the best in your planning and research!

**Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge Canada.** How can YOU change the world? Propose your own research and explore what you're passionate about while working with real scientists in real labs. Your project's results can earn you the chance to win cash prizes, scholarships and more. There are important deadlines for November, so don't delay! **Enter today:** [www.sanofibiogeneiuschallenge.ca](http://www.sanofibiogeneiuschallenge.ca)

### Robotics

The Holy Trinity High Robotics team is gearing up for the competition on Nov 23. There they will present their solution to arthritis-related problems that seniors have to deal with on a daily basis. They will also be competing against other teams to design and program a robot that accomplishes a set of senior themed problems.

### French Dept News

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, through the Department of Education, offers bursaries to students for summer French programs in Quebec. The bursary covers the cost of tuition, room and board, plus various extra activities, for a 4-5 week program in Quebec. Students in grades 9-12 (any level of French- beginner to advanced) can apply for a bursary through the Government of NL. Applications will be available after Christmas.

### Math Dept. News

In October, seven of our grade 11 students participated in the Senior High Math League competition sponsored by the Eastern School District. Our students did very well in the competition and we encourage students who enjoy mathematics to participate in these competitions.

### HTH Art Spot

Holy Trinity art classes have started off the year with great success. Our high school classes have been working hard on their drawing unit

and recently started creating works of art using various paint media. Ms. Channing is so pleased to be teaching grade 7 and 8 art this year! With great enthusiasm the juniors have enjoyed experimenting with various art materials and making wonderful pieces of art. This group of 7 and 8's are almost through, and soon a new semester and group will begin in the art room.

Also a great success is this year's art club. It is our biggest turn out yet, but we are always welcoming new members. Open to both senior and junior high, art club takes place in the art room (room 134) every day 5 and 12 at lunch. Bring your lunch and come be creative!

Be sure to check our blog where you can find information about ongoing or upcoming projects, interesting contests and all things art related at HTH. It can be found through Ms. Channing's webpage or by visiting [thart.blogspot.com](http://thart.blogspot.com).

### Guidance Department

There are various scholarships and awards offered to graduating students, and to a lesser extend the entire student body. Some are based on school nomination while others require direct student application. All new information forwarded to the Guidance office is announced and subsequently posted on monitors. There are also electronic mail-outs to graduating students. Any student wishing to be added to this list should see Ms. Brenton. It is the student's responsibility to acquire and submit applications.

Level 3 students considering application to College of the North Atlantic are encouraged to apply ASAP. Application forms are available at the guidance office or visit [www.cna.nl.ca](http://www.cna.nl.ca)

All students are encouraged to visit the on-line Career Cruising program. To log in, go to [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) and enter the following username : **holy** ; Password: **tigers**.

### Teen Mental Health Information Session

This session is for parents and students and takes place Monday, Nov 19 - 6:30- 9:00 pm - St. Peter's Junior High (Munden Dr., Mount Pearl). To register, visit:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZM3V7LN>

Or call 364-5305.

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**Social Studies Dept. News**

This fall the grade eight Social Studies students took a step back in time during a field trip to the Colony of Avalon. This archaeological dig is in the process of uncovering and restoring the colony as it was developed by Lord Baltimore, in 1621. Not only did the students get to tour the site and view the artifacts that have been uncovered, they were also treated to an educational session on daily life in 1621. This occurred in one of the restored houses with an instructor in period piece clothes! The students had a great learning experience and received accolades from the staff at the dig for their exemplary behaviour. A good time was had by all!

**Attention Grade 8 parents and Students:**

This year's grade 8 students are eligible to register for an educational tour of Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec City that will take place in November 2014. This trip will focus on Canadian History and Culture, which are the theme of the Grade 9 Social Studies program. Over 30 students in Grade 8 are already signed up for a this optional 7-day trip. This trip, with a focus around attending the 2013 National Ceremony for Remembrance Day in Ottawa, will also include tours of Quebec City and Montreal. More information about the trip (limited to our Grade 8 students of this year) can be found on Mr. Hammond's website. This will be an amazing learning opportunity for this phenomenal group of students.

**International Students at HTH**

The *Friends of International Students Committee* was struck in September to welcome the five international students studying at HTH and plan some activities for them during their stay. So far they have enjoyed a welcome luncheon and a Halloween party where students baked halloween themed cupcakes and carved pumpkins.

**Prom 2012**

The senior High Prom has been booked for May 11, 2013 and plans are underway. This year we will be having a Safe Grad back at the school in addition to the ceremonies at the Sheraton Hotel. A package of information regarding fees,

a contract to be signed and returned to school, and a letter about the annual Subway Fundraiser was distributed at the Parent and Graduate meeting this past week. If you did not receive this package of information yet, please have your son or daughter see Ms. Downey. Please make note of the important dates mentioned in the letter and keep it for future reference. We will be taking orders soon for long sleeve t shirts – please remind your son or daughter to listen for important prom announcements.

**SmartRisk No Regrets**

SmartRisk No Regrets group has been working hard to promote safety this fall at HTH. SmartRisk is a safety group that advocates for teenagers to keep safety in mind when taking risks to ensure they are safe risks. 700 youth across Canada die each year from injuries, and SmartRisk is trying their best to lower that number by promoting safety first. Douglas Chafe, Sarah Codner and team have already began their work. On Halloween, they visited the Junior High classes to tell them some safety precautions to use while trick-or-treating and starting November 14, they are beginning an initiative called "Faces of Safety" which is a picture mural of 700 teens in their safety gear.

The goal is to spread the message of safety throughout the school and to encourage their classmates not to cross over their "stupid line" or out of their comfort zone when it comes to taking risks. Take risks, but be smart!

**Tiger Sports****Softball**

Senior Girls Softball had a great season! They won the Zone Play and had a great showing in the Regionals and Provincials. As always, their sportsmanship shone through in their approach to the game. Senior Boys Softball also had a great season, winning gold at the St. John's Zone play and School Sport Newfoundland Labrador (SSNL) Regionals. The Boys were 13 wins and 1 loss this season and received the Silver medal in the SSNL Provincials.

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### **Cross Country Running**

HTH participated in the NLAA cross country running. Holy Trinity won the team event at the Jr. High Level. Congratulations!

### **Soccer**

Boys and Girls Soccer teams took to the field this year in both the Junior and Senior High. The highlight of the soccer season was the Boys Senior team winning the right to participate in the SSNL Provincials in St. Lawrence. Way to go boys!

### **Volleyball**

This year we have five girls' volleyball teams. The Grade Seven Girls Volleyball Team participated in Volleyfest 2012 at Prince of Wales Collegiate. Volleyfest had 181 teams participating all over the city in many divisions. There were 13 teams in The Grade 7 tournament. The final match against St. Matthews school was very exciting. Holy Trinity High won the first game and St. Matthews won the second (both of which were very close). Holy Trinity High went on to win the third game 18 - 16. What a game it was! It was certainly very exciting for the fans (especially the parents!). The girls are also participating in an after school league at the PowerPlex. Their next tournament is in Mount Pearl the last weekend of November.

The Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Team is playing in the ESDNL Afterschool League, they won gold in Volleyfest in Grade 8 Division and captured gold in the St. John Bosco Invitational Nov. 8-9.

The Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team got off to a great start at VolleyFest this year. The team went undefeated in divisional play and earned a bye to the Tier 1 semi-finals. They played in the finals against a very tough team -- Presentation Junior High from Corner Brook. Unfortunately, the girls came up short, but we're very proud of their silver medal accomplishment. 2nd place out of 30 teams is a pretty good way to start the season! The next tournament for our grade 9's is the U15 Eastern Championships on Nov. 23-24 in St. John's. Best of luck!

Our Senior High Girls Team travelled to Halifax in October to compete in the Dalhousie Invitational. They lost in the semi-finals 15-13 in the third and deciding set. So Close! In the bronze medal game they beat a team that they lost to earlier in the tournament. Many nice things were said about our team all weekend by parents, coaches, Dalhousie volleyball players who officiated all matches and the tournament organizers. The girls represented Holy Trinity High School wonderfully.

### **Basketball**

Holy Trinity has several basketball teams. We have a Grade 7 Girls Team and a Grade 7 and 8 Boys Team in the junior high level. At the Senior High level we have a Jr. Girls Team and a Sr. Boys Team.

The Grade 7 Boys Basketball Team is well underway for another year at Holy Trinity. They claimed a recent victory on November 3 in their first exhibition game of the year with a 36 - 23 victory over a Fieldian club team. The team will have a couple more exhibition games before competing in two invitational tournaments in early December (Brother Rice and Leary's Brook). In January 2013, the team is hoping to enter an intercity school league that is currently being developed at Brother Rice.....stay tuned for more from this group of Tigers!

The Senior Girls Basketball Team has completed tryouts and is starting to practice to get ready to take on the competition. The girls bring a great work ethic and competitive spirit while also having fun and this will be a good combination for a successful season. First games are tentatively scheduled for November with a season that should end in early May. Be sure to come out and watch!

The Senior Boys Basketball Team had their first tournament at Bishops on the weekend of Nov 3-4. They played and lost to two strong teams, Booth and Mount Pearl, which put them in the third place match against Holy Spirit from CBS. It was an exciting and close game with us coming out on top by a basket! The team will be playing in the senior city league which starts up in a few weeks.