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Term I Reporting

The publication of this newsletter coincides with the release of HTH students' Term I report cards. This report card is an overview of a student's performance on tests, quizzes, assignments, and classroom activities for all courses in the first term which ended November 7. Please review each course with your child considering the mark achieved and the accompanying set of comments. Rounded average is indicated on report cards and is calculated based on all courses a student is taking. However, in Grade 7, 8, and 9 Honours designation is based only on the five core courses (English, Math, French, Socials, and Science). Honour Roll for Jr and Sr High students will be posted early next week outside the main office.

Parent – Teacher Interviews

We invite all parents and students to meet with their teachers at our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 14. Conferences will be held in teacher's classrooms between **12:30 - 3:30 pm and 5:30 - 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. From Nov. 14 - Nov. 19 parents will be limited to scheduling appointments with only three teachers. On Nov. 20 this limitation will be lifted.

Nov. 21 PM:

There will not be any classes for all students in the afternoon on Thursday, Nov. 21 due to Parent Teacher Interviews. Buses will pick up students at lunchtime.

Nov. 22:

There will not be any classes for Sr. High students (Grade 10, 11, and 12) on Friday, Nov. 22 due to teacher Professional Development. However, classes will take place for Jr High students.

School Council News

We currently have one opening 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 ASAP. If necessary, an election will take place Thursday Nov. 21 during Parent Teacher Night. School council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the school. Please visit our school website for a listing of current school council members.

Thank you to all supporters of our school fundraiser "*Festive Fall Gala*" which was held on Nov. 2. After expenses, proceeds amounted to approximately \$60 000. That money will be put towards student needs in academic, athletic, and performing arts programming. Thank you!

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award program and Holy Trinity High School

We are very pleased to announce that HTH has an active group of more than 25 students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program. These students are currently undertaking activities such as volunteering in their community; learning new personal skills, and physical activities to stretch their personal goals which meet the rigorous program objectives. In addition, these students will take part in the Adventurous Journey section as a school group in the spring of the year. Many students have registered for the Bronze award and we have several students at the Silver and Gold award levels. We look forward to working with them as they take longer and more adventurous excursions with each level of the program. Registration is always open to this program- go online to www.dukeofed.org to check it out.

St. John Ambulance CPR/AED Course

Through the partnership with St. John Ambulance, and a very generous donation from a corporate sponsor, we are able to offer our grade 12 students (and some grade 11s) a free Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/ Artificial External Defibrillator certification course. This course will take place Tuesday morning, Nov. 19 at the school. This course is not compulsory, but

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will be made available to interested grade 12 students.

Science News

Model Boat Race and Marine Institute

Holy Trinity entered a team of ten students in the second annual Model Boat Race competition on October 26, 2013. The event was held at the Marine Institute's Flume Tank and was sponsored by the Marine Institute's Marine Engineering Systems Design program and Naval Architecture program. Our team spent endless hours after school, evenings and weekends building the unique motorized model boat which not only completed the race circuit but also had a second place time in the race! Our team also won the 'Most Spirited Team' as they energetically cheered on their team members and provided assistance to other teams as well. A very special thank you is extended to Mr. Keith Ledwell for his mentorship.



Learning at sea—aboard the M/V Coastal Explorer and at the Ocean Science Centre

Holy Trinity was very fortunate to be invited as one of ten schools participating in a pilot project supported by the [Oceans Learning Partnership](#) (OLP), a collaborative initiative spanning the private and public sectors with an interest in enhancing oceans education in the province. Students took part in day-long field trips aboard the [M/V Coastal Explorer](#), a 'floating classroom' at the Holyrood Marine Basin and also at the [Ocean Sciences Centre \(OSC-MUN\)](#) in Logy Bay. Students were engaged in hands-on

learning experiences with ocean technologies, such as undersea ROV, and interactions with research scientists, to understand the importance, complexity and inter-connectedness of the ocean. The students remarked that the learning experiences were awesome. We salute the OLP for providing these opportunities for our students.



Let's Talk Science

On Nov 13, 2013 Holy Trinity High school hosted an event with *Let's Talk Science*. Meteorologist Ryan Snodden took this opportunity to highlight the value of science careers. The event was organized in conjunction with *Let's Talk Science*, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the importance of science learning with an emphasis of the importance of science in life and for jobs of the future. Bonnie Schmidt, founder and president of Let's Talk Science, spoke to the students about the importance of high school science. This talk was based on a report recently released by Let's Talk Science and Amgen called [Spotlight on Science Learning: The high cost of dropping science and math](#).



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French Dept News

On Tuesday October 29th, our Junior High French Immersion students had the opportunity to attend a show and traveling exhibit on the Francophone and Acadian history of Newfoundland and Labrador. This interactive French show allowed our students to become a part of the Francophone and Acadian history of Newfoundland and Labrador. Our students were great representatives of our school!

Online registration for the Explore Program Summer 2014 is now open to Level II and Level III students. The Explore Program offers students the opportunity to study French for five weeks in another region in Canada. It is a fantastic opportunity that is open to all students, not just French Immersion students. The bursaries for this program cover tuition, accommodations and meals however the student is responsible for airfare and spending money. The deadline to apply for this program is February 28th, 2014. For more information please visit <http://www.myexplore.ca/en/subscription/or> contact Ms. Codner at school. Information regarding bursaries for Grade 9 and Level I students will be available after Christmas.

Math Dept. News

In October, four of our Grade 12 students participated in the Senior High Math League competition sponsored by the Newfoundland English School District and Memorial University. These students performed very well against students from other schools in the Eastern region of the district. On Friday, eight of our junior high students will be participating in the Junior High Math League competition. We wish our junior high students lots of luck and we encourage all of our students who enjoy mathematics to get involved in such worthwhile activities.

Prom News: The Senior High Prom has been booked for May 10, 2014 and plans are

underway. This year we will be hosting our second Safe Grad at Axtion as a safe and fun event after the Prom ceremonies at the Sheraton Hotel. Information has already gone home regarding fees, contracts, tickets, and a Subway Fundraiser. Please take note of important dates for fees to be paid. If anyone has any questions regarding the Prom please email Ms. Downey (donnadowney@esdnl.ca). We will be placing orders for Hoodies and long sleeve t-shirts for graduates later in the year, so please remind your son or daughter to listen for important announcements regarding these items and other Prom activities. Any Grade 11 parent who would like to help with the planning of the Safe Grad please email Mr. Hickey (andrewhickey@esdnl.ca)

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 starting creating works of art using various paint media. The grade 7's have been working hard on stop motion animation and soon will have mini movies to show.

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 5/12 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 hthart.blogspot.com.

Social Studies News

On Oct 31, our International Student Group and Friends had a Halloween Party in school complete with costumes! Our 3 students from Brazil and 1 from South Korea were treated to baking cupcakes and decorating them for Halloween. They bobbed for apples and participated in many other fun Halloween activities.

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On Oct 30, all grade 9 and Career Education students attended the Women in Mining Forum at the St. John's Conference center. First, students listened to an address from Premier Dunderdale highlighting how having women fully participate in our economy is necessary for the success for all. Then they heard from 5 women who are involved in the mining industry in Canada who shared their interesting stories. While the purpose of the forum was to highlight how women are increasing their participate in the mining industry, both girls and boys heard a lot of information about the mining industry in general and how it can be a viable career for all regardless of gender.

In October the grade eight students participated in two day-trips as part of their Social Studies program. On one outing they stepped back in time visiting the Colony of Avalon in Ferryland. Here they saw how Lord Baltimore's colony, est. in 1621, is being excavated and reconstructed. They also toured the interpretation centre and saw the over one million artifacts that have been recovered at the site to date. On our other excursion they visited Confederation Building and toured the Provincial Legislature. One group was greeted by Kevin Parsons, the member for Cape St. Francis. Mr. Parsons accompanied the students on their tour of the floor, pointing out where he sits and answering students' questions. In the afternoon the students participated in tours of the museum and art gallery at The Rooms. Some students also visited the Anglican Cathedral nearby. These outings were provided to allow students the opportunity to explore, understand, and appreciate the history and culture of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Welcome back to over 40 grade 9 students and six teachers who recently travelled to Quebec City, Montreal, and Ottawa as part of the EF Canadian Roots Tour. We had some very complimentary feedback on our students' behavior. Some were also interviewed as part CTV's television coverage of the National War Memorial Service in Ottawa. How to make us proud!

Guidance Department

[www.hths.k12.nf.ca]

Scholarships & Awards: 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. All students are encouraged to visit the on-line *Career Cruising* program. To log in, go to <http://www.careercruising.com> and enter the following Username : **holy** , Password: **tigers**.

Dove Self-Esteem Program: During the months of October and November the Guidance Department offered a voluntary lunchtime program to the Grade 7 girls. The objective of this program was to help young girls build a healthy and positive relationship with their body, gaining confidence and raising self-esteem by understanding and dealing with feelings about physical appearance.

Athletic Dept. News

It's been a quick start for our sports teams this year. We have had a cross country running team, two softball teams, three soccer teams, six volleyball teams, seven basketball teams and a hockey team participating in Sr. and Jr. Leagues and tournaments throughout the city. The boy's softball team competed well this year qualifying for the 4A Provincials but was unsuccessful in winning the gold this season. Our grade 9 and grade 12 girls' volleyball teams travelled to Nova Scotia and had two successful tournaments. A major accomplishment for our school was that our grades 7, 8,9,12 girl's volleyball teams finished 1st in the Volleyfest tournaments held on the weekend of Nov. 2nd. The grade 12 girl's team has also made history by winning VolleyWest, VolleyCentral and Volleyfest in the same season. The grade 7 volleyball team has also won the Brother Rice Invitational tournament held early in October.

Congratulations to the senior girl's softball team for winning the Zone Tournament in September.

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The girls put forth a valiant effort and represented Holy Trinity High School with pride.

Thank you to all coaches and parents for supporting our sports program this year

Ski Trip

This year we will be offering skiing opportunities to our students. The first trip will be Feb 21st to Ski White Hills, which will be available for our grade 7-10 students to attend. The second trip will be Feb.27th - March 2nd to Marble Mountain, this ski trip will be available to Grade 10-12 students. Preference will be given to Grade 12 students and overall attitude and behavior will be a major consideration in group selection. Both skiing trips could be a great Christmas gift idea for your son or daughter!