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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 21. 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.

Calculation of Honour Roll and Principal's List

Jr. High: Honour Roll: Minimum 80% in all courses
Principal's List: Minimum 90% in all courses
Sr. High: Honour Roll: Overall average greater than 80%
Principal's List: Overall average greater than 90%

Parent – Teacher Interviews

We invite all parents and students to meet with their teachers at our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, December 4. 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. 27 – Dec. 2 parents will be limited to scheduling appointments with only three teachers. On Dec.3 this limitation will be lifted.

Dec. 4 PM:

There will not be any classes for all students in the afternoon on Thursday, Dec. 4 due to Parent Teacher Interviews. Buses will pick up students at lunchtime.

Dec. 5:

There will not be any classes on Friday, Dec. 5 due to teacher Professional Development.

Safe Grad

The Grade 12 HTH parents are fundraising for the Safe Grad (May 9, 2015). Ms. Wanda Cooper has graciously donated a basket worth \$750. Thank you very much Ms. Cooper! Each graduate have been given \$30 worth of tickets. Additional tickets can be obtained at the office.

All tickets and monies should be returned to the Office on or before December 12, 2014. The draw date will be December 19th at the school. Just in time for XMAS!

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Science Dept:**Marine Institute Model Boat Race**

Congratulations to students who participated in the 3rd annual Marine Institute's Model Boat Race competition, on Saturday Oct. 24th, 2014. Eleven teams participated from NLESD, 2 teams were from Holy Trinity High. Team 1—Team Chop-Chop: Daniel Codner, Pearce Burton, Jared Squires, Mackenzie Sullivan, Justin Reid, Zachary Brooks, Kurtis Galway, and James Penney. Team 2—Dream Team: Chantel Cross, Steven Kennedy, Brandon Kennedy, Katherine Ledwell, Mackenzie Lomond, David Thornhill, and Josh Banks

Team Chop Chop came in second in the boat race with an amazing time of 16.7seconds! Dream Team won a trophy for the best poster and design booklet.

A huge thank you is sent out to parents and mentors Stephen Lomond and Keith Ledwell who tirelessly helped with the boat building. Also student alumni and mentors Melanie Sullivan, Kelsey Menard and Jared Lewis helped out along the way. Many evenings and weekends were spent brain-storming and building remote control operated boats. Way to go boat builders. We look forward to boat building again next year!

If you would like more information of the MI Boat Race, please go to:

<http://www.mi.mun.ca/boatrace/>

Underwater Robotics

Two teams are now working on their robotic entries for the 2015 Underwater Robotics Competition at the Marine Institute. We have two student teams, Scouts (junior) and Rangers (senior) who meet each Monday 6:30-8:30 pm in Room 232—drop in if you are interested. This year's mission is **ROVs in Extreme Environments: Science and Industry in the Arctic**. Click for [Mission Details](#).

Wolffish Research

A group of Science 1206 students participated in real-time MUN and DFO research on board the Coastal Explorer on the ocean off of Holyrood. Students collected samples and data, and their work added to the ongoing research. A virtual lab of the research activities was presented upon returning from the trip.

Junior High Science Club

A new, active science club for students in grades 7 - 9 has been having meeting regularly. It is great to see so many students interested in Science!

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Social Studies:

During the week of November 7-13th, 44 Grade 9 students of Holy Trinity High had the opportunity to travel on a voyage of discovery... inside of their own country. Focusing on the curriculum of their Social Studies program - Canadian Identity - these students had a chance to visit, explore and discover some of the rich history of Quebec City, Montreal and the Ottawa regions. Visiting a variety of historical sites, museums and educational centers, students were exposed to some of the rich cultural heritage that we share as Canadians. The culmination of the tour was, to many, their attendance at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on November 11th. Students were surrounded by 80,000 people who had all come to share in the event and to remember those who had laid down their lives for the freedoms that we have today in our country. Truly, a worthwhile experience for all of those who attended. A heart-felt "Thank-you" goes out to the teacher-chaperones who accompanied this group on their 7-day adventure: Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Whelan, Mr. Brenton, Mr. Hammond and Mr. O'Connor.

For more information about the Ceremony, a newspaper article which included an interview with several of our students is available online at

http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/nov/11/canada-remembrance-day-deadly-shooting?CMP=share_btn_fb

English Department News

Scholastic Book Club: Do you remember the Scholastic Orders from elementary school? The fun of sitting with your child and looking through the book selections to pick out books to read? Well, Scholastic has a Teen Readers Club which provides book selections for middle school and high school reading. Mr. Hammond in Grade 8 regularly participates in the Scholastic Book Club monthly book orders. If you are interested in ordering books for your student, please have them stop by and pick up a monthly order form from him in Room 205. Orders are usually placed at the end of each month. Help your child with their independent reading for pleasure and see what teens are reading today!

Drama News

Drama Club: Congratulations to Holy Trinity Drama students who performed during lunchtime in the cafeteria throughout the month of October to raise money and collect items for the Food Bank. Students sang, played musical instruments, danced and even juggled in aid of this important cause. Thank you to all of those students who volunteered their time at lunchtime to help out especially Alyta Langmead who coordinated this fundraiser. The Drama group is now busy planning the Christmas Variety show!

Improvisation Team: *Last year*, Holy Trinity High joined the ranks of the Canadian Improv Games, Newfoundland Chapter. We entered, not one, but two teams in the event which involves dozens of Newfoundland Jr. and Sr. High schools, and hundreds of schools across the

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country. Our teams took part in the local X-Games which showcased their talent, before taking part in the CIG Tournament in January.

This year, we are at it again. The Holy Trinity High Jr. and Sr. teams will be taking part in this year's X-Games on November 23rd at The LSPU Hall. Both teams will be performing in the 2:00pm time slot, along with Ascension Collegiate, Holy Heart, MacDonald Dr. Jr. High, Mt. Pearl Intermediate, St. Bonaventure's, PWC, and Beaconsfield.

Athletics

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Softball Team who showed great sportsmanship at both the Zone and Regional tournaments this Fall. The girls placed third in the Zone tournament and advanced to the Regionals, representing Holy Trinity with great pride.

Our Grade 10, 11, 12 girls Volleyball Teams are participating in the afterschool league and our Grade 10 team took Silver at Volleyfest. Also, special congratulations to the Gr 9 Girls' Volleyball team on winning Gold at the NLVA Regionals in Clarendville last weekend.

The Senior Girls basketball team enter this season with a group primarily of young ladies who will finish their high school Athletics this year. Most of them have been together as a team for almost 7 years and they bring with them experience, determination and heart on the court. Two grade 10's and one grade 11 round out the team and bring enthusiasm and grit to the team. Training started in October and competition will start in late November as the Tigers host their annual tournament at Holy Trinity. Three tournaments are scheduled to date before Christmas break which will give the coaches an idea of where the team needs to improve in order to be invited to the Hall of Fame Tournament in February. This will be a large task but one the ladies are up to. Many memories have been made over the years and we hope fans come out to share more with us this year.

Best of luck to our Sr High Girls' Volleyball team which is hosting the 4A Provincial Championships Nov. 28-29. Teams from all across the province will be competing for the 4A Championship banner. Good luck girls! Schedule is available on the school's website.

Important Dates:

Dec. 4: Parent Teacher Meetings

Dec. 5: No classes – HTH Teacher PD Day

Dec. 22 - Jan. 4: Christmas Holidays