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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 20. 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

Junior High

Calculation of Principal's List: 90% minimum in each of the five core subjects*

Calculation of Honour Roll: 80% minimum in each of the five core subjects*

**Five Core Subjects: English, French, Math, Science, Social Studies*

Note: Calculation of PL and HR does not include electives since the amount and nature of student evaluation in these courses (short duration) is not reflective of the progress of the students throughout the year.

Senior High

Calculation of Principal's List: 90% overall average

Calculation of Honour Roll: 80% overall average

Parent – Teacher Interviews

We invite all parents and students to meet with their teachers at our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, December 3. 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. 26 – Dec. 1 parents will be limited to scheduling appointments with only three teachers. On Dec.2 this limitation will be lifted.

Dec. 3 PM:

There will not be any classes for all students in the afternoon on Thursday, Dec. 3 due to Parent Teacher Interviews. Buses will pick up students at lunchtime.

Dec. 7:

There will not be any classes on Monday, Dec. 7 due to teacher Professional Development.

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Festive Fall Gala Report

Thank you to all volunteers (students, parents, teachers) and community supporters for assisting us in our major school fundraiser which was held on November 19. We are very pleased to report that we made \$55 000. All proceeds will go towards Academic, Performing Arts, and Athletic programs for our students. Thank you!

Science Dept:

Science Department Website

The HTH Science Department can now be found online at www.hthscience.weebly.com, or under the Department Links tab of the school's website. The science department website provides links to curriculum documents, individual teacher web pages, as well as links to online textbooks (where applicable). While there, you can also find links to CDLI, which offers access to course content and online tutoring, or see what's been happening in science via our Twitter feed.

4th Annual Marine Institute Boat Race

Holy Trinity High students had yet another successful year racing their hand-built model motorized boats at the world class flume tank located at the Marine Institute. The two teams who participated in this year's race were:

- Team '**Beam me up Scotty**': Mackenzie Lomond, Katherine Ledwell, Matthew Senior, Brendan Meaney, Kyle Codner, Evan Penney, Gillian McClean, Cassandra Menchions, Griff Parry, Angelo Steeples, and Aaron Shea.
- Team '**Bouyz in the Hood**': Chantel Cross, Brandon Kennedy, Noah Griffiths, Steven Kennedy, Andrew Mahon, Lucas Codner, Grace Williams, Josh Banks, David Thornhill, Aaron White, and Megan Pike.

Team **Beam me up Scotty** won a prize for the most innovative design and Team **Bouyz in the Hood** came VERY close to winning the fastest boat.

Both teams worked very hard and did a fantastic job. A special thank you to parent mentors Mr. Keith Ledwell and Mr. Stephen Lomond; their dedication is much appreciated.

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HTH Aquaponics Project

Holy Trinity High will be developing, constructing and monitoring an Aquaponics system over the next few months. This project incorporates aquaponics, agriculture and robotics that develop design and engineering skills. The system, once developed, will be monitored and controlled by Phidget sensors and cameras that will be programmed by students. Data will be accessible to the whole student body and the general public. Students taking part in this project will develop skills in agriculture, aquaculture, hydroponics, aquaponics, robotics and programming and in an effort to produce food. Students of different interests and abilities can participate at different times and at different levels of engagement- from constructing, to planting, to programming, etc. In addition to students who participate in the All Science Challenge, Science Club and Robotics, there will be an open call for interested students. We are also hoping to include community members who may have interest in getting involved in such a project. For more information, or to become involved, please contact:

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HTH Science Club Vegetable Garden

Prepping the soil, planting the seeds and seeing those tiny leaves sprout up through the soil. That is what the members of Holy Trinity High Science Club had the experience of being part of this spring and summer thanks to the support of the Climate Change Education Centre, a project of Conservation Corps NL.

In the spring students at Holy Trinity High School built raised vegetable boxes, added the soil and planted the seeds. During the summer, their interest and motivation never waned as they cared for the veggies that began to grow. Planting and tending to the new plants teaches teamwork, responsibility and an appreciation for nature. The vegetable garden provided an opportunity for students to connect to the environment and learn hands-on what it has to offer.

Fresh and locally grown food can be a foreign concept to students and young people in our province, but our school garden allowed students to taste the wonders of fresh food straight from the garden. Despite a cold and rainy July, in early August students were able to enjoy the fruits of their labour and see what hard work and perseverance brings about by harvesting plenty of spinach, lettuce, radish, carrots and onions. They hope to inspire their peers and school community with their enthusiasm and knowledge about the importance of protecting our natural environment and eating healthy and local. Any community members interested in helping out with next year's garden plans can contact Ms. Kerri Mercer. The HTH Science Club would like to extend thanks to Mr. Dan Rubin of Perfectly Perennial Herbs & Seeds (Pouch Cove) for all of his help and advice over the course of the project.

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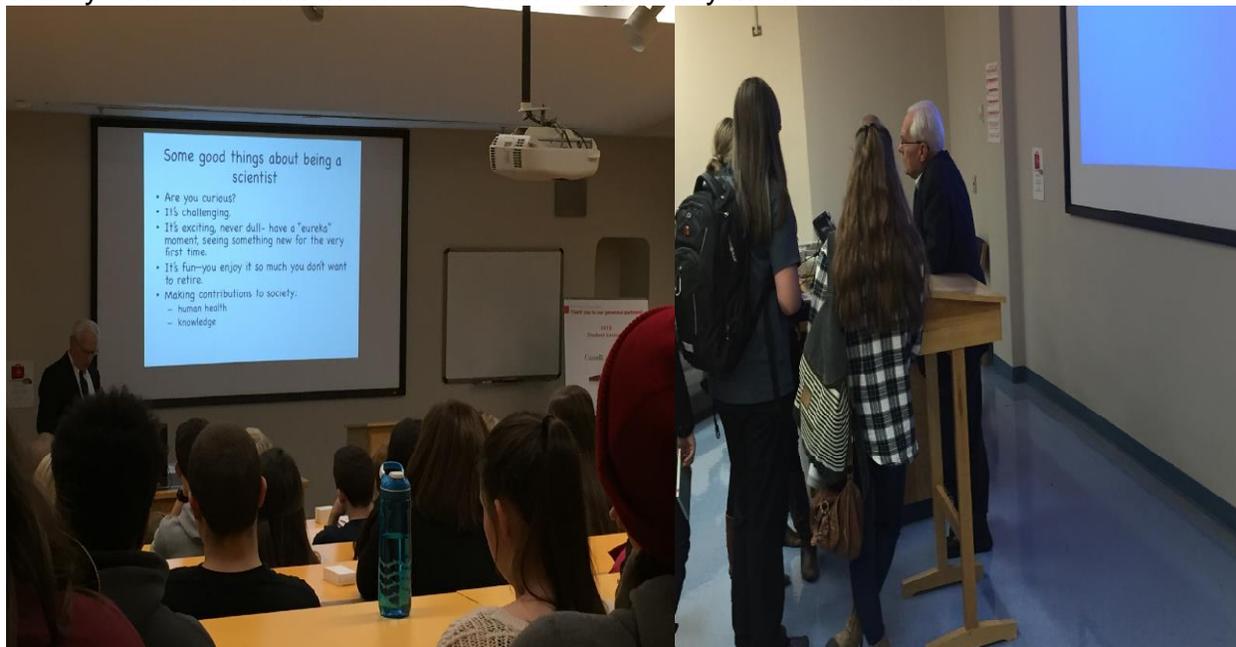
Gardiner Lecture at Memorial University

Senior high science students had the opportunity to attend an academic science lecture at Memorial University in October. The Gairdner Lecture provided students with an opportunity to hear the winner of one of the world's most important prizes for medical discoveries talk about themselves and what inspires them to pursue a career in science, along with explaining their research.

This year's lecturer was Dr. Harold Dvorak from Harvard Medical School, Boston. Dr. Dvorak's research involves blood vessels as a part of the circulatory system and the vital role they play in virtually every medical condition. In addition to experiencing an academic science lecture in a post-secondary setting, students from HTH were able to

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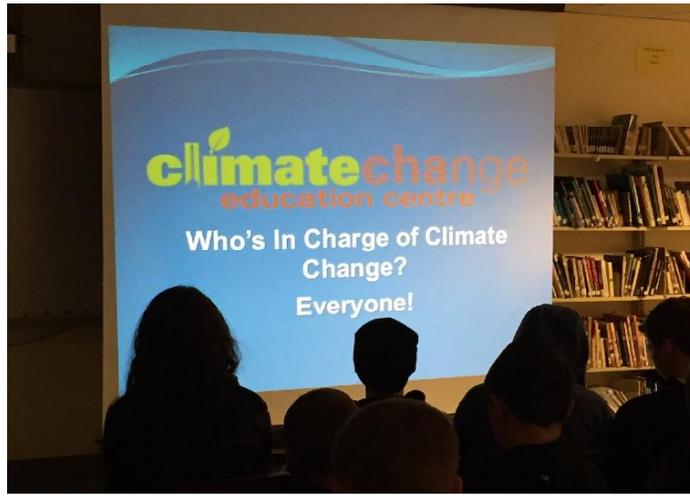
interact with Dr. Dvorak by asking questions about careers in the health sciences and chatted with him after the lecture. This experience was intended to increase students' awareness of the value of scientific research and to give them some insight into the variety of fields within the health sciences that may interest them.



Conservation Corps NL Climate Change Presentation

Science students in Grade 8, Science 1206, Science 2200, and Environmental Science 3205 recently had the opportunity to attend a session on Climate Change presented by Conservation Corps NL. Climate change, as well as conservation and sustainability measures, are curriculum outcomes present in both junior and senior high sciences. Students were educated on topics such as energy consumption and waste production, and the impacts our everyday actions can have on different species of animals in Canada. Interactive polls throughout the presentation promoted discussions about everyday strategies to reduce our carbon footprint and become stewards of the environment.

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Junior High Scientific Literacy Assessment

A major aim of the science curriculum in Grades 7 through 9 is scientific literacy. Scientific literacy is an evolving combination of science related attitudes, skills, and knowledge students need to develop inquiry, problem-solving, and decision-making abilities. In previous years, the NLESD assessment and evaluation scheme directed that a cumulative assessment to evaluate scientific literacy be written during the June examination period. As per changes in district guidelines, scientific literacy will be evaluated throughout the year during each of the four units of study in Grades 7-9 for the 2015-2016 academic year. All other aspects of the scientific literacy evaluation, such as type of content and percentage of evaluation (10%), remain unchanged. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Danielle Evans.

Social Studies Dept:

On Thursday Oct 15, HTH participated in the Student Vote as part of the Federal Election. 91% of our students participated by casting a ballot in their riding. Students' interest was high as many teachers spent the lead up time discussing politics and elections processes with the students. A core group of senior high students acted as poll clerks where they took leadership roles in making sure our voting in the LRC went smoothly. The results were Nick Whelan 41% of the student vote, Jack Harris 42% of the vote. Was a very close race here at HTH. Because of the student vote, our students seemed much more interested in politics and now understand the process of voting. Please encourage your children to vote when they come of age. It's an important right to exercise.

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From Oct 14-Oct 16 our grade 8's went on field trips over 3 days. They visited many places including Ferryland, The Rooms and the Anglican Cathedral to name a few.

During Remembrance Day Week, some 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. The highlight for students and teachers was to meet in person Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

HTH Art Spot

HTH art students have been busy this fall creating some wonderful works of art. Art and Design 2200 and 3200 classes have focused mainly on the Drawing and Painting unit, while Grade seven's are in the process of developing Stop Motion Animations that are sure to be fun and imaginative!

A special thank you goes out to students Julia Vokey, Hailey Gosse, Emily Tilley, Gillian McLean and Lucas Codner for donating artworks to the Festive Fall Gala. The works were placed on silent auction and everyone was wildly impressed. Thanks for your support!

A reminder that all Visual Art information, including contests, due dates and other interesting info can be found on Ms. Channing's blog hthart.blogspot.com .

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Guidance News

Level III students are reminded to sign up at yconic today! (<http://yconic.com>). Create your free profile, answer a few questions and they will match you with scholarships that you qualify to apply for. For further info see Ms. Brenton in Rm 230.

On Oct 13-14th, 10 Senior High girls along with their chaperone, Ms. Codner, attended a Tech Tour for Girls that was sponsored by Women in Resource Development. The group spent two days touring the Marine Technology programs at Marine Institute and Technology programs at CONA. The girls had the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities throughout the tours and it was a very successful adventure for all involved!

On Oct. 30th MADD-Mothers Against Drunk Drivers-presented to our Senior High students. Their presentation was very powerful and students were educated about the dangers of impaired driving. For more information check out their website at www.madd.ca

Tutoring for Tuition is up and running again at Holy Trinity High! Any student who would like to avail of services must contact Mr. Fred Power who is taking care of this program at our school this year.

French Dept. News:

Study French in Quebec (grades 9-12)

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. Application will be available some time after Christmas.

Athletics

The cross country running team competed at the 23rd Annual Warm-up Cross Country Running Series for Schools. Various athletes from grades 7-12 attended three of the meets and ran their heart out. Hats off to the Tigers for always putting their best foot forward and finishing with a smile! A special shout-out goes out to Catherine Summers

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who finished first overall and won the individual award in the 2003 age group. The Grade 7 Girl team members placed first in their age group.

Holy Trinity fielded boys and girls senior and junior soccer teams. All teams participated in the NLESD leagues in the St. John's/Metro Region. Boys and Girls softball teams competed in St. John's High School Zone competitions, the boys team was successful in advancing to the SSNL Regional's but were unable to secure a spot in provincial play this fall.

Volleyball has begun with several groups competing in VolleyFest and VolleyCentral. Our Sr. Girl's team placed 2nd at VolleyCentral, team coach is Mark Barter. Our Grade 7 Girls Volleyball team are VolleyFest Champs, team is coached by Dwayne Abbott.

We are excited to ice a HTH Girls Hockey team this year, this is the first time in several years that we are able to ice a girls team. Good luck girls. The Sr. Boys hockey team is looking forward to a strong year they will be competing in several tournaments and playing in the St. John's High School hockey league.

Basketball teams are ready to compete this season, HTH hosted the successful Caroline Penney Memorial Tournament, our teams are hosting several others tournaments this year. Please check the school webpage for dates of upcoming tournaments or follow HTH Athletics @gotigersathlete on Twitter.

Important Dates:

Dec. 3: Parent Teacher Meetings

Dec. 7: No classes – HTH Teacher PD Day

Dec. 23 - Jan. 2: Christmas Holidays