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Fundraiser

This is the last week of our fundraiser. Please make every effort to sell and pass in all tickets!

SADD Week

Thank you to our Students Against Drunk Driving committee for organizing a week of activities highlighting the dangers of driving under the influence.

Delayed Opening/ School Closures

There is an increasingly possibility of emergency closures of Holy Spirit High due to storms, poor road conditions, etc. Parent/guardians and students should note that in the event of serious storms or storm-related transportation problems, the local AM/FM radio stations will be notified. During stormy weather, please make an effort to frequently check radio stations for information on school closures.

You may also visit the school website at www.holyspirithighschool.ca or the district website at www.nlesd.ca and visit School Status Report. We will also use Twitter to notify you of any closures

November Reporting

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent Teacher Interviews. If you have concerns or questions regarding your child's academic achievement to date, please contact their individual teachers.

If you have yet to receive PowerSchool information, please contact Mr. Locke.

Senior Prom Meeting

We will be having a Prom/Safe Grad meeting on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 in the school cafeteria. This is for parents of grade 12 students.

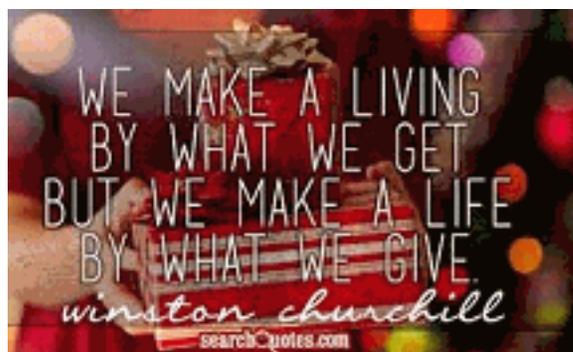
Contacting Teaching Staff

If you need to contact a member of our staff we would recommend using email. All of our teacher's email addresses can be found on our school web site. Teachers have many student contacts so we ask that you give teachers 24 to 48 hours to return your email. They will return your calls and emails as soon as possible.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas celebration is scheduled for December 20 at 7:00. Admission is a donation to our Fine Arts program and a non-perishable food item.

Christmas Food Drive 2017



~Inspirational words from Winston Churchill

The Interact Club and the Student Council will be having our annual Christmas Food Drive from Tuesday December the 5th to Tuesday December the 19th. This initiative will benefit students within our school along with the community food bank. At this time of year the need is greater than ever, and in an effort to support our students who recognize this need, **Holy Spirit High invites you to pay it forward!**

We encourage all students to contribute to this effort by bringing in the specific item(s) their sport team(s) and/or club(s) have been assigned to donate and placing them underneath the Christmas Tree in the lobby.

We will also be collecting throughout next week to ensure no student at Holy Spirit goes without over the Christmas holidays. If you know of anyone in need this Christmas, please contact the administration or guidance.

If a student is not affiliated with a specific sport team or club, we encourage them to participate in this initiative by bringing in any item listed below. The Interact Club and Student Council would like to extend a huge thank you in advance for your continued support of our many initiatives throughout the school year!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Caitlyn Coles, President of the Interact Club, via cicoles00@gmail.com or Ms. Lesley-Ann Cleary, teacher sponsor of Student Council via lesleyanncleary@nlesd.ca.

Sports Teams:

Gr. 9 Girls Soccer – Tin Vegetables
Gr. 9 Girls Volleyball – Laundry Detergent
Sr. Boys Soccer – Chef Boyardee Pasta
Sr. Girls Soccer – Jam or Cheeze Whiz
X-Country Running – Boxed Cookies
Sr. Boys Basketball – Canned Evaporated Milk
Sr. A Girls Volleyball – Pasta (macaroni / spaghetti / linguine)
Sr. B Girls Volleyball - Rice
Jr. High Ultimate Frisbee – Fruit Snacks
Sr. High Ultimate Frisbee – Tomato Sauce
Sr. Boys Volleyball – Granola Bars
Gr. 9 Girls Basketball – Tin Fruit
Boys Ice Hockey - Potato
Girls Ice Hockey – Carrot
Boys Rugby - Turnip
Girls Rugby – Rice Crispy Cookies or Goldfish
Boys Softball – 400g Cereal
Girls Softball – 1L Juice (apple / orange)
Gr. 9 Boys Soccer - Sugar
Cheerleading - Peas
Gr. 9 Boys Volleyball – Tin Soup
Gr. 10 Girls Basketball – Granola Bars
Jr. Boys Basketball - Teabags
Golf – Sidekicks (rice / noodles)
Badminton – Tin Fruit

Clubs:

Student Council – Granola Bars or Goldfish
Interact Club - Corn
SADD Committee – 1L Juice (apple / orange)
International Students Club – Jell-O or Pudding Mixes
Math League – Peanut Butter
Yearbook Committee – Chef Boyardee Pasta
Dutch Blitz Club – Boxed Cake Mixes
Debate Club – Peanut Butter
Smash Club – Turnip
Improv Club – 400g Cereal
GSA Club – Pickles
Band – Onions
Choir – Laundry Detergent
Show Choir – Teabags
Girls Group – Tin Vegetables
Skills Canada – Tin Soup
3D Print Club – Tin Fruit
Robotics Club – Tin/Powdered Gravy
Tech Crew – Tin Soup

Falcons Healthy Space

We are very excited to introduce our new **Healthy Space Clinic** to Holy Spirit High this year!

Do you have questions about relationships, sexual health or birth control that you want to ask in a private confidential setting?

Our school Public Health Nurse, Shelley Goulding will be at our school every second Tuesday morning, starting October 17 to answer your health questions. No appointment necessary just drop by the guidance area.

What is the “Healthy Space” school sexual health program?

Eastern Health is collaborating with Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) to increase access to sexual health services for high school students through a school-based sexual health program.

What is the purpose of this program?

The purpose of this program is to increase access to sexual health services for high school students. The research on school-based clinics clearly shows that by making adolescent health services convenient and friendly to youth, the access and use of those services increases, health improves, and socio-economic costs decline. We aim to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to make positive sexual health decisions that will promote and protect their sexual health.

Why target schools?

Schools are the only formal educational institution to have meaningful contact with nearly every young person. Schools are in a unique position to provide adolescents with the knowledge, understanding, skills, and attitudes they will need to make and act upon decisions that promote sexual health throughout their lives.

Evaluations show that community-based programs have been effective, particularly if they involved many organizations and individuals, including parents and mentoring adults.

Will this program support health related topics within the curriculum?

Yes, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) want to ensure that the program be carefully planned to cover off core curriculum outcomes in specific course areas. This program will connect school staff with the public health nurse and other public health professionals. The program will also increase access to sexual health promotion resources to help support the health curriculum.

What do we know about school based sexual health services and education?

The Public Health Agency of Canada through the *Canadian Guidelines for Sexual Health Education* supports the principle that all people should have access to sexual health education and that it should be provided in Canadian schools.

Research shows that:

- The more children and youth learn about sexual health, the more likely they are to postpone sexual activity and/or engage in safer sexual practices.
- Over 85% of Canadian parents agreed with the statement "Sexual Health Education should be provided in the schools"

- Parents have reported that school-based sexual health education makes it easier for them to engage in conversations with their children as it creates natural opportunities for communication to occur and information to be shared within the home
- 92% of Canadian high school students agreed that “Sexual Health Education” should be provided in schools.

How will the school sexual health services operate?

These services will be located within the school and will operate on a voluntary basis. The school will have a public health nurse assigned to the service. The public health nurse will visit their school regularly. Students will be made aware of dates and times the public health nurse will be at the school. A Nurse Practitioner will be consulted as required.

This program will be offered in a comprehensive manner and will involve sharing the goals and objectives with all students, parents/caregivers and school staff. We will also welcome all feedback from these groups.

Sincerely,

Shelley Goulding, Public Health Nurse,
Villa Nova Plaza, St. Johns
Phone: 834-7901

Breakfast Club

Holy Spirit High School is pleased to offer Kids Eat Smart Breakfast Club once again this year. It runs prior to classes on three mornings weekly, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Our Kids Eat Smart Breakfast Club operates as a ‘grab and go’ program. Kids Eat Smart Foundation is a registered charitable organization and relies on the community for support. With over 900 students, while we would like to provide this service on a daily basis, the cost to do so is prohibitive.

If you are able to help support our Breakfast Club you can do so by donating money towards the purchase of food. You can donate directly to the school either through cash, cheque or Sobeys/Dominion/Costco gift cards, or you can send your donation to Kids Eat Smart Foundation, P.O. Box 26009, St. John’s, NL, A1E 0A5. Kids Eat Smart Foundation will issue tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more. (Cheques being sent to the Foundation must be made payable to Kids Eat Smart Foundation, however you must clearly indicate that Holy Spirit High is to receive your donation.)

Also if you are affiliated with any organization that may be able to help, please contact the school administration.

HSHS Assessment Policy 17-18

Students are expected to complete all assessments on the date designated by the teacher. This includes the completion of tests and quizzes, and also the submission of assignments such as laboratories, modules, essays, projects, portfolios, etc.

Assessments must be completed in a timely manner in order for teachers to effectively direct their

instruction, and monitor their students’ understanding and achievement.

If an assessment is worth 5% or more of the overall course grade, and/or a pattern of missed assessments is observed, the teacher must make contact with a parent/guardian via phone call or email within a reasonable time of the missed assessment.

If an assessment is not completed on the scheduled date and no valid reason is known, a 0% will be assigned as a placeholder. It will be the responsibility of the student and/or parent to contact the teacher in a timely manner to document a valid reason for the assessment not being done.

The 0% will be removed once the assessment is complete. However, once the final deadline has passed to complete or submit the work, the 0% will remain permanently.

If the reason is deemed invalid¹:

For a test or quiz:

- A “second chance” date for the assessment will be set if deemed appropriate by the subject teacher. If the student fails to complete the assessment on the new set date without a valid reason, the mark will remain a 0%.

For an assignment:

- After parent notification, a final chance date to submit the work will be set. If the student fails to complete the work by the set date, the mark will remain 0%.

Note: In the case of a public exam course with a pre-public, or comprehensive final in a non-public course, achievement of outcomes will be considered during this year end evaluation. In this case, the missed test or incomplete assessment may be marked as excused. In addition, if a later test or later assessment can be used to access the outcomes addressed in the missed test or incomplete assessment, corresponding grade will be considered. In both of these cases, the above two points will not apply.

If the reason is deemed valid²:

For a test or quiz:

- A new date for the assessment will be set. If the student fails to complete the assessment on the new date without a valid reason, the mark will remain a 0%.

For an assignment:

- A new due date for the assessment will be set. If the assessment is not submitted on the “second chance” date, the mark will be a 0%. After parent notification, a “final chance” date to submit the work will be set. If the student fails to complete the work by this set date, the mark will remain a 0%.

¹**Invalid** reasons for a missed or late assessment include, but are not limited to: forgetting/claiming to not be aware of the date of the assessment, refusing to write the assessment, being unprepared for the assignment, failing to notify the school of an absence, being absent for a non-medical/non-urgent appointment, or failing to provide documentation as requested.

²**Valid** reasons for a missed or late assessment include, but are not limited to: illness, medical appointment, injury, hospitalization, incarceration, school sponsored trip/activity, or approved

educational travel. In the event of a family planned trip, the student should notify the subject teacher prior to the test/assignment date, and the student may be expected to write on an alternate date, agreed upon by the subject teacher. This is not a requirement of the subject teacher.

Documentation (a phone call, note, or email to the teacher from the parent) is required in a timely manner to support all valid reasons for a missed assessment. This is the responsibility of the student/parent and should be done on, or before, the date of the missed test or incomplete assignment.

Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor Powerschool/Google Classroom daily as this is how to monitor students' grades and assessment completion, and email teachers if there are concerns.

In the case of school sponsored events or other pre-scheduled activities, students are still expected to complete assessments on time. Students are expected to communicate with teachers and complete assessments early when possible.

Extenuating circumstances will be considered and decisions will be made by a combination of stakeholders such as teachers, student, parents, and administrators.

Any student who cheats on a quiz, test, or assignment may receive a 0%. Second chances will be considered. Disciplinary action will be considered in each case.

Twitter

All major announcements will be posted on our twitter account: **@HolySpiritHS**. Please follow us.

All information can also be found:
www.holyspirithighschool.ca

This is our main form of communication for fast announcements and reminders. Follow us or you miss out.

Other twitter feeds included:

@HSH_PE_Dept

@HSHSafeGrad2018

@HSHInteractClub

HSH Student Council
@hsh_stuco

A number of sports teams also have tweeter feeds.

Happy Holidays!

The last day before school holidays is Friday, Tuesday, December 22nd, and we will be dismissing at 1:00. School reopens on Monday, January 8th, and it will be Day 6.

Midterm exams for senior high students will begin on Monday January 29th and end on Monday, February 5. Grade 9 students will attend regular classes during this time.



Holy Spirit

JANUARY 2018 EXAM SCHEDULE

DATE	9:00 a.m.	Hours	#'s	1:00 p.m.	Hours	#'s
Jan. 29	Can Geography 1202 (64)	2	64	English 2201 Midterm (179)	2	179
Mon.	English 3201 Final (18)	3	18	English 2201 Final (20)	2	20
	Francais 2202 (56)	2	56	English 2202 (15)	1	15
	Geo du Canada (42)	2	42	English 3202 (16)	1	16
	English 3201 Midterm (132)	2	132	Histoire du Canada (51)	2	51
				Can History (42)	2	42
30-Jan_)	World Geog 3202 (132)	2	132	Chem 2202 Midterm (32)	2	32
Tues.	Science 1206 Midterm (147)	2	47	Chemistry 3202 (60)	2	60
	Science 1206 Final (96)	2	96	Chem 2202 Final (29)	2	29
	World Geog 3200	1		English 1201	2	203
Jan. 31	Math 3202	1	19	Math1202 (16)	2	16
Wed.	Math 3201 Midterm (111)	2	111	Francais 1202 (91)	2	91
	Math 3200	2	53	Math 2201	2	113
	Math 3201 Final (33)	3	33	Histoire Mondiale (29)	2	29
				Math 2200 (58)	2	58
Feb. 1	Biology 3201	2	134	Math 1201 Midterm	2	153
Thurs.	Bio 2201 Final	2	10	Math 1201 Final	2	73
	Bio 2201 Midterm	2	56			
Feb 2	Physics 2204 Final	2	27	Francais 3202	2	50
Fri.	Physics 3204 Midterm	2	42			
	Physics 2204	2	35			
Feb 5	Earth Systems 3209	2	35	World History 3201 (61)	2	61
Mon.	Environmental Science	1	22	Math 3208	2	36

Important dates 2017-2018

December	4-19	Food Bank and Xmas Hamper Collections
December	20	Christmas 'Lessons & Carols'
December	22	Last Day/Closing for Christmas
January	8	School Re-opens
January	29	Midyear and Final Exams Begin
February	2	Midyear and Final Exams End
February	5	Term 2 begins
February	7	Midyear Reports home
February	8	Parent Conferences
February	9	PD Day
February	16, 19	Holiday
March		Science Fair
March	30	Last Day before for Easter
April	9	School Reopens
April	20	Reports Released
May	4	PD Day
May	24	Senior Prom
May	21	Victoria Day
June	7	Orientation Meeting Grade 9 Parents
June	18-26	Final/Public Exams
June	28	Report Cards Year End Assembly
June	29	Administration Day