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Safe Grad Meeting

We will be having a Safe Grad meeting on Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 in the Learning Resource Centre. This is for parents of grade 12 students.

Prom 2018

All information on the Prom for 2017-2018 was emailed to parents on Thursday, January 18 and can be found on our webpage.

First payment scheduled for Prom is scheduled for February 12 with the second payment scheduled for April 27

Each graduate must pay \$155 for his/her ticket. This fee covers the cost of the meal at the Senior Prom, decorations, programs, Grand march picture, class composite picture, the Graduation Ceremony in November 2018 and a copy of the 2017-2018 school yearbook.

Each addition ticket costs \$65. Students can purchase up to an addition three tickers. (One for their date and two of their parents/guardians). If you have a split family, please email Mr. Locke or Ms. Oldford.

We cannot accommodate any other extra tickets for grandparents, uncles, cousins, siblings etc.

CDLI

In addition to the opportunity for students to get a CDLI account to access resources for various courses, students are able to use CDLI for complete Course Reviews in selected courses, i.e. students can access recorded lessons and receive instruction on specific topics or to review an entire course.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to supplement their courses.

The following courses are available for this level of review/access:

Biology 3201
Chemistry 3202
Earth Systems 3209
Physics 3204
English 3201
Advanced Math 3200
Advanced Math 3208
Academic Math 3201
Applied Math 3202
World Geography 3202
World History 3201

Step #1: Log into your CDLI portal at www.cdli.ca
Step #2: Log into Desire 2 Learn
Step #3: Look for the self registration link right after you do step #2.
Step #4: Choose the course you wish to enrol in. Follow the prompts for the rest.
Step #5: Hit the Register Button

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

February Reporting

With the change in the Exam Schedule, our report card release and Parent Teacher Interviews have changed.

Report Cards will be released on **February 12** during homeroom period.

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on **Wednesday, February 14 from 1-7.**

OPTIS will be open on February 12 starting at 9:00.

PD Day- February 9

There is a Professional Development Day scheduled for Friday, February 9. There will be no school for students on that day.

Grade Nine PD Day

Grade 9s will be having a school based PD session on January 30. Topics include:

- Sexual Health and Healthy Relations
- Mental Health
- Internet Safety and the Law
- Being a Refugee - The Experience Coming to Canada
- Course Sections 2018-2019

Exams- Grades 10-12

If your son/daughter is unable to write exams, a medical note is required.

Any issues, please email Mr. Locke at davidlocke@nlesd.ca

Grade Nine Parents – Course Selections

We will be having a meeting for parents on **Thursday, February, 7th at 7:00** in the school gym regarding the high school program and course selections for the 2018-2019 school year.

Course Selections 2018-2019

We will be having meetings with our Grade 10 and 11s on February 12th regarding course selections for the 2018-2019 school year.

As part of our pilot project with the Department of Education, we will be semesterizing all courses in the 2018-2019 school year.

Students will have to enter on-line course selections on-line from February 12th- March 2nd, and submit course selection sheets to homeroom teachers by March 2nd.

Any questions or concerns, please contact the administrative team: davidlocke@nlesd.ca, deniseoldford@nlesd.ca or john-kevinflynn@nlesd.ca

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.

Grade 9 Class Schedule

9:10-10:08 Period One
10:08-10:23 Recess
10:23 – 11:21 Period Two
11:21 – 12:19 Period Three
12:19 – 12:54 Lunch
12:54 – 1:57 Period Four
1:57 – 3:00 Period Five
No Homeroom

A breakfast program will operate each day from room 124.

There is no cafeteria service during exams.

Students will be expected to stay in the Gr. 9 area upstairs in classrooms or go outside for recess and lunch. The classrooms will be open at lunch so that they can eat in there if they like.

Students in the building will be expected to be back in the Gr. 9 area at 12:50. If they go outside, they should use the lower entrance.

Room Assignments

9-1 217
9-2 221
9-3 220
9-4 219
9-5 222
9-6 223
9-7 224

IN CASE OF A SCHOOL CLOSURE: Follow the same process as the exam schedule.

Important dates 2017-2018

January	29	Midyear and Final Exams Begin
February	5	Midyear and Final Exams End
February	6	Term 2 begins
February	9	PD Day
February	12	Midyear Reports home
February	14	Parent Conferences
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

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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

In the Event of School Closure

When schools close for a full day during exams, the exams scheduled for that day are moved to the next day, and the full exam schedule is bumped back one day. For example, if school is closed *all day* on Monday, the exams scheduled for that day will be written on Tuesday and the schedule will be moved back a day. If schools open or close at mid-day, the missed exams will be rescheduled to the end of the exam period.

Please check the school web page (www.holyspirithighschool.ca) for updates and follow us on Twitter @HolySpiritHS

