

HUSKIES HIGHLIGHT REEL

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- > **School closes for Christmas on Tuesday, December 22nd and reopens on Monday, January 4th.**
- > **Diploma night is Thursday, December 17th at 7:00pm.**
- > **Mid-term exams run from Friday, Jan. 22 to Friday, Jan. 29.**
- > **Report cards will be released Friday, Feb. 12th. Parent teacher will be held Thursday, Feb. 18th.**
- > **Professional Development day on Friday, Feb. 19th.**

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Olympic Torch run

Three proud Huskies were selected to be Official Torch Bearers for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Congratulations to all three for their accomplishments as this is a memory they will surely cherish forever. Kyle Smook (far left) was chosen as part of a Mount Pearl Minor Hockey promotion. Kelsey Guy (center) was selected out of thousands through a written essay contest about the value of the olympic spirit and Brent Foote (right) was selected as a school representative that embodies school spirit. Mount Pearl Senior High and Holy Heart were the only two schools in the Metro Region were chosen to select students.



Math News

Math League

The Mathematics Department would like to thank the students who participated in the Eastern School District's Math League competition held at District School on Saturday, October 24. MPSH had two teams. The students who participated were: Jessica Croucher, Cassandra Fowler, Daniel Juteau, Ashley Linehan, Robyn Moores, Kaitlin Quinlan, and Jordan Seward. These students competed with students from other schools in the district and represented our school quite well. Keep up the great work!

Students who are interested in participating in Math League competitions are asked to please see Mrs. Joanne Sparkes, Mathematics Department Head. There will be competitions in February and March – dates are yet to be determined. Additionally, due to district directive regarding H1N1, the competition on November 28 was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

University of Waterloo Contests

MPSH is excited to be participating in the University of

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Ms. Elizabeth Murphy on the arrival of her new daughter. We hope Ms. Murphy enjoys her year off with her new bundle of joy. We welcome Mr. Stephen Cole who has joined the Social Studies Department until Ms. Murphy returns.

Waterloo Cayley and Fermat

mathematics contests on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. All advanced mathematics students and select academic mathematics students will be writing these contests in the cafeteria on the date indicated. Students are asked to check in with their homeroom teacher and then proceed to the cafeteria with a pencil and a non-programmable calculator. Please see your math teacher for details.

Math 1204 Tutorials

MPSH is pleased to offer tutorials in Math 1204 on Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:45 in room 107. These tutorials are presented by two level three advanced mathematics students, Katie O'Neill and Kaitlin Quinlan, under the direction of Mathematics Department Head, Mrs. Joanne Sparkes. Katie and Kaitlin are tutors from MPSH's Tutoring for Tuition program and do a great job with these tutorials! All interested Math 1204 students are welcome to attend.



Science News

On-line resources

Parents and students are reminded that on-line help is available for all science courses at www.cdli.ca. Notes on all topics, example problems, and quizzes can be found by accessing the "Learning Content" section of the site.

Students working on public exam courses may also wish to practice sample questions by visiting the Department of Education's Public Exam site at www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/evaluations/exams.html and selecting "Public Exams and Resources". Solutions for many of the questions are provided at the same site.

MPSH Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club provides the students of MPSH with an opportunity to begin their school day with a nutritious snack. It has been a great success with 75 to 100 students availing of the program each morning. All students are welcome and are encouraged to come to eat or just socialize with their peers.

Our menu offers a variety of foods including fruit, toast, bagels, English muffins, croissants, muffins, yogurt, juice, milk, cheese, hot chocolate, and snacks to grab and go. Also, smoothies are available on Friday morning.

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Biology 2201 News

As part of a study of fermentation, students in Biology 2201 made ginger ale using yeast, sugar and fresh ginger. While the final product wasn't quite marketable, the students learned the importance of fermentation in various aspects of food production.

Science Projects

Students completing the optional Science Project should note that these projects must be submitted for evaluation by February 3, 2010. Projects submitted more than 3 days after this deadline will not be considered for evaluation.

Counselors Corner

Interested in *FREE Tutoring for your son/daughter?*

- The **Tutoring for Tuition Program** is up and running for the 2009-10 school year. Though this program high school students offer tutoring to their peers and receive a post-secondary tuition voucher for their efforts. If you son or daughter is experiencing academic difficulty and would benefit from tutoring from a peer tutor, please contact Ms. Short.

AARAO Post Secondary Career Fair - On Friday October 30th approximately 200 of our students in Level III classes had the opportunity to visit the annual AARAO Post-Secondary Career Fair, which was hosted this year by O'Donel Recruiters and Admissions

Officers from various universities and colleges in Atlantic Canada were in attendance. The students had the opportunity to speak to these representatives to find out important information such as programs available, admission requirements, application deadlines, costs, etc. to help them plan for their post-secondary studies. Watch for next year's AARAO Fair which will be hosted by MPSH in the Fall as parents are always welcome to drop by and visit the booths.

U.S. College/Universities Visit- On Tuesday November 9th approximately 100 of our students had the opportunity to find out about post-secondary program options at some of

the colleges and universities in the United States. These sessions were held in MPSH's Resource Centre with seven representatives from U.S. colleges/universities in attendance. Teachers and students commented afterward that it was a great way to gain some exposure to opportunities that exist beyond our own borders.

Post-Secondary Information Sessions for Level III students - On December 9th, **Memorial University** (including representatives from **Sir Wilfred Grenfell College** and the **Marine Institute**) and **College of the North Atlantic** presented information on program offerings to our Level III students. Students were asked to sign up to attend

one of these presentations. These sessions went very well and there was great interest on the part of our students in finding out about course options at Memorial and CNA.

English Speak-Off

On Monday, December 7, three Mount Pearl Senior High students participated in the annual City of Mount Pearl Speak Off and Debating Competition. Level III student, Bethany Cutler spoke on the abuse of Facebook; Level II student, Collin Kelloway discussed student's rights to free travel within our country; and Level I student, Laura O'Neill educated her audience on the regulations that need changing regarding teaching in this province. These topics were set by the Youth Action Team of Mount Pearl and then contradicted and debated by O'donel students.

MPSH is very proud of the participation of not only our speakers but also our contacts from the Youth Action Team: Kaitlin Quinlan and Ashley Linehan.

The end result of the evening was that Laura O'Neill placed third in the competition. We are very proud of the effort of the entire team and especially of Laura's success.

MPSH World Geography Excursion to Gros Morne 2009

This year's Gros Morne trip was another memorial educational event. Students learned so much while having so much fun along the way. It began on Wednesday, October 28 with our nine-hour bus ride. Along the way, Mr.Locke pointed out many geographical features. After stoppoing in Grand Falls for lunch and visiting the fish ladder in this town, we arrived at Kill-Devil Camp, our home for the next four days. After we settled in our cabins and had a hearty supper, we had some icebreaker activities and made up our team names using the names of our four Teacher chaperones -Mr.Locke, Mr.Butt, Mrs.Locke and Ms.Howell. We ended the evening with a campfire, a sing-along and hot chocolate and chocolate chip cookies.

The next day we went to the Tablelands where we found 3 inches of snow on the ground. We had lunch at the Discovery Centre and then traveled to Trout River that has a sea stack forty metres above sea level. On Friday, we followed the path of a glacier and stopped to see its features along the way. We were "serenaded" by our guide, Mr.Fred Sheppard, at Greens Point where we saw many different rocks and fossils. Later in the afternoon we visited the sand dunes on Western Brook beach, saw a seal basking in the sun and finished with a climb on the sea arches just north of the Park boundary.

On our last night we had a trivia challenge between the teams and then had a song and poem show which displayed the

many talents of the students from the various cabins. As was our evening ritual, we ended our final night with a camp fire and hot chocolate.

On Saturday evening, we arrived home safe and sound with lots of memories to reminisce about and to share with our friends. A heart-felt thanks to our chaperones - Mr. Jim Locke, Mrs. Janice Locke, Mr. Len Butt and Ms.Katie Howell. Our students truly learned from this experience that "Geography is everywhere"!

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Class of 2009 Diploma Night

Mount Pearl Senior High School held its annual Scholarships and Awards Ceremony on Thursday December 17th. Students, parents/guardians, family members and friends joined teachers and special guests to watch graduates of the Class of 2009 receive their diplomas during a traditional cap and gown ceremony. Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director of Education, brought greetings from the Eastern School District and trustees. Morgan Hounsell provided entertainment during the evening.

The winners of the school's internal major awards and scholarships, as selected by the school scholarship committee, were publicly named and presented. The Edith Allison Peters Scholarship given to the student of the year was awarded to Erica Fitzgerald. Carissa Reid was given the Principal's award plaque for highest academic standing over the three year program. The Governor General's Academic Medal given to the student with the highest academic standing in level two and three was awarded to Daniel Doyle. A total of thirty three individual scholarships were presented. A complete list of scholarships and award winners are listed below. Of the 184 graduates, 60 graduated with honours status according to the Depart-

2009 Graduates

BABB, MATTHEW	HISCOCK, TERRANCE	PITT, KENTON
BAKER, CASSANDRA	HODDER, EVAN	PITTMAN, HILARY
BENNETT, ALLISON	HOWLETT, MICHAEL	PITTS, CHRISTOPHER
BENNETT, MARTHA	HUTCHINGS, STEPHENIE	PUMPHREY, JESSICA
BENNETT, TYLER	JAMIESON, AMANDA	PUMPHREY, KATHERINE
BRACE PHILLIP	JANES, JESSICA	REGULAR, JEREMY
BROPHY, ERIN	JEWER, CHAD	ROSTOTSKI, JAKE
BURT, ZACHARY	JOY, STEPHANIE	RYAN, MICHAEL
BUTLER, CHELSEA	KELLY, MORGAN	SEARS, COURTNEY
BUTT, ANGELINA	KENNEDY, STEPHANIE	SEARS, HEIDI
CARTER, SOPHIE	KENNY, ROBYN	SHAVE, TARA-LEE
CLARKE, CHELSEY	KING, HILARY	SHEPPARD, AMANDA
CLARKE, SAMANTHA	KNEE, KENDRA	SINNOTT, SAMANTHA
COADY, LUCAS	LAMBERT, PATRICK	SKANES, KRISTEN
CRITCH, MEGHAN	LAVERS, JOSHUA	SMITH, BRADLEY
CROKE, MICHELLE	LAWLOR, KATHERINE	SMITH, HOLLY
DARES, SYDNEY	LAWRENCE, VICTORIA	SMITH, STEPHANIE
DEERING, REBECCA	LOSINSKI, SAM	SNOOK, ASHLEY
DIDHAM, JONATHAN	MACALLISTER, LILI	SPRACKLIN, DANIELLE
DIDHAM, KATHLEEN	MACKINNON, SARA	SPURRELL, TIMOTHY
ESCOTT, DONALD	MARCH-MACCUISH, KYLE	ST. CROIX, CHAD
FEEHAN, JOSHUA	MARSH, GREGORY	STAMPLECOSKI, CHELSEA
FIFIELD, ALLISON	MCCARTHY, CHRISTOPHER	STANLEY, MEGAN
FOWLER, BRADLEY	MCLENNON, NICOLE	STEIN, ANDREW
FRANCIS, RYAN	MERCER, AMANDA	STOCKLEY, MATTHEW
FRENCH, VICTORIA	MERCER, BENJAMIN	STOKES, CHRISTOPHER
FRY, JOSHUA	MERCER, BRADLEY	STREET, JOSHUA
FUDGE, ANDREW	MILLER, STEVEN	SUTTON, CURTIS
FURLONG, JUSTIN	MILMORE, BRITTANY	TAYLOR, LOTHIAN
GIDGE, HOLLY	MOONEY, JOSHUA	THOMPSON, AARON
GILLINGHAM, AMY	MOSHER, DAVID	VIVIAN, KELSEY
GRANT, JONATHAN	MOYLES, SAMANTHA	VOKEY, KARISSA
GREEN, JEFFREY	MURPHY, ROBIN	WELLS, MATTHEW
GREENE, JORDON	NEVILLE, STEVEN	WELSH, JAMES
GRIFFITHS, COLTON	OLIVER, BARRY	WHELAN, JUSTIN
HAMILTON, JESSICA	O'REILLY, JESSICA	WHITE, BRITTANY
HAMMOND, JENNIFER	O'REILLY, JONATHAN	WHITE, MASON
HEALEY, RACHEL	O'TOOLE-DIDHAM, JESSICA	WHITTLE, KEVIN
HEDDERSON, MEGAN	PARROTT, COURTNEY	WHITTY, BRITTANY
HENNESSEY, RENEE	PARSONS, BRANDON	WILKINS, AMANDA
HILLIER, LUCAS	PARSONS, ELLEN	WILLIAMS, JONATHAN
	PEDDLE, REBECCA	WINSOR, JEREMY

Graduated With Honours

ABBOTT, DANIEL
ANDREWS, LAUREN
ATKINSON, MELISSA
BAGGS, MELISSA
BAKER, ALICIA
BAKER, ERIN
BEST, ASHLEY
BRIEN, STEPHEN
BROCKLEHURST, ERIN
BRUSHETT, GREGORY
BUDGELL, ADAM
BURTON, SYDNEY
DOYLE, DANIEL
DWYER, MATTHEW
ELLIOTT, JORDAN
ELLIOTT, KRISTIN
ENGLISH, JOSEPH
EVERARD, ERIN
FIELD, EMILY
FITZGERALD, ERICA
FOSTER, JOEL
GALLANT, AMELIA
GELLATELY, SHELBY
GRIMES, STEPHEN
HARNUM, JORDAN
HARVEY, ADAM
HEWITT, MARK
HOUNSELL, VERONICA
HOYLES, EVAN
HUMPHRIES, DAVID

HYNES, CRYSTAL
JANES, JEFFREY
KEATS, GREGORY
KERRIVAN, MEGHAN
KNEE, KYLE
KNOX, TYLER
LEWIS, MARC
LYNCH, MELANIE
MACDONALD, LISA
MCGRATH, ADAM
MIMINIS, LETO
MORRIS, JULIE
MURPHY, DANIELLE
NIXON, ERICA
O'BRIEN, MICHAEL
PECKHAM, SYDNEY
PERROT, MARC
PITCHER, JACOB
POWER, JORDAN
POWER, MELISSA
REID, CARISSA
RIDEOUT, BETHANY
SAUNDERS, BRADLEY
THOMPSON, TYLER
THORNE, JORDAN
TOBIN, SARA
TRICKETT, JANET
WHITTEN, PAULA
WINDSOR, LAUREN
WOOD, JENNIFER

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School, Community and Board Scholarships

Gordon Christian Memorial Scholarship Excellence in Music (\$100.00)	Lothian Taylor
Peters and J.P. Blackwood Leadership Award Involvement in School and Community (\$100.00)	Michael O'Brien
Dr. L. Curtis Award Perseverance of Studies (\$100.00)	Karissa Vokey
John Vivian Memorial Scholarship Computer Involvement/Applications (\$500.00)	Justin Whelan
David Hodder Memorial Scholarship Academic Excellence in Mathematics (\$250.00)	Gregory Brushett
City of Mount Pearl Scholarship Academic Excellence, Involvement, Service (\$250.00)	Erica Fitzgerald
Town of Paradise Scholarship Academic Excellence, Involvement, Service (\$250.00)	Julie Morris
Kinsmen George Wicks Memorial Service Scholarship Academic Excellence, School/Community Service (\$250.00)	Janet Trickett
Mount Pearl Lions Memorial Scholarship Academic Excellence, Progress, Involvement (\$150.00)	Daniel Abbott
Mount Pearl Lions Memorial Scholarship Service to School (\$150.00)	Melissa Power
Mount Pearl Senior High School Drama Club Award Excellence in the Performing Arts (\$150.00)	Marc Lewis
Excellence in English Literature Award Highest Mark in Most Challenging Literature Courses (\$100.00)	Erica Fitzgerald
Advanced Mathematics Excellence Award Highest Mark in Advanced Math Courses (\$100.00)	Gregory Brushett
Social Studies Excellence Award Highest Average in Social Studies (\$200.00)	Daniel Doyle
Joanne J. Sparkes Mathematics Award Passion and Enthusiasm Towards Mathematics (\$100.00)	Erin Baker
French Enthusiasm Award Passion and Enthusiasm Towards Learning French \$200.00)	Veronica Hounsell
Science Enthusiasm Award Academic Achievement and Enthusiasm in Science (\$100.00)	Adam Budgell
Roy Anthony Physics Award Highest Average in Physics 3204 (\$50.00)	Tyler Knox
Mount Pearl Senior High Co-op Education Award Excellence in On-the-Job Performance (\$100.00)	Kelsey Vivian
Lifetouch Visual Arts Award Artistic Talent and Interest in Visual Arts (\$100.00)	Benjamin Mercer

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Mount Pearl Senior High Perseverance Award Hard Work to Reach Potential (\$100.00)	Stephanie Joy
Advanced Placement Excellence Award Excellence in all Advanced Placement Courses (\$200.00)	Gregory Brushett
Mount Pearl Show Choir Award Excellence in Choral Music Program (\$300.00)	Chelsea Butler Erica Fitzgerald Bethany Rideout Lothian Taylor
Michelle Jackson Performing Arts Award For the Pursuit of Post-Secondary Studies (\$200.00)	Christopher McCarthy
Rev. G.S. Milligan Scholarship Academic Excellence - Second Place in Level II (\$125.00)	Gregory Brushett
Rev. G.S. Milligan Scholarship Academic Excellence - Second Place in Level II (\$125.00)	Carissa Reid
Mount Pearl Senior High Academic Excellence Award Academic Excellence - First Place in Level III (\$150.00)	Daniel Doyle
Governor General=s Academic Medal Highest Academic Standing in Levels II and III	Daniel Doyle
Principal=s Award Plaque Highest Academic Standing over Three Year Program	Carissa Reid
Edith Allison Peters Scholarship Graduating Student of the Year (\$300.00)	Erica Fitzgerald

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MOUNT PEARL SENIOR HIGH

2010 Midterm Exam Schedule

DATE	8:30 A.M. START	12:30 P.M. START
Friday January 22 Day 4	**English 3201 Francais 1202 Histoire du Canada 1231 (\$)English 3202 Room 106/107	English 2201 Francais 3202 (\$)English 2202 Room 106/107
Monday January 25 Day 5	*Math 3204 *Math 3205 (\$) Math 3206 Room 106/107	Science 1206 Science 1206 (Sem.) Francais 2202 (\$) Science 2200 Room 106
Tuesday January 26 Day 6	W. Geography 3202 W. History 3201 Histoire Mondiale 3231 (\$)W. Geography 3200 Room 106	English 1201 English 1201 E Chemistry 3202 Chemistry 2202 (\$)English 1202– Room 106/107
Wednesday January 27 Day 7	* Math 1204 * Math 1204 (Sem) Earth Systems 3209 Physics 3204 *Math 1204 E Room 106	Biology 3201 Biology 2201
Thursday January 28 Day 1	*Math 2204 *Math 2205 *Math 3207 *Math 3103 ** AP Music 4227	Canadian Geography 1202 Canadian History 1201 Earth Science 2223
Friday January 29 Day 2	Physics 2204 (\$) Env. Sc. 3205 Room 106/107	French 3200 French 2200 (\$)Math 1206– Rooms 106/107

Notes:

Any student who has two exams scheduled at the same time are asked to see administration immediately.

Exams with ** are 3 hours in duration; exams with * are 2.5 hours; exams with (\$) are 1 hour. All other exams are 2 hours. All exams are to be written in the gym unless otherwise stated.

Students requiring alternate settings are to make arrangements with Ms. Short by **Friday January 15th**.

IN THE EVENT OF ILLNESS OR EMERGENCY, students must have their parent/guardian call the school **BEFORE** the exam begins and when returning **submit a doctor's note stating specifically the reason for the absence** to the office upon your return to school.

If the school is closed for a **FULL DAY**, the schedule continues in the same order just pushing the exams ahead a day. For example, if Wednesday is a storm day then Wednesday's exams are written the following day, Thursday. A **HALF-DAY** closure will cause the missed exams to be moved to the end of the exam schedule. Thus if the morning session is missed then the afternoon exams continue as per the schedule that day and the morning exams are placed at the end of the exam period.