

HUSKIES HIGHLIGHT REEL

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- > Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday - Feb. 18th. Classes will dismiss at 11:41 to accommodate Parent/Teacher interview sessions and buses will bring students home at that time.
- > There will be a Professional Development Day for staff on Friday, Feb. 19th.
- > Level 1 and Level 2 course selections presentations taking place Wednesday, Feb. 17th during periods 1 and 2.

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Mount Pearl Senior High student attends National Forum

During the week of November 29 to December 5, Krista Burton from Mount Pearl Senior High attended *Encounters with Canada*, Canada's largest youth forum, in Ottawa along with 138 students from across the country. The week's activities included visits to Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall and the Supreme Court, a live theatre production, and shopping at Rideau Centre. Krista enjoyed this unique cultural experience and encourages other students to participate.



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Recognition Awards Program

Once again this year, the Eastern School District is inviting nominations for the ***Recognition of Excellence Awards Program***. Parents and members of the school community are invited to submit nominations for outstanding school administrators, teachers, support staff and management employees. For more information on the *Recognition of Excellence Awards Program*, and to obtain a nomination form, please visit the Eastern School District website: www.esdnl.ca. The nomination deadline is Friday, March 19, 2010.

SAFE GRAD 2010

Parents should note that preparations for the Safe Grad for our 2010 Graduating Class have begun. All Committees are actively recruiting volunteers and all parents are strongly encouraged to participate. The Decorating Committee meets every Wednesday night at the school from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. Your assistance with decorating preparations would be a great help. Anyone needing information about Safe Grad activities and preparations can contact Ms. Edney or Mr. Miller at the school.



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, January 9. The students were: Krista Burton, Bethany Cutler, Dana Evans, Kylie Everard, Cassandra Fowler, Robyn Moores, and Stephanie Schwartz. These students competed with students from other schools in the district and represented our school quite well.

Math 1204 Tutorials

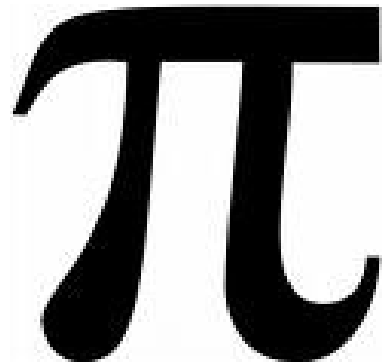
MPSH is pleased to continue to offer tutorials in Math 1204 this term. These tutorials are on Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:45 in room 107. These tutorials are presented by two level three advanced mathematics students, Katie O'Neill and Kaitlin Quinlan, under the direction of Mathematics Department Head, Mrs. Joanne Sparkes. Katie and Kaitlin are tutors from MPSH's Tutoring for Tuition program and do a great job with these tutorials! Students who attend these tutorials each week have commented positively on them. If you are having difficulty with Math 1204, it may be worth your while to check this out!

University of Waterloo Contests

MPSH is excited to be participating in the University of Waterloo Cayley and Fermat mathematics contests on Thursday, February 25. 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.

Pi Day

The Math Department is excited about its Pi Day adventures on March 11th and March 12th. Most math teachers will be having a Pi Day game in their classes on these dates. Come prepared to have fun doing math problems as you compete with other students in your class. Also, a Pi Day scavenger hunt will be played outside of class – the list of items to collect will be available from your math teacher on Thursday, March 5. Prizes, including MPSH Pi Day t-shirts, will be awarded on Pi Day!



Counsellors Corner

The ESD will be holding a 48 hour (16 week) **Public Exam Preparation Course** (Night School) beginning on February 23rd. This program will be held at Gonzaga on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. **Registration** will take place on **Feb. 16th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Gonzaga. The cost is \$160.00 per course.

MPSH would like to welcome **Verna Hancock** who is completing an **Internship in Guidance Counselling** as part of her Master of Education (Educational Psychology) program. Ms. Hancock is working directly with Ms. Short in the Guid-

ance Office and is available to meet with students and parents upon request. She brings a wealth of experience to MPSH from her role as a Student Support Services teacher at Holy Spirit. Ms. Hancock will be with us until April 21st.

Level III students planning to attend **Memorial University** in the Fall 2010 semester are advised that the **deadline for admissions** is March 1st. Applications are available at the Guidance Office or can be completed on-line.

MPSH would like to welcome Catherine Barrett who will be with us until the end

of the school year as a **Career Resource Assistant**. Ms. Barrett is available to help students and parents with the career planning process. This includes providing information pertaining to post-secondary studies, student loan applications, scholarships, and job skills. She is also available to help guide students through career exploration tools such as the Career Cruising program. For more information, please contact the Guidance office or Ms. Barrett via e-mail at catherinebarrett@esdnl.ca.



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