

HUSKIE HIGHLIGHT REEL

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Huskie Recognition Program Launched - February 2008

Points of Interest:

- ◆ Report Cards go out Friday, Feb. 15th.
- ◆ Parent-Teacher interviews will be held Thursday Feb. 21st.
- ◆ Senior Boys basketball win O'Donel Invitational Tourney
- ◆ Kentucky Cup will be taking place on Sunday, Feb 17, 2008 .

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There are two main categories of the Huskie Recognition Program:

1. Student of the Month for Each Level
2. Attendance

Student of the Month Category

Each month, teachers & students will select students they feel are worthy recipients of "Student of the Month." These are awarded in each grade level. These would be students that teachers and students feel have met one of the following criteria:

Work Ethic

Have consistently been working to the best of their ability and have made significant improvement in academic performance in a particular subject

Volunteerism

Have demonstrated significant volunteerism in the school/community.

Creativity/Initiative

Have demonstrated a particular creativity or initiative in performing a school-related task or an assignment.

Huskie Ambassador

Have displayed excellent representation in a school related, citywide or province-wide activity.

Outstanding Performance

Have shown outstanding performance in a specialty area or extracurricular activity- eg. band, student council, sports teams, music, etc.

Attendance Category

Students with perfect for the Month

Each month students who have perfect attendance will receive a school certificate and their names will be eligible for a GRAND PRIZE that will be presented at the school closing assembly.

Students who are recorded as having any unexcused absences or skipped classes will not be eligible for the grand prize draw.

Perfect Attendance for 1st Term

Students who maintain perfect attendance for the first term will have their name submitted 10 times for the grand prize draw at the end of the school year.

Perfect Attendance for the entire School Year (effective September 2008)

Students who maintain a perfect attendance record for the entire school year will receive a prize and will also receive an extra 15 tickets for the grand prize draw at the end of the school year.

Monthly assemblies will be held to acknowledge these students. There will be an online form on the school website that teachers/students can use to submit their selections.

Strategic Planning

The Eastern School Board is currently undertaking a comprehensive consultation process with education stakeholders to assist with the development of its 2008-11 Strategic Plan. Throughout the month of February, Board trustees and senior staff will be traveling throughout

the District to meet with administrators, school councils, staff and community representatives. The deadline for receiving feedback is April 4, 2008.

Individuals and groups may also provide comments by completing the [online feedback form](#).

Written feedback will also be accepted by email: strategicplan@esdnl.ca; by fax: 758-2706 or by mail:

Strategic Plan

Eastern School District
Atlantic Place
215 Water Street
Box 64-66
St. John's, NL



Graduation Activities

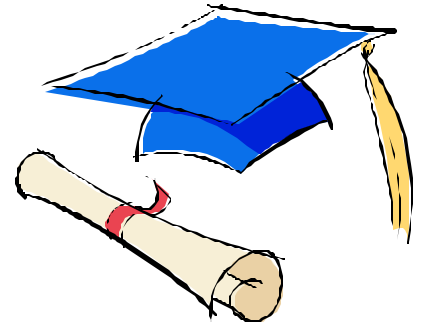
Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2008 at the Glacier. Parental involvement is essential to a safe and successful graduation night. Any parent with a student at MPSH is welcome to participate in the

planning and preparation of the graduation activities.

The next meeting regarding graduation activities will be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria. All parents are encouraged

to attend and volunteer.

The cost of Graduation Tickets this year will be \$160. The first installment of \$60 is due by the end of January. Other payment dates are \$60 on Feb. 29th and \$40 on March 31st.



School Traffic Safety

It is that time of year again when the accumulating snow on school parking lots become a concern. Parents and students should exercise caution when driving on the park

ing lots. Drivers should note that many students walk to and from school daily. Some students listen to mp3 players and iPods, others may have hoodies over their

heads, etc. These circumstances make it difficult to see and hear vehicles.

PLEASE BE EXTRA CAREFUL AND COURTEOUS AS YOU ENTER AND EXIT THE PARKING LOTS.



Sale Announcement

Enterprise classes are making candles to be sold for Valentines Day. There will be several styles to choose from. The candles are sold in a variety of packages, which includes a candle and delicious chocolates for your

sweetie. Be on the look out for us in the next few weeks. We will be doing pre-order sheets handled by our sales representatives. Give the gift of warm candle light and sweetness this Valentines.

School Council

The MPSH School Council is in place. The Council has nine members with representation from parents, teachers, community, and students. School council is a wonderful opportunity for collaboration between all partners in our school community. The functions of School Council are to represent the edu-

cational interests of the school; to advise on the quality of teaching and learning in the school; to facilitate parent and community involvement; and to advise the Board on matters of concern to the school and community. For further information on Council activities, please contact Mr. Barry.

Stand Up to Bullying Day: Helping Youth to Help One Another!

Friday, February 15th is International Stand Up to Bullying Day. Bullying is a significant contributor to incidents of school violence and leads to depression and low self-esteem for those who are victimized by it. MPSH supports the vision of a safe and caring school environment. Please wear a Pink Shirt on February 15th and show that you Stand Up to Bullying! ***"Believe in change, then make it happen."***

Quote of Note

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." - [Sir Winston Churchill](#)

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Valentine's Day – February 14th

Valentine was a priest who served during the third century of Rome. When the Emperor of Rome decided that single men made better soldiers, he outlawed marriages of young men. Valentine, being a romantic at

heart, couldn't bear the thought that two young people in love couldn't marry, so he married the young couples in secret. When the Emperor discovered Valentines actions, he ordered him put to death on February 14th.

While in prison waiting for his death, he secretly sent messages to his friends signed "Remember your Valentine".



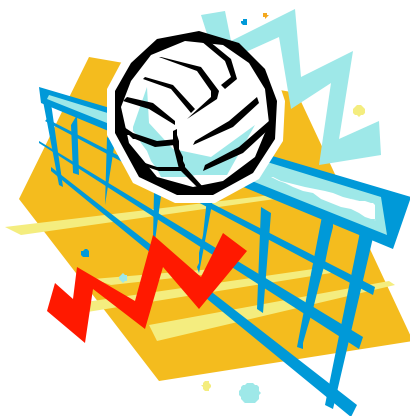
MPSH SR. GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



The Lady Huskies are well into their season on the hardwood. After losing much of the team last year due to graduation, the team has focused on developing their skills, as a group, with many jr. players stepping up to play some very important leadership rolls. So far the team has participated in numerous tournaments such as the O'Donel, Bishops and Laval invitational as well as hosting their own Wendy's Huskies classic back in November. Some of the teams highlights include: Laval Invitational - all-star - Megan Stanley, Huskies Invitational - All-star - Megan Stanley, Tournament Most Spirited Player - Jessica Robinson, Bishops Invitational - Team Most sportsman like player - Carmel Doran. The girls still have a few up and coming tournaments such as the Dunne Invitational on February 8th and 9th as well as the 4A provincials later in March. Members of the Sr. Girls team are Carmel Doran, Deidra Halliday, Megan Stanley, Sarah Brown, Samm Taylor, Samm Clarke, Katie Burke, Chelsey Fitzgerald, Jessica Robinson, Kristina Lewis and Ashley Wells.

Mt. Pearl Senior High School Girls Volleyball – Team Two

The following students are members of the Mt. Pearl Senior High School Girls Volleyball Team Two:



Melissa BAGGS, Julie CRITCH, Rebecca DEERING, Nikki DROVER, Stephanie GIBBONS, Janessa JANES, Katie O'NEILL, Stephanie SCHWARTZ, Samantha SINNOTT, Melanie TUCKER, Nikki WHEELER, Heather WHITE

Coaches: Amy Humphries, Paula Baggs and Teacher Sponsor Ruth Wheeler.

On October 26th & 27th with only two practices and one game under their belt the girls entered the 2007 Volleyfest Tournament in St. John's with a great deal of enthusiasm. Although they weren't successful their performance showed that they have much potential. It is evident with the talent of this team that they are capable of much more. They came away with a clear determination to prove that they could grow and become a winning team in 2008. The team will be going to Arnold's Cove on February 29 – March 1, 2008. Talent, hard work, positive reinforcement and fun are all components that will make this year successful. Thanks to Amy and Ruth for all their help. Good Luck Girls!

This years Kentucky Cup will be taking place on Sunday, Feb 17, 2008 starting at 11:00 AM at the Glacier for the Female Kentucky and 1:00 PM for the Male Kentucky Cup.

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The junior girls basketball team is up and running in their first year at Mt. Pearl Sr. High. They are currently involved in the Metro Jr. League and have thus far played in 2 games. The Junior Girl's Basketball team along with their coach, Nicole White, will be competing in a basketball tournament at Bishops College this weekend, February 8-9th. We wish all the girls the best of luck. The team members starting with the coach are:

Sabrina Carew
Shannon Greene
Samantha Luffman
Stephanie Mackey
Ashley Newman
Heather Philpott
Brianna Vallis
Dawn White
Kayla White
Shauna Whitty
Laura Wilkens

Coach: Nicole White
Teacher Sponsor:
Philip Sheppard



Ball Hockey Teams

MPSH will have both boys and girls ball hockey this year. This will be the first year for the girls team while the boys have been participating for the last 2 years. Practices will start for both boys and girls in early February.

Junior Boys Basketball

The Junior Boys Basketball has recently started the 2008 season. They are competing against Holy Spirit, O'Donel, St. Kevin's, Moblie, St. Peter's in the Metro Division. The team has been unlucky so far and hasn't recorded a victory. However, they have been very competitive and are looking to turn around their season in the remaining half. Members of the team are:

Tyler Bennett, Jordan Harnum, Brandon Parsons, Joey Connors, Luke Worthman, Jesse Burns, Jeremy Davis, Josh Fry, Matt Dwyer, Brian Wells



International Summer School for Young Physicists

(July 22 – August 3 and August 8 – 20)

Are you captivated by black holes, superstrings and dark matter?
Have you ever wondered what the universe is like at the most fundamental level?
Do you have a passion for physics?

If so, then ISSYP 2008 is for you! ISSYP is a two-week long immersion into the mind-bending world of cutting edge ideas at Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics located in Waterloo, Ontario. Perimeter Institute will cover all necessary costs for each student. This includes: transportation within Canada, accommodations for the duration of the program and all meals and activities.

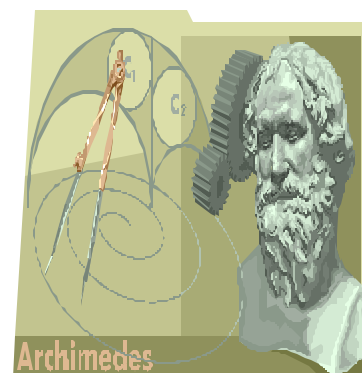
Applications are open to all Canadian students currently in grade 11. The application procedure requires all students to complete an online application form, submit a brief essay (500 words or less) and forward a confidential student assessment from their teacher, principal or school official. For more information see Mr. P. King.

Online applications and complete instructions regarding the application procedure can be found at:
www.issyp.ca.

Complete the application procedure and send all information to Perimeter Institute no later than 5:00 pm EST on Saturday, March 15, 2008.

Safe Grad

The theme has been chosen for the annual safe grad by the student body. The theme selected was "Under the Sea". Any parent in level 2 or 3 is welcome to help out with the planning of the safe grad celebration. Our next planning meeting is Feb. 12th at 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. We are asking for volunteers for the Parent Glacier Grad Committee as well. This committee will help with the setup of the Glacier on the Friday and Saturday of Graduation. If interested please email Mr. Barry to confirm and you will be contacted regarding a planning meeting in the near future.



Model UN

Twenty-six students will be attending the Model UN at Memorial University on February 19th and 20th. The Model UN gives students an opportunity to explore the workings of the United Nations, and to address important issues including regional conflicts, peacekeeping, human rights, women and children, economic and social development, and the environment in a "real world" setting. Mount Pearl Senior High delegates are excited to be representing the Russian Federation, Iran, Israel, Tanzania and Venezuela.