

HUSKIES HIGHLIGHT REEL

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- > Level 3 parent meeting, November 18th.
- > Professional Development day, November 13th.
- > Report Cards distributed November 12th.
- > Remembrance Day assembly, November 10th.
- > MADD presentation, October 28th.

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Huskies Golden

The boys' softball team won the 4A softball provincials defeating Botwood 18-14 in the final game. The boys went through the tournament undefeated, posting 5 wins and a tie on their way to the schools first boys' team banner in over 15 years. Congratulations to the boys on a job well done, in both their play and how they represented the school.



Counselors Corner

Post-Secondary Fair

Level III students will have the opportunity to visit O'Donel High School on October 30th to participate in the AARAO Post-Secondary Fair. This is an annual event which alternates between MPSH and O'Donel from year to year. Level III's will have the opportunity to find out about post-secondary training opportunities at various universities across Atlantic Canada as

well as opportunities at Memorial University, College of the North Atlantic and at many of the private colleges in our own province.

Volunteer Opportunity for Students

Applications are being accepted for students to become **Student Ambassadors** with the **Kid's Help Phone**. It's a great opportunity for young people to volunteer for a worthwhile cause and to help raise awareness

of Kid's Help Phone (Student Ambassadors do not work on the phone or online service). A free Volunteer Training Conference will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the Reid Centre from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Applications can be picked up at the Guidance Office from Ms. Short. To find out more about the Kid's Help Phone, visit www.kidshelpphone.ca.

Tutoring for Tuition

The **Tutoring for Tuition program** is seeking students in Level I, II, or III who are interested in becoming **TUTORS**. This is an opportunity for high school students to earn a post-secondary tuition voucher in exchange for providing tutoring services to elementary, junior high, or senior high students. For more information, contact Ms. Short or visit the Guidance page on our school website.

Memorial partners with Mount Pearl Senior High in field of information technology

Officials from Memorial University and Mount Pearl Senior High signed an agreement today to mark a learning partnership in the field of information technology.

Students from Mount Pearl Senior High, together with their principal Sheldon Barry, and Karen Kennedy, director of the Division of Lifelong Learning, gathered for the signing ceremony documenting the partnership. The event marks the inception of a "Local Academy" at Mount Pearl Senior High based on outreach IT coursework between the two centres of learning.

The Division of Lifelong Learning focuses on developing provincial linkages and partnerships. As a regional Cisco Networking Academy, the Division of Lifelong Learning is authorized to offer the Cisco official curriculum to prepare students to write the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification that is highly recognized in the IT industry.

"We are delighted to enhance

the connections to the K-12 system through this agreement with Mount Pearl Senior High," said Ms. Kennedy. "Partnering in the delivery of Cisco Net-

Information Technology." Cisco provides a subset of the curriculum which can be delivered in high schools. Mount Pearl Senior High can now

coursework. Those individuals are now prepared to deliver the Cisco curriculum to their students. As well, Mr. Barry is a past Cisco instructor at the Division of Lifelong Learning. Students will train in the IT-based coursework for the entire school year, which will provide them with the foundation necessary to continue with curriculum taught at the Division of Lifelong Learning. The signing ceremony took place at 9:30 a.m. in Room FM-1008, an IT classroom in the Facilities Management building, located on Phelan Road, St. John's campus.



working curriculum to Level 3 students will build on a shared vision of learning and will give students an opportunity to learn new skills as well as ignite a passion for further education in

offer the first two of four required courses. Over the summer months, educators at the Division of Lifelong Learning trained Mount Pearl Senior High teachers in the Cisco

MPSH Partners with Seniors

The Design and Fabrications class at MPSH partnered with the seniors independence group late last year on a craft/painting project. The class designed and cut projects for the seniors group to paint and sell at their annual craft fair.

The Mount Pearl Seniors Independence

Group was established 12 years ago to advocate, plan and promote the independence, dignity, health and well being of all seniors in Mount Pearl and neighboring communities.

The interaction was a positive experience for both the school and the seniors!!!



MPSH would like to congratulate Ms Gail Perry who mixed a little fun with professional development last summer in Guanajuato, Mexico, the birthplace of Diego Rivera, the famous muralist. *Es muy bien!*



MPSH Helping Hands Fund

In every community there are a few individuals who are less fortunate than others. Each year there are students attending our school who may not be able to afford essentials like a warm winter coat or a pair of boots. To some, Christmas will be a time without a present or even a special dinner - luxuries that are just out of reach for their families at this time.

Your donation to the MPSH Helping Hands Fund will allow us give these students the assistance they need with the respect and dignity they deserve. All donations to the Fund are tax deductible, and your

contribution will be recognized each month in our school Newsletter.

Contributions can be made at the MPSH main office, or mailed to

Helping Hands Fund
Mount Pearl Senior High School
50 Ruth Avenue
Mount Pearl
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We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations to the Fund in September
Ms Josephine St. Croix
Ms Debby Curran
Ms Ella Kelly
Ms Pam O'Rourke



Lab Extravaganza Day

On October 13, 30 Level 3 students were treated to a day of hands-on laboratory activities at Memorial University. Lab Extravaganza Dayz, offered for the first time this year, was organized by Memorial's Let's Talk Science Partnership Program. Each student was able to check out cutting edge technology in two fields of interest. Activities were offered in Biology,

Biochemistry, Chemistry, Earth Science, Engineering, Human Kinetics, Pharmacy and Social Sciences - something for almost everyone. Students returned after their day out with a renewed interest and enthusiasm for their science studies. Many thanks to MUN for offering our students such a rewarding opportunity.



Baking Club

A new club has been formed at MPSH. The *Hot Cookies* is a baking club started by 5 enthusiastic young cooks who have decided to master the fine art of making pastries. As their first major project the students will be raising funds for the local Food Bank. The *Hot Cookies* will be selling Cookies in a Jar - all the ingredients for either butterscotch snaps or

chocolate chip cookies + baking instructions in one container - at this year's Parent/Teacher night. Baked samples will be available so that you can pick the variety you like the best.

Welcome Back!!!

MPSH would like to welcome back Mr. David Newhook to its teaching team. Monsieur Nouveau Crochet, who spent the 2008-2009 school year on leave, lived in Lyons, France with his family. Now that's professional development!



Animal Rights

On Wednesday October 7 the Animal Rights Club held its first bake sale of the year. Thanks to the yummy treats on offer, as well as the generous support of students and staff, \$80 has been raised.

Club members have decided that these funds will be equally divided between the SPCA and Heavenly Creatures in a Thanksgiving donation.

Science Projects

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Students who wish to participate in a science project should obtain and complete a project registration form before the end of October.

Participation in a science project is not compulsory. Projects are offered as an extra-credit option for those who have a keen inter-

est in an area of science and who wish to explore that interest in depth.

Project registration ends on October 30th; no applications will be accepted after that date.