

HUSKIES HIGHLIGHT REEL

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- Due to exams being extended for some students, we have moved our Diploma Night activities from Wednesday, Dec. 17th to Thursday, Dec. 18th.

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MADD Presentation - A Graphic Reality

On Monday, Sept. 29 at 9:30 am, students of Mount Pearl Senior High watched the launch presentation on the horrific and fatal effects of driving while impaired or being a passenger in a vehicle operated by an impaired driver. Constable Steve Knight, Drug Enforcement Educational Officer; Oz FM representative, Larry Jay and Ms. Paula Delahunty of the Eastern Health Association presented a 50 minute video created with the help of families and friends of young people who have recently lost their lives to alcohol and drug induced traffic accidents.

While disturbing at times, over 700 silent and shocked students, witnessed first-hand accounts of fatalities involving people their own age. The message was clear and students spent much of the day discussing it in classes and corridors around the school: *“Avoid alcohol and drugs if you can. If not, arrive and leave parties safely. Do not let alcohol or drugs impair your vision. Be smart and be safe.”*

MPSH Helping Hands

Every school year students who pass through our classrooms wondering whether their family will be able to afford Thanksgiving dinner, a present for them at Christmas, or even a badly needed winter coat.

MPSH Helping Hands is program we have begun this year so that, if you wish, you can give these students the help they need with the respect and dignity they deserve.

Your donation to the Helping Hands fund will be tax deductible. In addition, you will be recognized on our “Donors Page” of the Helping Hands web site.

Contributions can be submitted at the main office or mailed to:

Helping Hands Fund
Mount Pearl Senior High School
50 Ruth Avenue
Mount Pearl
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Mount Pearl Senior High Walks For Terry Fox

Terry Fox was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. An active teenager involved in many sports, Terry was only 18 years old when he was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) and forced to have his right leg amputated 15 centimetres (six inches) above the knee in 1977. While in hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients, many of them young children, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

His journey would be called the *Marathon of Hope*.

After 18 months and running over 5,000 kilometres (3,107 miles) to prepare, Terry started his run in St. John's, Newfoundland on April 12, 1980. Although it was difficult

to garner attention in the beginning, enthusiasm soon grew, and the money collected along his route began to mount. He ran 42 kilometres (26 miles) a day through Canada's Atlantic provinces, Quebec and Ontario.

It was a journey that Canadians never forgot.

However, on September 1st, after 143 days and 5,373 kilometres (3,339 miles), Terry was forced to stop running outside of Thunder Bay, Ontario because cancer had appeared in his lungs. An entire nation was stunned and saddened. Terry passed away on June 28, 1981 at age 22.

The heroic Canadian was gone, but his legacy was just beginning.

In response to that legacy, the students and staff of this

school participated in the annual Terry Fox Walk, on Friday Sept. 26, like many other schools across the nation. The day was beautiful and many students returned in record time for the healthy snacks of juice, granola bars and fruit, supported by Healthy Awareness campaigns of the provincial government.

Residents of Mitchener Ave. watched as the group, lead by Ms. Tanya Edney, energetically paid tribute to the young man who lost his life to cancer, participating in fitness at the same time. Unlike Terry Fox, all students reached returned to the school's cafeteria after walking the neighbourhood, recognizing the vigilant cancer victim who ran half way across this great nation, over a lengthy period,



Updated School Calendar



MPSH School Year Calendar 2008-09

School Schedule

September					October					November					December				
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25	26	27	28	29															

- September 2 - Administration Day
- September 3 - Prof-Development Day
- September 4 - School Re-opens
- September 18 - Curriculum Night
- October 13 - Thanksgiving Day
- October 22 - Professional Dev. Day
- November 10 - Armistice Assembly
- November 11 - Armistice Day
- November 14 - Report Cards Released
- November 20 - P-Teacher Conference
- December 15 - 19 - Care Week
- December 18 - Diploma Night
- December 19 - Last day of classes
- January 5 - School Re-opens
- January 23 - 30 - Exam Week
- February 13 - Midterm Report Cards Released
- February 16 - No Classes (February Break)
- February 19 - Parent -Teacher Conferences
- March 16 - St. Patrick's Day
- April 8 - Report Cards Released
- April 9 - Last Day Prior to Easter
- April 10 - Good Friday
- April 21 - School Re-opens
- May 18 - Victoria Day
- June 1 - Athletics Assembly
- June 5 - Prom Activities
- June 12 - 24 Final Exams
- June 25 - Last Day for Students
- June 26 - Administration Day

Parent-Teacher Conference	Assemblies
Report Cards Released	Care Week
Parent Meetings	PD Days
Exams	Exams