

# HUSKIES HIGHLIGHT REEL

April, 2009

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, April 8th.
- School closes for Easter break on Thursday, April 9th and re-opens on Tuesday, April 21st.
- Graduation fees were due last week. Outstanding payments can be made after Easter.
- The cutoff for recycling for Graduation is April 30th.

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## Gold Medal Winners at Regional Science Fair

### Eastern Newfoundland Regional Science Fair

Five top science students from Mount Pearl Senior High entered this year's Eastern Newfoundland Regional Science Fair, April 3 and 4.

Victoria Osmond presented an excellent project, "Are You a Tightwad or a Spendthrift", which was well received by the judges.

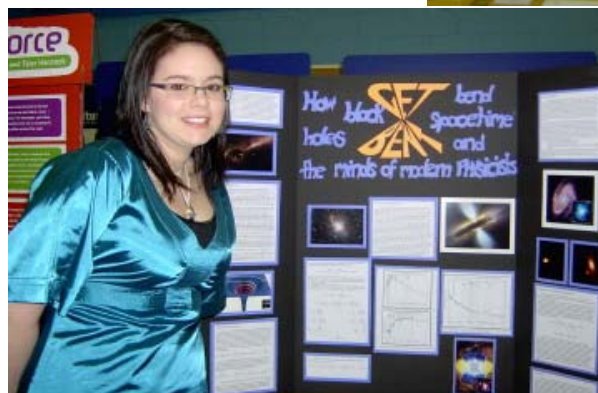
Sara Tobin and Sydney Burton were awarded a Silver Medal in the Senior Physical Science division for their work on "The Biodegradability of Caprolactone".

Also in the area of Senior Physical Science, Erin Baker was awarded a Gold Medal for her project "Get Bent: How Black Holes Bend Spacetime and the Minds of Modern Physicists". This spectacular project also earned Erin the Department of Physics Award (MUN) and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Award.

In the area of Senior Life Sciences, Leto Miminis won a Gold Medal with her work on "The Factors of Eyewitness Testimony". Leto's knowledge and attention to detail so impressed the judges that she was, in addition, presented with the Department of Psychology (MUN) and the Association of Psychology in NL and Labrador Award.

Both Erin Baker and Leto Miminis have been chosen as part of a six member team of young scientists who will be attending the Canada Wide Science Fair in Winnipeg during May.

Congratulations to all the participants and award winners from this year's Regional Science Fair.



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### Science Fair Winners Continued....



## Card Board Boat Race

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, three teams from MPSH competed in the 13th Annual Card Board Boat race at Wedgewood Park. The challenge of the race was to build a boat from two sheets of cardboard and a roll of duct tape in 90 minutes. The boats were judged on four criteria: race time, weight test, engineering design and team spirit. Our students finished 2nd and 3rd among the 21 teams - almost a complete sweep. The second place team: Tyler Knox, Matt Dwyer, Lauren Windsor, and Janet Trickett. The Third place team: Greg Brushett, Dan Abbott, Erica Fitzgerald, and Erin Baker. For their efforts they received a certificate and \$175. Way to go Huskies!



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### Counsellor's Corner

#### Agree To Mediate!

Teens often share common concerns and problems that are sometimes difficult for adults to relate to and sympathize with. The whole concept behind Peer Mediation is to resolve conflict WITHOUT adults involved. It is a process where two trained students help two other students in conflict work towards a mutually agreeable resolution.

The MPSH Peer Mediation group is ready and eager to begin helping students resolve conflicts between students in the school. These

students have been selected and trained to help in a non-judgmental, respectful and trustworthy manner and all mediation sessions are kept confidential.

Examples of referrals may be:

- rumors
- friendship issues
- bullying
- misunderstandings

Some situations are not suitable for mediation and will go to the office:

- physical or sexual abuse
- drugs or weapons
- serious crimes

**All a student or teacher has to do is fill out a "Peer Mediation Request Form" – (which you can find at the office, guidance room or in your homeroom.) A mediation meeting will be arranged that day or as soon as possible and is conducted during school hours.**

#### Understanding Eating Disorders

Vince Withers founder of the Eating Disorders Foundation will discuss: What are eating disorders; what are some signs and things parents can look for; what supports are in place if you do suspect that your

child has an eating disorder, etc.

Location:

City Hall – Foran/Green Room (4th Floor)

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Register by calling 576-8500 or e-mail [llake@stjohns.ca](mailto:llake@stjohns.ca)

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### Student Council

Our student council organizes many different events for our school. Spirit week is one of our biggest events. This year it took place the week before Christmas break (December 15th-19th). Each day had a different theme, from House Colors day on Monday to the beloved pyjama day on Friday. We also, held event such as the lip sync, pep rally, and our annual dodge ball game, which actually had a record number of participants and a Christmas concert. Also throughout the week student council had a contest between the houses to see which house could collect the most money to go towards an organization chosen by student council. Our school stood up to the challenge and by the end of the week we were pleased to announce we had

collected over 300 dollars to go towards an organization which is just starting to get off the ground, The Youth Mental Health Organization of Newfoundland and Labrador. Once this organization is in full swing, we will be giving the donation to a member of the organization. We would like to give a great round of applause to the students and staff for making this spirit week such an enjoyable one for all!

### Causes for Concern

Since the start of the 2008 school year the Causes for Concern group has taken on a monthly issue of importance whether it be local or global, made it a focus in the school and essentially educated others. The month of March was designated as the Education Awareness Month and the MPSH community went above and beyond the call!

Education at the primary, elementary and secondary levels are often taken for granted in this country. However, in developing countries, it is a luxury. The members of CFC focused on the country of Sierra Leone. In this particular country, the cost of educating a child for one year is \$30. The challenge was issued to

homerooms-we wanted each homeroom in the school to sponsor at least one child. Since the average homeroom has 30 students, \$1 per MPSH student.

Once again, the results were phenomenal! By the end of the week the school community had come together to raise a total of \$800.00 for the children of Sierra Leone. It is only fair to mention that the winning homeroom was Mr. Antle's and the students actually exceeded the \$100.00 mark! This is just another example of the MPSH community coming together to do what we do best, work for the betterment of everyone, everywhere.

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### February Huskies of the Month

Last Name	First Name	Category
Abbott	Dan	Academic Achievement – Physics 3204
Baker	Alicia	Academic Achievement – 3000 Level Courses
Baker	Erin	Academic Achievement – Histoire Mondiale
Baker	Erin	Academic Achievement – Biology 3201
Baker	Erin	Academic Achievement – 3000 Level Courses
Bessey	Nathan	Academic Achievement – Chemistry 3202
Billard	Mitchell	Academic Achievement – Chemistry 2202
Bobbett	Alicia	Academic Achievement – Math 2204
Bobbett	Alicia	Academic Achievement – Physics 2204
Brushett	Courtney	Work Ethic – Histoire du Canada
Brushett	Courtney	Academic Achievement & Work Ethic – English 2201
Brushett	Greg	Academic Achievement – Histoire Mondiale
Brushett	Greg	Academic Achievement – Physics 3204
Brushett	Greg	Academic Achievement – 3000 Level Courses
Brushett	Renee	Academic Achievement – Science 1206
Budgell	Adam	Academic Achievement – Physics 3204
Burton	Krista	Academic Achievement – Science 1206
Burton	Sydney	Academic Achievement – Histoire Mondiale
Critch	Julie	Academic Achievement – Histoire du Canada
Decker	Nichelle	Work Ethic – Chemistry 2202
Drover	Nicholle	Academic Achievement – Math 2204
Drover	Nicholle	Work Ethic – Physics 3204
Dwyer	Matthew	Academic Achievement – Physics 3204
Dyke	Maria	Academic Achievement – Histoire du Canada
Feehan	Lindsay	Academic Achievement – Chemistry 2202
Fitzgerald	Chelsey	Academic Achievement – Français 2202
Fitzgerald	Chelsey	Academic Achievement – Physics 2204
Fitzgerald	Erica	Academic Achievement – Histoire Mondiale