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The mission of Holy Cross Junior High School is to maximize life-long learning for every child in a safe, caring, healthy and socially just environment through partnerships with the school community.

October 5, 2011

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Further to my correspondence dated September 27, 2010, please note the following:

- The professional development day that was slated for Thursday, September 30 is now slated for Tuesday, October 19. Hence, there will be no school for all students on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. This professional development is for all intermediate schools in the eastern region.
- Healthy Commotion-Terry Fox Run/Walk that was slated for September 29 is now scheduled for Wednesday, October 27. Students are encouraged to bring along \$2.00 to help support this very worthwhile cause.

Also, please note that our school will be having their own professional development session on Friday, October 29. Hence, there will be no school for students on that day. Our staff will be engaged in doing an internal review of the data collected last year as we begin to develop a new school development plan for the next three years. The internal review takes two days. The second day is slated for Friday, November 12. There will be no school for students on this date as well. While this day is a little ways off, please note it on your calendar.

While we are formulating a new plan for the school, student achievement will always be one of our focuses. As a school, I believe it is fair to say that we have too many students not working to their potential. Last year we attempted to have students complete an academic improvement plan after each term. This was a new initiative and had mixed results. This year we are taking that a little further as waiting for the results of report cards can/may be a little too late sometimes. Teachers have been asked to have students complete academic plans the minute they feel students are not completing their assigned work. This could be from students not passing in assignments, doing homework or failing unit tests. The idea is that the faster we put academic plans in place, the quicker the student will be able to work to his or her potential. These plans do not have to come from teachers alone. You are certainly encouraged to sit down and discuss an academic plan with your child. This is actually the preferred approach. A blank academic plan is attached for your reflection. We ask for your support and cooperation in completing and implementing these plans.

With regards to tutoring sessions at the school please note:

- Ms. Cox and Ms. Earle will have their LA tutorials on Monday afternoons.
- Mr. Colombe and Ms. Matthews have their Math tutorials on Tuesday afternoons.

Also, please note that we have revamped our school's web page this year. Special thanks to Mr. Walsh for doing this. Our teachers are putting up their own web pages. These pages highlight the work covered in class, assignment due dates etc. Hence, I would like you to visit our webpage at [http://www.hcjh.k12.nf.ca/](http://www.hcjh.k12.nf.ca) and make reference to all the information it contains. We also post all memos that go home as well.

In addition to our tutorials, we again are entering into partnership with Froude Avenue Community Centre to offer free tutorial support to our students on Wednesday and or Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in availing of this support, please sign the consent form below and return it to the school. The support will begin after it is determined the number of students that will avail of the support, the preferred location and the date. The availability of tutors is also a factor. However, every attempt will be made to get it up and running as soon as possible. We certainly would like to encourage students and parents to avail of this extra support and we thank Froude Avenue for again agreeing to partner with us. It is much appreciated.

School pictures arrived today and have been distributed to students.

If there are any questions/concerns regarding this correspondence, please contact the school at your earliest opportunity.

Regards,

Reginald MacDonald
Linda Hart

Administrative Team

I, _____, would like my son/daughter, _____, grade _____, to avail of the free tutoring being offered by Froude Avenue Community Centre. I would like to take advantage of the tutoring at Holy Cross Junior High – at Froude Avenue (Please Circle One) at _____ p.m. (Please give the time.)I would like my son/daughter to receive tutoring in _____ (Please name the subject..)

Signature

Tel. No.

Date
