

Holy Heart of Mary High School

International Baccalaureate

<http://www.holyheart.ca>

Important Dates:

November 17 - Q1 Progress Reports released on PowerSchool

November 23 - Students dismissed 11:00 am; Family/Teacher Conferences 12:30 - 6:00 (please see below)

November 24 - Teacher Professional Learning Day, No school for students

Announcements

Daily announcements can be found on the school website: www.holyheart.ca. These announcements are updated daily.

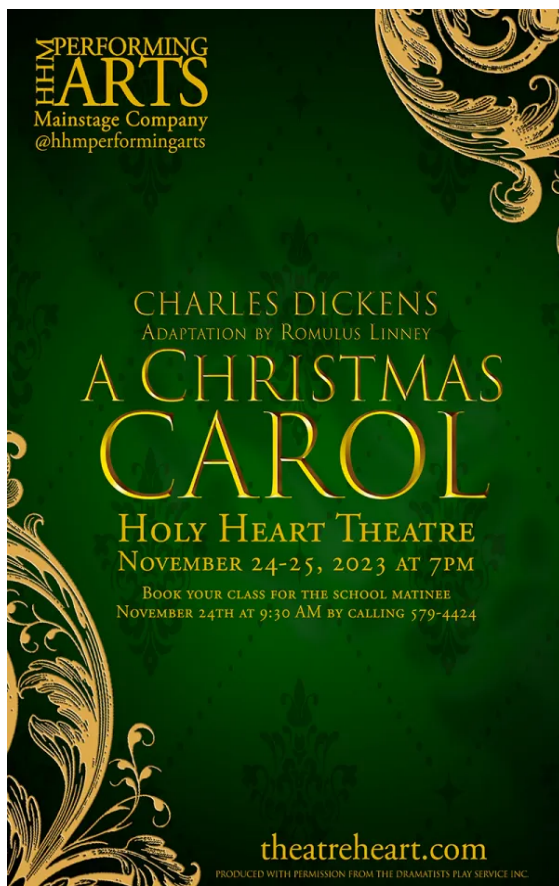
HHM Clubs for students

If your child would like to meet more people and experience more at HHM, please check out our list of Clubs and Groups for student life activities. [HHM Clubs](#)

Family/Teacher Conferences and OPTIS

- Family-Teacher conferences will take place from 12:30 to 6:00 on Thursday, November 23, 2023.
- Students will be dismissed at 11:00 am that morning.
- You may begin booking your conference appointment on Friday, November 17 at 3:00 pm until 11:00 am on Thursday, November 23.
- Conferences may be in person or online. Please use the following OPTIS [link](#) to book your appointment and also ensure you specify whether you want online video meeting or in person. An online video meeting is the default so you have to click to change the meeting to an in person appointment.
- Friday, November 24, 2023 will be a Professional Learning Day for staff and there will be no classes for students.

HHM Performing Arts



Show Dates: November 24th and 25th [Tickets](#)

This timeless Charles Dickens classic returns to the Holy Heart stage November 24th and 25th with an exciting new cast from the HHM Performing Arts 2023-2024 Mainstage company!

Scrooge despises Christmas and the generosity and kindness that come with it! He is cruel to his employee Bob Cratchit and an encounter with his nephew hardens his heart even more. A visit from the ghost of his old business partner Jacob Marley on Christmas eve brings grave warnings to Scrooge should he continue on his selfish path.

Charles Dickens' Christmas tale reminds us that kindness, charity, and generosity is everyone's business not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. Join us November 24th & 25th as HHM Performing Arts students present their first production of the 2023-2024 school year brought to life under the artistic direction of John Rao with vivid performances, special effects, and music to warm your heart. Suitable for all ages. Produced with permission from the Dramatists Play Service Inc.

Holy Heart Annual Christmas Concert



Get yourself in the festive spirit with Holy Heart Choral and Instrumental ensembles as they present their annual Christmas Concert! Monday, Dec 4th @ 7:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.showpass.com/holy-heart-annual-christmas-concert-2/>

Guidance News

Amal Youth and Family Centre:

Connect© is an attachment-based program for parents and caregivers of young people between 8-18 years of age. The program helps caregivers understand basic attachment concepts which can be applied across a broad range of situations. The goal is to promote sensitive and effective parenting that in turn promotes positive adjustment and healthy attachment between young people and their caregivers. There's a fee of \$295 per family, however, full subsidy is available as needed. Parents can reach out to self-refer or to ask questions at info@amalni.ca.

Memorial University

Memorial University will continue allocating early entrance scholarship offers under the new [Transforming Our Horizons Entrance Scholarship](#) program. Students are considered automatically for these when they [apply for admission](#) to Memorial. The admission application deadline is Friday, March 1, 2024.

New this year - Students applying for the [Memorial University of Newfoundland Alumni Entrance Scholarship](#) and [Dr. Leslie Harris Memorial University Alumni Association Scholarship](#) must submit a completed [application](#) by Friday, Dec. 15, 2023.

Students must also apply for admission to Memorial by Friday, Dec. 15, 2023. The application is online and will be automatically sent to our office when a scholarship applicant clicks "submit." Early scholarship offers do not require submission of a transcript as that information is available directly from the Department of Education. If you have any questions, contact our office at 709-864-3956 or email scholarships@mun.ca.

Nursing Open House

Students interested in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree are invited to attend the Open House at Memorial's St. John's campus on **Thursday, November 23rd from 6-8 pm**. Students will have the opportunity to explore the Nursing campus, classrooms, our learning resource centre, and simulation lab. There will be faculty members in attendance to answer questions as well as former students. A representative from the NL Health Services will also be in attendance to discuss future career opportunities. To register, please click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-house-memorial-university-faculty-of-nursing-nov-23-6-8-pm-tickets-755703638927?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Post-Secondary and Scholarship Information

Level 3 students are invited to join the Post-Secondary and Scholarship Info Google Classroom to keep up to date on scholarship opportunities as well as information from various post-secondary institutions. The Google Classroom code is **gm364ma**.

Queen's University

If you are applying to Queen's University for Fall 2024 and want to be considered for a Major Admission Award (MAA), please submit an MAA application online on the Queen's University website to be eligible. The Queen's Chancellor's Scholarship can be applied for through the MAA application. Please contact your school counsellor to express your interest by November 30th as a school nomination is required. You will need to submit your Scholarship Profile prior to November 30th. Further information can be found on the [Queen's University website](#).

Schulich Leader Scholarships in STEM

The date for nomination is January 30 so interested students should see their counsellor to discuss their application prior to December 15th. For more information about this scholarship opportunity, please visit: <https://schulichleaders.com/>

Parent Group - Connect

Please see the attached brochure regarding a 10 week support group for parents and caregivers. [Connect Parent Group](#)

Spring 2024 EF Tour for Students

Is your child interested in visiting Switzerland and Italy over Easter break? A spot has become available on our [EF 2024 tour](#). Please email Ms. Natasha Janes at natashajanes@nlesd.ca for more information.

Bonaventure Community Garden Construction

Please be aware that the garden site between the two schools (Brother Rice and Holy Heart) will be under construction for at least the month of November. In the interest of student safety, we ask that students not use the Garden as a route between schools during this period.

RYCOR - Digital Tools Consent Form

We are asking all parents to complete the following **new** form online through the RYCORN system:

- Core Digital Tools Consent Form 2023-24

Parents must use their own Parent PowerSchool account in order to complete the online forms. In order to complete these forms online, please log into your RYCORN account.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Invoices.

IB invoices are now available and sent out for both Junior and Senior IB students. Please log onto your RYCORN accounts for your invoice. You may choose to pay online via RYCORN or at the school through cash or cheque.

Advanced Placement (AP) Course Exam Fees

Please check your child's google classroom for information regarding this year's exam dates and payment schedule. You may choose to pay online via RYCORN or at the school through cash or cheque.

HHM Volunteer Information

All high school students must complete Career Education and are expected to complete 30 hours of mandatory volunteer service within the community.

Volunteer HHM supports level I, II and III (IV) students and provides meaningful volunteer opportunities. Information is posted on the Volunteer Boards outside Ms. Rossiter's room -

Room 307. The earlier students begin this process the better 😊

Please contact Leanne Rossiter (leannerossiter@nlesd.ca)

RYCOR - Technology Agreement and Social Media Forms

Please ensure the following two forms are signed and completed for your child:

- Acceptable Use of Technology Form 2023-24
- Social Media Consent Form 2023-24

Parents must use their own Parent PowerSchool account in order to complete the online forms. In order to complete these forms online, please log into your RYCOR account.

Bus Routes

All parents are kindly asked to refer to [My Bus Planner](#) for the most up to date information on bus routes. It is also important that students know their bus route number so they know which bus to get on. Students can only take the bus for which they are assigned.

Early Dismissal and Signing In/Out

A reminder that Holy Heart no longer accepts a text message as a valid reason for student arrival or dismissal. It is expected that the family uses **School Messenger** to communicate this information or be available to accept a phone call for confirmation when your child arrives at the office.

Video Surveillance

We want to inform and remind our community that Holy Heart operates video cameras in and around our school.

