

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter



WE Walk for Water

We would like to recognize one of our grade 7 students - Aaron Hatcher - for his very generous donation of \$100 of his own savings toward the WE Walk for Water. Aaron is a strong supporter of social justice issues and we are so appreciative of this kind gesture!

MDJH Community Outreach Team



On March 28th, 2018, the outreach team prepared a delicious supper for guests at Ronald Macdonald House. The team had a great visit and tour of Ronald Macdonald House. The menu consisted on macaroni and cheese, garlic bread and brownies. It was a great visit once again this year and we look forward to another visit next year.

ROV Competition

The ROV team is competing on Friday, May 4th, at the Marine Institute School of Ocean Technology as part of the Marine Advanced Technology and Education Underwater ROV



Competition-Scout class. This year's team consists of 13 students from grade 7-9, male and female.

Dates to Remember:

May 10th: Grade 9 Carnival

May 11th: PD Day - No school for students

May 25th: PJ Day - donations collected and money from ice cream sales that day going to Children's Wish Foundation

June 20-22nd: Exams

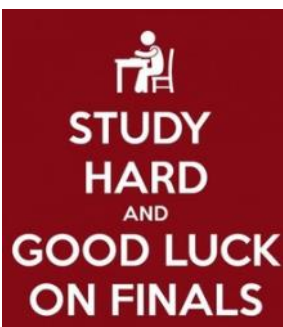
June 28th: Report cards released

Final Exam Schedule

	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20	THURSDAY, JUNE 21	FRIDAY, JUNE 22
AM SESSION 8:15-10:15 (20 MINS OT)	ENGLISH 9 Provincial Common Exam MATH 7 Provincial Common Exam	ENGLISH 8 Provincial Common Exam SCIENCE 9	SCIENCE 7 MATH 8
PM SESSION 11:50-1:50 (20 MINS OT)	SCIENCE 8	MATH 9 Provincial Common Exam ENGLISH 7	

REGULATIONS:

1. All exams are 2 hours. STUDENTS MUST STAY FOR THE ENTIRE TWO HOURS. Students who need extra time will be given 10 MINUTES EXTRA PER HOUR.
2. Students are allowed to bring ONLY their writing utensils and calculator into the exam room. Paper will be provided. Pencil cases, paper, books and cell phones will NOT be permitted. Students are encouraged to use clear plastic zip lock bags for their writing utensils.
3. Calculators must be cleared before the exam.
4. Once the exam begins, students will NOT be permitted to leave the room. If there is a bathroom emergency, supervising teachers MUST buzz the office so the student can be accompanied to the washroom.
5. If a student misses a final exam, medical certification MUST be provided. A parent/ guardian note will not be accepted.
6. Bussing will run in the AM and PM as per normal schedule. If a student plans to leave after their exam, a parent/ guardian note MUST be provided to the homeroom teacher giving permission.



MUSIC

Rotary music festival

Great showing for MDJH students at the Rotary Music Festival. Both groups did wonderfully, they were both awarded Silver! Mr. Smith is very proud!



MDJH Vocal Ensemble



MDJH Concert Choir

STUDENT COUNCIL

NEWS

Grade 9 Baby Pictures Needed

During the Grade 9 School Leaving Carnival, there will be a display of pictures of our grade 9 students. We are looking for baby pictures to display with their current picture. Pictures can be passed in to Ms. Quann. Photos should be put in an envelope. Please include the student's name and homeroom number on the envelope. Baby pictures can also be emailed to colettequann@nlesd.ca. Put the student's name and homeroom number in the subject line. Please submit pictures by May 4th.



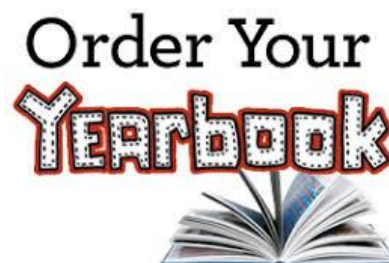
Children's Wish

Children's Wish Foundation is the largest and only all-Canadian wish granting charity dedicated to granting wishes to Canadian children between the ages of 13 and 17 who are diagnosed with a life threatening illness. MDJH has become a Wish school. We would like to grant a wish to a child in our province, our city or even our school community. Depending on the wish of the child, it may take us a while to grant a wish, but we are committed to doing so, and there is no deadline. The student council of MDJH will kick off the school's journey to grant a wish on May 25th by having students wear their pyjamas and make a donation to the Children's Wish Foundation. All proceeds from our weekly ice cream sales will be donated to our Children's Wish Foundation fund on that day as well. Please support this worthy cause.



Yearbooks

Order forms are available at the office or from Ms. Quann (colettequann@nlesd.ca). Yearbooks must be pre-ordered and we must have a certain number to proceed with the order and to continue to offer a yearbook to our students. All students are included in the yearbook. It is not a yearbook for grade 9 students only. The deadline to order is June 7th and the yearbooks will arrive in September. Students moving on to high school will have the books delivered to them.



Thank you to everyone who has submitted pictures for the yearbook. Please send any team pictures to colettequann@nlesd.ca. If you are sending from a cell phone, please select "actual size" to ensure the quality is good for uploading to the yearbook.



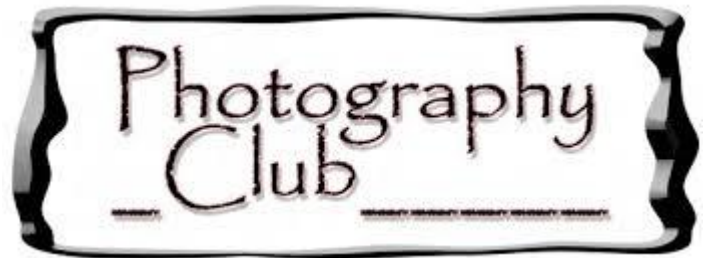
Celebrating Student's Successes

We want to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of the students of MDJH. We have a wall of celebration where we will place a certificate of acknowledgement highlighting participation and success in a variety of activities. We want to know if your child has participated in any plays, musicals or has been on a team that has won some title or has been recognized in any individual competition. We need your help with this. Please let us know so we can proudly display this on our wall. Please email colettequann@nlesd.ca with Celebrate YOUR CHILD'S NAME in the subject line.



Photography Club

Photography club meets every second Wednesday from 3-4:30. Each month there is a photo contest. Club members are reminded to please submit their photos to twragg@hotmail.com



WE Walk for Water

On Friday, April 27th, students at MDJH donated money and walked around Kent's Pond to raise awareness of and raise funds to support clean drinking water. We are very happy to announce that we collected over \$1200.00, surpassing our target of \$1000.00! Way to go, Grizzlies!



SPORTS

Hawks Pee wee A team

Grade 7 Boys of the Hawks Pee wee A team take home the provincial gold after 3 overtime periods. Members of the team are Tyler Holwell, Josh Holwell, Andrew Kelly and Logan Knee.



Celtics Bantam B

There are 10 grade 8 and 9 students from MDJH out of a total team roster of 16 players on the Celtics Bantam B team.

Grade 9: Nathan Nanayakkara (goalie)
Andrew Caddigan, Johann Johannson
Lewis Peters and Kristian Symmonds

Grade 8: Steven Power (goalie)
Josh Meade, Jonathan O'Brien,
Jacob Skinner and Carter Stratton

MATH



Math Help

After School Tutorials/Homework Help - The Math Department is proud to offer afternoon tutorials to the students of MDJH. The tutorials take place on Monday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30, in the LRC and are open to students from grades seven, eight and nine.

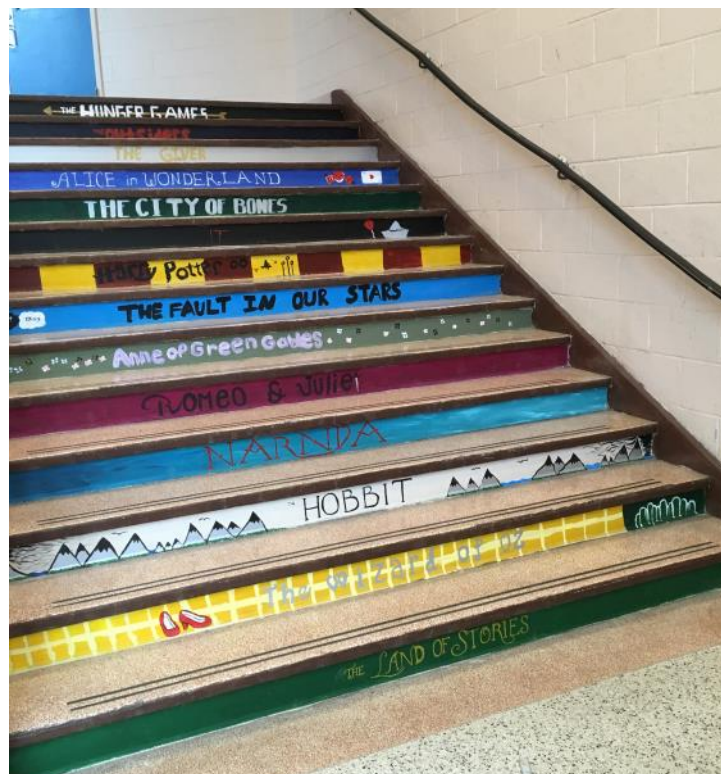
Lunchtime Tutorials/Quiet Study - The Mathematics Department also offers a lunchtime tutorial/quiet study session. The Lunchtime sessions will be offered every Day 7, from 11:48 to 12:10, in room 223. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please Note: Additional tutorial/study times may be added by individual teachers as the need arises. These additional tutorial times will be communicated to parents via the homework web page.

Stay tuned for additional announcements with respect to tutoring sessions at MDJH.

Check out our newly painted stairs!

This is awesome!



SCIENCE

MDJH Students, past and present, shine at the Regional Science Fair

A total of 23 students from Macdonald Drive Junior High took part in the Eastern NL Science & Technology Fair (sponsored by Husky Energy) at Waterford Valley High School on Friday and Saturday, April 13-14. Students participated in tours of laboratories at MUN and the Marine Institute in the morning, then presented to the judges in the afternoon. The Many of our students received medals and awards for their work. In addition, we were proud and excited to witness the success of many ex-students from our school. We celebrate their accomplishments as well.

The Science Department at MDJH is very proud of our students for their scientific curiosity and hard work, and for the way they represented our school.

Andrew Pollett (Fuzzy Electronics)

Physical Science, Bronze Medal

Memorial University Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences Award for best project
Electrical Engineering

Reine Bruce (Acid Rain - Effects on Plants)

Life Science, Bronze Medal

Jonathan Harris (Classical Gaming)

Life Science, Bronze Medal

Esmé Mirchandani (Robo GoGo - Comment les Surface Affectent-Elles l'Exactitude et la Précision des Robots?)

Physical Science, Silver Medal

Leila McCrate (A Study of the Effects of Screen Time of Grade 7 Students)

Life Sciences, Silver Medal

Memorial University Department of Psychology and the Association of Psychologists of
Newfoundland and Labrador Award

Mitchell Noseworthy, Matthew Curran (Testing a Curveball Simulator)

Physical Science, Gold Medal

Kaitlin Healey (Est-ce-que l'espece du poisson affecte les resultats d'aquaponie?)

Life Science, Gold Medal

Memorial University Department of Ocean Sciences Award



Kaitlyn Ward (La conduction osseuse)
Life Science, Gold Medal
Memorial University Department of Biology Award

Liam Porter (Sink or Swim)
Memorial University Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences Award for best project
Naval & Architectural Engineering

Emma Petersen, Sabah Kadir (The Best Way To Produce Electricity For MDJH)
Special Award: College of the North Atlantic Engineering Technology Award

McKenna Mercer, Victoria French (How Light Travels and Its Dual Nature)
Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Joseph English Memorial Award

MDJH Past Students

Emily Meade, Grace Way (Using Newfoundland Minerals and HDPE to make Photodegradeable Rock Paper) Currently students at Holy Heart High School
Physical Science, Gold Medal
SHAD NL Innovation Award

Nisarg Dave (Availability of collagen in marine species as a high value alternative to mammalian collagen) Currently student at Gonzaga High School
Life Science, Gold Medal
Memorial University, Department of Biochemistry Award
Memorial University Department of Ocean Sciences Award

Aaron Sarkar (Algae-Based Carbon Capture System (ABaCCs): Sustainable Solution for CO₂ Emissions) Currently student at Holy Heart High School
Physical Science, Gold Medal
Conservation Corps Award - Climate Change

Science Demo Fun!

On April 20, Dr. Karen Hattenhauer and Mr. Nick Ryan from the department of Chemistry at Memorial come to our school and we had a n exciting day of Chemistry demonstration with the Grade 7s.



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK AT CROSSWALKS
STUDENTS CROSSING ARE NOT ABLE TO BE SEEN**

To let your child out, please stop and park after the crosswalk



Congestion in Bus Lanes

As you enter the school parking lot, please ensure that you keep to the left lane if you are dropping your child off in front of the school. Also please make sure that our buses can enter our lot on the right.

Student Drop Off / Pick Up Student Entrance Procedures

- For student drop-off, stay in the left lane in a single line as you enter the school grounds.
- When you turn left in front of the building, proceed as far as possible to the right (closest to the cement divider) before dropping your children off. Please wait for the vehicles in front of you to drop off students before proceeding.
- Through traffic stays to the left in front of the student entrance.
- Busses will enter the school grounds in the right lane and proceed to the far right closest to the building.
- Note: Only staff and alternate transportation should travel in the right lane to proceed around the building.
- Ms. Pike and Ms. Hardy will be out each day, rain or shine, to help direct traffic.



For ALL the latest news please visit our web site @ <http://mdjh.info> OR download our APP— It's Free!

Be Safe online! Check out these resources....

<http://www.nlesd.ca/families/socialmediasafety.jsp>



Attendance Matters

If a child in your household misses school, please contact the homeroom teacher and/or use the MDJH App and send a note.

Absent / Late

Please send an email or note to your child's Homeroom Teacher if your child is going to be absent or late. All students who come late are to check in at the office.

CHECK OUT ALL Policies <https://www.nlesd.ca/about/policies.jsp>

- DRAFT—Assessment & Evaluation Policy, Attendance Policy, Use of Instructional Time
- **NEW Regulations for Honours, Honours with Distinction, update available mdjh.info**



Allergy Alert

We have students/staff with life-threatening allergies. Products containing the following **will not** be permitted in the building:

Latex, Fish, Nuts, Shellfish, Peanuts

***Please send all updated allergy sheets to homeroom teachers.**

REMINDER:

In keeping with our Safe and Caring Schools Policy...

ALL visitors MUST check in at the office!

We're on the web!
<http://mdjh.info>

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