

## Grade 9 C.R.T. (Criterion Reference Tests)

Beginning next week our grade nine students will be writing CRTs. These exams are province wide and every grade nine student in Newfoundland and Labrador will write them on the same date. It is important for students, parents and guardians to know that these exams will influence the final student grade in the course and must be taken seriously by all parties. What follows is an explanation of how each assessed subject area will impact on the student grade

As communicated throughout this year the Grade Nine CRTs will be used as the final exam in the subject areas of Core French, Mathematics, Science and Language Arts. Please carefully read the following items and discuss the grading percentages with your son or daughter to ensure that they understand the relevance of the exam to their final mark. Any questions about the tests should be directed to your son or daughter's subject teacher.

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### Grade 9 Mathematics C.R.T.

All grade 9 students will be writing the grade 9 Math CRT on Thursday, June 19, 2003 in the morning. The Math CRT is based on the grade 9 Math outcomes. It is 50 multiple choice questions and there is no time limit for this test.

#### ACADEMIC GRADE 9 MATH STUDENTS

The final exam for academic grade 9 students will consist of two parts: Part 1 – Constructed Response (50%)  
Part 2 – CRT (50%)

This will constitute the final exam which is worth 20% of the student's final grade.

#### 1204 MATH STUDENTS

The 1204 Math exam will be scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2003. The course descriptor for 1204 Math has been revised for grade 9 students currently doing 1204 Math. The change was made so that the CRT will comprise 10% of the cumulative Math 1204 mark. The breakdown is as follows:

		Revised	Current
Performance Assessment	30%	Performance Assessment	25%
Chapter Tests	25%	Chapter Tests	25%
Cumulative Mid-Year Exam	10%	Cumulative Mid-Year Exam	10%
Cumulative Final Exam	35%	Cumulative Final Exam	30%
		Grade 9 Math CRT	10%

### Grade Nine Language Arts C.R.T.

The Language Arts CRT, part two, will constitute 100% of the district's final exam for Language Arts. The final exam will have a value of 15% of the year's work .

Part 1 of the CRT is comprised of process writing and speaking scheduled for May 12, 13 and 14, 2003. This will be completed in the classroom (1 hour 30 minutes).

Part II of the CRT is comprised of Demand Writing (2 pieces), listening and Reading (Four types of text - This may include Narrative, Informational, Poetic and Visual Text).

Part II will be written on Friday, June 13 (3 hours) and Monday, June 16, 2003 (3 hours). This portion of the CRT will be valued at 15%.

## Grade Nine Core French C.R.T

The French CRT will constitute 100% of the district's final exam for French.

The final exam will have a value of 15% of the year's work as per the district's Evaluation Descriptor for Core French. The process writing and speaking activities for the Core French CRT are scheduled for May 20, 21, 22. This represents 40% of the CRT.

The remainder of the Core French CRT (reading / demand writing / listening) will be completed on June 17 and 18. The exam on June 17 will take place in the morning and will be approximately three and one half hours in duration. The exam on June 18 will be held in the afternoon and will be approximately two and one half hours long. These two exams will be written in a classroom setting. This will represent 60% of the CRT.

## Grade Nine Science C.R.T

The final exam for Grade 9 Science will consist of the following 2 parts:

- a) Part 1: Constructed Response (June 10 during period one and two)
- b) Part 2: CRT - Multiple choice (June 20 in the gym)

Part I of the final exam will consist of a constructed response section. This will comprise 1/3 of the entire final exam for a potential value of 5 marks of the 15 marks ascribed to the final exam in Science as per the District's Student Assessment and Evaluation Policy. Part one will be written during period one and two on Tuesday, June 10, 2003.

Part II of the Science final exam consists of 60 multiple choice items. The CRT will be written during the a.m. session of Friday, June 20. The CRT will comprise 2/3 of the value of the entire final exam in Science for a potential value of 10 marks of the 15 marks ascribed to the final exam in Science.

## Grade Nine Social Studies Exam

This is the only core subject where there is no CRT this year. There will be a school based Social Studies exam given to fulfill the evaluation requirements for the course.

In distributing the exams so that the grade 9 students only write one exam a day, the social studies June exam will be held on the morning of Wednesday, June 11 and will be written in the students' homeroom class.

There are regular classes for the grade 7 and 8 students that day.

### **St. Paul's Junior High Cheerleading** by Andrea and Kim

Cheerleading Dynamics of Canada will be sponsoring their annual Junior High Jamboree next Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1-5 p.m. at Holy Cross Elementary. This year's jamboree should be especially exciting as it is the first year that the event is (some-what) competitive and also a record number of teams have registered. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend and to arrive early as there is a HUGE fan base for this event and seating is limited. There is an admission fee.

Many people are unaware of what is involved in competitive cheerleading and this event is a great opportunity for friends and family members to find out what our team has been doing. Everyone can see firsthand the amount of dedication, talent, hard work and creativity this sport requires.

We would like to thank the parents of all the cheerleaders for their support and to let the team know that we are very proud of what they are doing. Hope to see you all Saturday!

Cheerleaders..... You've all worked hard to get to Jamboree and you should be proud and confident about your performance. Let the crowd know how you feel and smile!

## A Review of “He done Her Wrong or Wedded but No Wife”

St. Paul's performance of He Done her Wrong, or Wedded but No Wife, during the opening night of the Drama Festival, certainly proved to be the most light-hearted show of the evening. Being the only play that didn't attempt to tackle such serious themes as death and loss, the cast of Wedded but No Wife relied on comic relief instead of direct emotional appeal with the audience.

The cast fit their roles perfectly. Fitzjohn Oliphant played by Nicholas Hounsell was among the goofiest characters of the evening, Hounsell did his role justice, keeping most of the audience in stitches throughout the performance. Robert Bishop played the villainous rogue, Fleetwood Dashaway. While the fake British accent was comically unconvincing, his quick wit during the door incident was a hilarious piece of improvisation.

The two male roles were not the only appealing aspect of the play. Lesleigh VonBorziskowski and Jessica Penton did a great, up-beat portrayal of stereotypical, snooty rich women. Their colorful characters, played alongside Lauren Flynn and Caitlin Ross, were only outshone by Penton's large teal business suit. The male and female roles in Wedded but No Wife meshed perfectly, using lowbrow humor to keep the audience laughing.

This play is a perfect example of triumph through comedy. The theme of the play came across successfully; Oliphant the hero conquering the villain and winning the girl. This lighthearted and humorous play shows that dramatic productions don't have to feature a tragedy or some morose, heartbreaking theme. St. Paul's managed to perform a melodrama while at the same time generating a good few chuckles from the audience.

Reviewed by Steve Gilbert in the AESDaily 2003

(The play will be performed one final time this year at the spring concert on May 28. Come out and see the show!!)



The Cast and Crew of, “He Done Her Wrong or Wedded but no Wife” after their performance and adjudication at the Avalon East High School Drama Festival.

## Money for School Technology

Minister Walter Noel secured some funding for our school technology initiatives. On Friday, May 3, 2003, Mr. Dan Puddister, assistant to Minister Walter Noel, presented \$2400.00 to the school.

## Jazz Band wins Gold

Congratulations to Ms. L. Shortall and the St. Paul's Jazz Band on winning a gold medal on Monday, May 5, at the Northwest Rotary Music Festival. The band was told of their award on Monday evening just before they performed at the nightly concert at Holy Heart of Mary High School. Being true to form the band played exceptionally !!! Congratulations on another fine performance and a well earned award.



Mr. Dan Puddister, assistant to Minister Walter Noel, presents a cheque for \$2400.00 to Mr. Bartlett.

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Provincial Winners

Congratulations to Laura Lawes, Matthew Cleary and David Young for winning the Provincial title in the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Challenge held in Grand Falls on April 26, 2003. Each student won their School, District and Regional titles which were hosted by our school in February and March.

To add to their titles. Laura Lawes won the 14 year old girls provincial championship. Matthew Cleary won the 12 year old boys provincial championship. David Young won the 14 year old boys provincial championship. Congratulations are extended to all students who participated in the 2003 Knights of Columbus Basketball FreeThrow Challenge.

Thursday, May 15 is free milk day. During recess all students in the school will get their choice of white or chocolate milk to drink. The St. Paul's School Association parents will be holding a cupcake sale during that recess. Cupcakes will be sold for 25 cents.

## Attention All Parents/Guardians of Home Economics Students

Just a reminder..... All students must complete the remaining (5) Weekly Assignments. These assignments are given out during class time, and must be passed in during the following week's class, in order to be corrected and given credit towards the June report card.

Last term, many students decided that it was ok to save the assignments up until the last minute and pass them in altogether to be corrected. I will not be accepting multiple assignments to correct in June. Assignments must be completed on a weekly basis. This way, work does not pile up, get lost, or forgotten altogether.

Due to excessive numbers of students, it is impossible for me to call all parents to remind students to pass in work. If a class is missed, a student may pick up a copy of the Weekly Assignment in the Home Ec Room, or download it from Miss Rowe's web page ( <http://teacherweb.com/NF/StPaul'sJuniorHighSchool/MissRowe/>)

These assignments do not require a great deal of time to complete, and one cycle is more than enough time to do so. If for any reason a child is absent for sickness or other reason, extra time can be made available to complete the assignment. However, I would appreciate a note from the parent to advise me of such a need.

I would really appreciate all parents would check with your children from time to time to see if they have passed in their folder to be corrected. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...

The school spirit team would like to say thank you to a few surrounding businesses who gave so generously to refill the "prize vault" for school spirit activities. They include: McDonalds, A&W, Ches' Fish and Chips, Wendy's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Coke Cola, Humpty Dumpty, The School Milk Foundation, OZ FM, and VOCM. The donations that we received will allow us to provide rewards for student's efforts on school spirit days. Thank you again to these businesses for their kind support.

## Recycling News

Parents, teachers, staff and students are reminded that every Friday is Recycling Day. All are asked to drop off their recyclable beverage containers in the designated spot in front of the school. This drop off time for recyclables will continue for the remainder of the school year

### INFORMATION SESSION for Students with Learning Disabilities

#### *Making the transition to High School*

Parents, students and teachers  
are invited

VENUE:  
Avalon East School District  
Conference Centre  
116 Strawberry Marsh Road  
St. John's

DATE: May 13th, 2003

TIME: 7:00 pm—8:30 pm

## Skate boards & roller blades

The snow is finally gone for this year and students are breaking out their "wheels" for transportation to school.

Roller blades and skate boards are a problem on the grounds and in the building. Students are not permitted to use these items on the school property. Storage is also a problem and some students have even asked if we could keep their skates or skate board in the office until the end of the day. Today there are three boards that some students have forgotten sitting in the office.

## Computer Donation

Thank you to the Hann family for their donation of a gently used computer to our school. Computers are very expensive items for schools to purchase and as families upgrade to newer computers their older model can still be of use to our school network. If your family has a gently used computer (minimum Pentium 200) to donate to the school we can have it evaluated to assess its value and provide you with a tax receipt.

Thank you must also go out to Mr. P. Mullett who was instrumental in having seventeen computers donated from the City of St. John's offices. This is the second donation secured by Mr. Mullett as last year he helped us acquire six computers from the city's upgrade program.

# June 2003 Exam Schedule



The grade 9 exams written between June 10 and June 13 will be conducted in their homeroom unless another classroom is designated. Grade 7 and 8 students have regular classes. Grade 8 and 9 students writing exams from June 16—20 will write their exams in the gym. All grade 7 exams will be written in classrooms.

Tues. June 10	Wed. June 11	Thurs. June 12	Fri. June 13	Mon. June 16	Tues. June 17	Wed. June 18	Thurs. June 19	Fri. June 20
Gr. 9 Science (Pt. 1) in classroom Regular class for gr. 7 & 8	Gr. 9 Social Studies in classroom Regular class for gr. 7 & 8	Gr. 9 Math(Pt.1) and Math 1204 in classroom Regular class for gr. 7 & 8	(Pt.1) Grade 9 Language Arts in Gym Regular class for gr. 7 & 8	(Pt.2) Gr. 9 Language Arts in Gym Gr. 7 Language Arts in classroom	Gr. 8 Math in Gym Gr. 9 Core French in classroom Gr.7 Francais in classroom	Gr.8 Language in Gym Gr. 7 Science in classroom	(Pt.2) Gr. 9 Math and Math 1204 in Gym Gr. 7 Social Studies in classroom	(Pt.2) Gr. 9 Science in Gym Gr. 7 Math in classroom
Regular class for gr. 7, 8 & 9	Regular class for gr. 7, 8 & 9	Regular class for gr. 7, 8 & 9	Regular class for gr. 7 & 8	Gr. 8 Social Studies in gym	Gr. 9 Francais in gym	Gr. 9 Core French in classroom	Gr 8 Science in Gym	Gr 8 Francais in Gym

The following time constraints apply to those exams written between June 16—20

**Morning Exam Procedure**  
**8:30 - 8:35am Morning Homeroom**  
**8:35 - 8:45am Proceed to exam room and prepare to write exam.**  
**8:45 - 11:15am Exam time**  
**Afternoon Exam Procedure**  
**11:40 - 11:45 am Afternoon Homeroom**  
**11:45 - 11:55 am Proceed to exam room and prepare to write exam**  
**11:55am - 2:25 pm Exam time**

# May 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 Day 7	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4 Recycling day 	10
11	12 Day 5 English Lang Arts process (gr. 9)	13 Day 6 English Lang Arts process (gr. 9)	14 Day 7 English Lang Arts process (gr. 9)	15 Day 1 Free Milk at recess and Cupcake Sale	16 Day 2 Recycling day 	17
18	19 Victoria Day Holiday	20 Day 3 Core French pro- cess (gr. 9)	21 Day 4 Core French pro- cess (gr. 9)	22 Day 5 Core French pro- cess (gr. 9)	23 Day 6 Recycling day 	24
25	26 Day 7	27 Day 1	28 Day 2 Spring Concert in thegym @ 7:30pm	29 Day 3	30 Day 4 Recycling day 	31
June 1	2 Day 5	3 Day 6	4 Day 7	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 Recycling day 	7
8	9 Day 3	10 Day 4 Gr9 Science exam	11 Day 5 Gr9 Social Studies exam	12 Day 6 Gr9 Math (pt.1) exam and Math 1204 exam	13 Day 7 Gr9 (pt.1) exam Recycling day 	14