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students and a
special
welcome to students
new to
our school
community



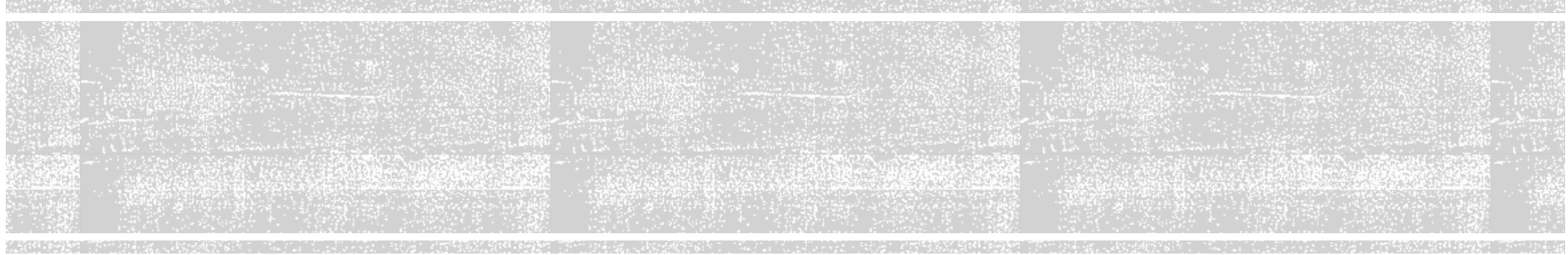
“Genuine worship of God bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all.”

-Pope Francis



**New Ways
Ministry**





"EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS EQUAL BEFORE AND UNDER THE LAW AND HAS THE RIGHT TO THE EQUAL PROTECTION AND EQUAL BENEFIT OF THE LAW WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION..."

MAINTAINING A SAFE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY BUILT ON:

- **RESPECT & DIGNITY**
- **INCLUSION & EQUITY**
- **UNDERSTANDING & KNOWLEDGE**
- **ENTHUSIASM & ENJOYMENT**





STAY INFORMED



- MySchoolDay App – Student Handbook and Agenda
- "X" (formerly Twitter) - @holytrinityoak
- Instagram - @holytrinityoak; @ht_principal
- Website – secondary.hcdsb.org/holytrinity



ATTENDANCE AND LATES

- Regular attendance is important. Classes start at 8:25am.
- **Parents/Guardians must input student absences in School Messenger**
- If you become ill during the day, report to the office-being ill in the washroom is not an acceptable excuse for being absent
- If you arrive more than 20 minutes late (Per 1), report to the attendance office, then go directly to class.
- Before leaving the school for an appointment – sign out at the office.
 - Students that leave the school without signing out will be marked **truant**
 - Students must leave the school once they have been signed out
 - **Detentions that can lead to Suspensions may be given if this process is not followed**





VISITORS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

No visitors should
be on school
property during
the day



UNIFORM AND CIVVIES

- Clothing must always be appropriate and reflective of the Holy Trinity values
- No hats in the school at any time
- **The hoodie must remain down while in the building.**
- Closed toe/heel shoes – **NO SANDALS OR CROCS**
- Uniform shirts must be worn under the uniform v-neck sweater
- Plain white shirts only under uniform shirts
- No long sleeve shirts under short sleeve uniform
- Only McCarthy's or ISW pants are allowed. **Pants cannot be tucked in your socks.**
- The HT logo must be visible while wearing shorts (and white socks must be worn with the shorts)
- HT sports/spirit wear is not a part of the uniform
- School consequences will be issued for non-compliance





LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

- Take all drills seriously. Drill dates TBA.
- Remain calm and follow the instructions of staff.
- Remain silent.
- If out of classroom – seek shelter or stay out of sight
- Turn off all electronic devices – the school will notify parents





SMOKING / VAPING

- Not allowed on school property or at school events – not even in a car
- Students smoking/vaping on school property will be suspended. Second offence will result in a fine from the region. By-law officers will be called
- Chewing tobacco is a tobacco product and same restrictions and consequences apply
- No e-cigarettes/ vapes are allowed in the building or on school property.



CARS AND PARKING

- Students driving must have a **2023/2024 parking pass** clearly displayed.
- Pass requests are to be emailed to silvam2@hcdsb.org
- Parking is a privilege, not a right, and can be revoked at any time.
- Drive safely in parking lot and surrounding areas. Careless driving will result in school consequences and possible police involvement
- While walking, be courteous and look before crossing.
- Student parking is in the northwest corner by the grass field.
- Students parking in the wrong location or without the parking pass clearly visible may be ticketed by bylaw enforcement and may lead to suspension





RESPECT THE HT ENVIRONMENT

- Be respectful of school and neighbourhood
- Hold your garbage while walking in the neighbourhood – please do not litter
- Recycle and compost!!
- Food/drink should not be consumed in the classroom.
- Please put all garbage in either the recycling bins or garbage cans. Do not leave any mess.





FOOD ALLERGIES / MEDICAL CONCERNS

- We have students with life threatening allergies to peanut and other tree nuts
- Do not bring any food containing peanut or any tree nut to the school
- Anyone with a medical condition (such as Asthma, Diabetes, Anaphylaxis, or Epilepsy) that has not completed the necessary verification process, please refer to the email sent to parents and guardians.



LOCKERS

- Students must use their assigned lockers only AND lockers must be locked!
- Students received a lock that should be used for the duration of their time at Holy Trinity
- Backpacks are to stay in your locker and should not be brought to class (can bring laptop bags, pencil cases, bags/purses that can fit inside the desk)
- Lockers are the property of the school



HALLWAYS

“Hallways are out of bounds during all lunches”



HALTON
CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



- Students should not be gathering in the halls during class time.
- The expectation is that students will access their lockers during the first and last five minutes of the period only.
- Elevators may only be used if students have an elevator pass issued at the office and cannot be used in the event of a fire alarm.
- Students are required to be **supervised by a staff member at all times** while in classrooms or gathering before/after school.





WASHROOMS

- Washrooms in the change rooms are to be used by the assigned Phys. Ed classes only
- Students should not gather in the washroom to meet with friends
- Only one student per stall is permitted
 - Students that are repeatedly found meeting in the washrooms or in a stall with another student may have consequences that could escalate to suspension





BUSSING

- The school bus is an extension of the school
 - Expectations while in the school also apply to the bus
- Privilege not a right
- **Must be on the registered list to ride the bus**
- Consider a PRESTO card if you are not registered for the school bus
 - Oakville Transit offers **FREE** transportation to youth with a PRESTO card



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- Electronic devices can only be used in the classroom for educational purposes under the direction of the teacher.
- School is not responsible for lost or stolen devices.
- Inappropriate use of electronic devices (ie: academic dishonesty, bullying, racist posts, threats,) may lead to confiscation, detention and suspension.





CREATING AN INCLUSIVE & WELCOMING COMMUNITY FOR ALL

- Any incident that negatively impacts the HT community will not be tolerated which may include:
 - Bullying and Inappropriate Behaviour (verbal, physical or electronic) in class, the halls, on the bus or on social media
- Remember that Social Media posts are PUBLIC
- Sexting is defined as sending inappropriate pictures or text messages by phone or through social networking sites
- **Students sending/forwarding/posting these pictures or messages will be suspended** and possibly expelled, and police will be contacted

Please report all concerns to a teacher or administrator



CREATING AN INCLUSIVE & WELCOMING COMMUNITY FOR ALL

- Harassment and discrimination, hate or bias motivated incidents, hate or bias motivated crimes, will not be tolerated, condoned or ignored
- Any member of the Holy Trinity community who experiences any form of hate or bias motivated incident (racism, homophobia, ableism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, transphobia, etc.) is required to report the incident immediately

Please report all concerns to a teacher or administrator

Say NO to the N-Word!

HCDSB'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE USE OF HATE SPEECH AND SLURS

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Why can't I say it?
Because it is hurtful, violent and it denies dignity!

But I didn't say it to a Black person!
It does not matter who the word is directed towards. The word should never be said, written, or read in any HCDSB environment!

But why do Black people get to say it?
HCDSB aims to create and maintain environments where all students can feel safe. This word can be hurtful to other students. Not all Black students have reclaimed the word. This word is never okay in schools regardless of who says it!

**NEVER SAY IT!
NEVER WRITE IT!
NEVER READ IT OUT!**

Micah 6:8
"What does the Lord require of you? Do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with our God."

ONTARIO HUMAN RIGHTS CODE

Everyone has the right to feel that they belong and are safe. We each have the responsibility to ensure that ours & others' rights are protected and respected. No one has the right to discriminate others based on the protected grounds in the Ontario Human Rights Code.





Discriminatory language or actions that impact any of the protected groups in the Code will not be tolerated & will lead to school consequences.

[https://lf.hcdsb.org/Forms/Student Reporting](https://lf.hcdsb.org/Forms/Student%20Reporting)

Progressive Discipline



- Progressive discipline will occur in the following situations:
 - inappropriate behaviour occurs on school property, during school events, or if an event occurring off school property that affects the climate of the school
 - Students forging notes or calling the school and pretending to be the guardian to sign themselves out
 - Students not following directions of a staff member
 - Students not reporting to class after being given a late slip
- Zero tolerance for hate/bias incidents or crimes, weapons, alcohol, drugs, and fighting.



RESPECT ALL STAFF



- Teachers, secretaries, custodians, cafeteria staff and school bus drivers provide a variety of valuable services for students. **Students are expected to be respectful of all staff and to follow their direction at all times.**
- Students not following the direction of staff **will be consequenceed, which may include suspension.**



KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

- Get involved!
- Take care of yourself
- Reach out if you need help
- Come to school
- Do your homework
- Try your best!
- Have fun!
- Make it a memorable year!





THANK YOU!

