

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOL**
GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION
PRESENTATION

WANT TO RECEIVE INFO?



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GRADE 8 PARENT NIGHT PRAYER

***In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Loving God, As we come together, help us to become a true family,
Your Family.***

***We pray for the grade 8's, who are looking to their future.
Guide them in their decisions, give them wisdom and faith.
May they feel a welcoming atmosphere here at Holy Trinity.***

***We pray for their teachers and school staff,
may they continue to be good role models and examples
for our young people to follow.***

***We pray for the parents of our grade 8's.
Give them grace and patience, wisdom and guidance,
as they lead their children in the treacherous waters, we call
adolescence.***

***Jesus, in you we have the example of love and fellowship to follow
as we create community.***

Help us to follow your example with determination and joy.

Amen.

***Love of Jesus, fill us. Holy Spirit, guide us. Will of the Father, be done.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit***

CHAPLAIN

Lorenzo

Campenelli

- Prayer and Liturgies
- Social Justice and Volunteer Opportunities
- Ministry of Presence
- Connection with local parishes
- All are welcome



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Principal

Teresa Castellarin



Wojtek Kubicki



Jennifer Peer



Vice Principals

Holy Trinity CSS Department Heads

Business Studies/Arts	Don Finan
Canadian & World Studies/Civics	Michelle Mowat
English/ESL/Moderns	Sandra Moretta
Guidance/Cooperative Education	Ryan Latimer
Health and Physical Education	Andrew Saulez
Mathematics	Michael Sluski
Religion/Social Science	Teresa Tomaro
Science	Paul Cushing
Special Education	Pat Yurincich
Technological Education	Bruce Law

STUDENT SERVICES

Counsellors see students based on their SURNAME



Guidance Head
Ryan Latimer
(A-D)



Guidance Counsellor
Alicia Castiglione
(E-K)



Guidance Counsellor
Anand Pillai
(L-P)



Guidance Counsellor
Lisa Waechter
(Q-Z & International Students)

Holy Trinity CSS Support Staff

These staff members are in the building to help support our students in a variety of ways...

Stefano Giorgio – Elementary
Pathways Itinerant for our Family
of Schools



ELL/ESL SUPPORT

ESL Teachers

- Provide support and guidance for multi-lingual students, those newly arrived and those who have been in Canada for a few years
- Advocates for multi-lingual students

Support Throughout High School

- On-going contact with all subject teachers
- Collaborate with Guidance counsellors with regards to course selection
- Individual support with assignments
- Support for language acquisition
- Monitoring throughout high school or until mastery of language



Zrinjka Reeves



Lindsay Andrews

SOCAL WORK / CYC SUPPORT

Mental health is not a destination, but a process. It's about how you drive, not where you're going

HealthyPlace.com



Anne-Marie Duguay



Tim Henry

HT'S MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by our Catholic values and teachings, and supported through student, parent, staff, parish and community partnerships, Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School is dedicated to providing a safe, welcoming, caring and inclusive school community.

By linking academic excellence, co-curricular activities and faith practices, we guide students toward varied pathways, while inspiring resiliency, critical thinking, collaboration and global citizenship as integral parts of the future of our Titan graduates.

Who we are & what we stand for...

Academic Excellence



Catholic Graduate Expectations



SCHOOL



HOME



PARISH



Relationships
Empathy
Respectful
Meaningful
Contributing
Cooperating
Accepted
Valued
Comfortable
Supporting
Equity
Caring
Participating
Connected
Safe
Good
Needed
Welcomed
Community
Engaged
Positive
Useful



Catholic Education in Halton



Catholic Curriculum



**Catholic
Learning Environment**



Catholic Staff



Catholic Community



OUR GOAL AS CATHOLIC EDUCATORS

At the core of the Catholic school system is the unique framework for learners called the **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations**, which are integrated into the full Catholic school curriculum to help form graduates who are:

1. Discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community
2. Effective communicators
3. Reflective, creative and holistic thinkers
4. Self-directed, responsible, lifelong learners
5. Collaborative contributors
6. Caring family members
7. Responsible citizens

What does this look like at Holy Trinity CSS?

- COMMUNITY! IT CENTERS ALL THAT WE DO...OUR VALUING OF ONE ANOTHER, THE LANGUAGE WE USE, APPROACH WE TAKE, FOCUS OF OUR LESSONS, EXTRA-CURRICULARS...
- ONE RELIGION CREDIT COURSE TAKEN EACH YEAR. **THESE COURSES REQUIRE NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH.**
- SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY LEADER AND CHAPEL
- DAILY PRAYER, MASSES AND LITURGIES
- RETREAT PROGRAM
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUPS

**NONE OF US CAN THINK
WE ARE EXEMPT
FROM CONCERNS FOR THE
POOR AND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.**
POPE FRANCIS



HOW WE ENCOURAGE SUCCESS:

- Provide a safe and caring school environment
- Develop and promote a faith community
- Help students to develop resiliency
- Provide connections to support staff : Social Worker, Child and Youth Counsellor, Chaplain
- Provide a safe space for all students to share their concerns and their successes



HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED & STAY INFORMED?

Research shows parent involvement is critical for student success. In addition to encouraging your child at home, you can get involved in school in many ways:

- *School Council:*
 - Your connection to school information (learn what your kids don't tell you)
 - Meets approx. 8x/year for 1.5 hours
 - Any parent/guardian can attend
 - Includes: Principal's update, upcoming events, how funds are spent in the school, give feedback where needed, etc.
 - Asked by School and Board for input on key decisions
 - Take on a role or be a member-at-large
 - *Note: Many large companies have Employee Volunteer Grant programs for community volunteering - school council membership usually qualifies for grants*
- *Attend School Events:*
 - Information nights, Parent/Teacher interviews, Masses, sports games, fundraisers, drama and art shows, etc.

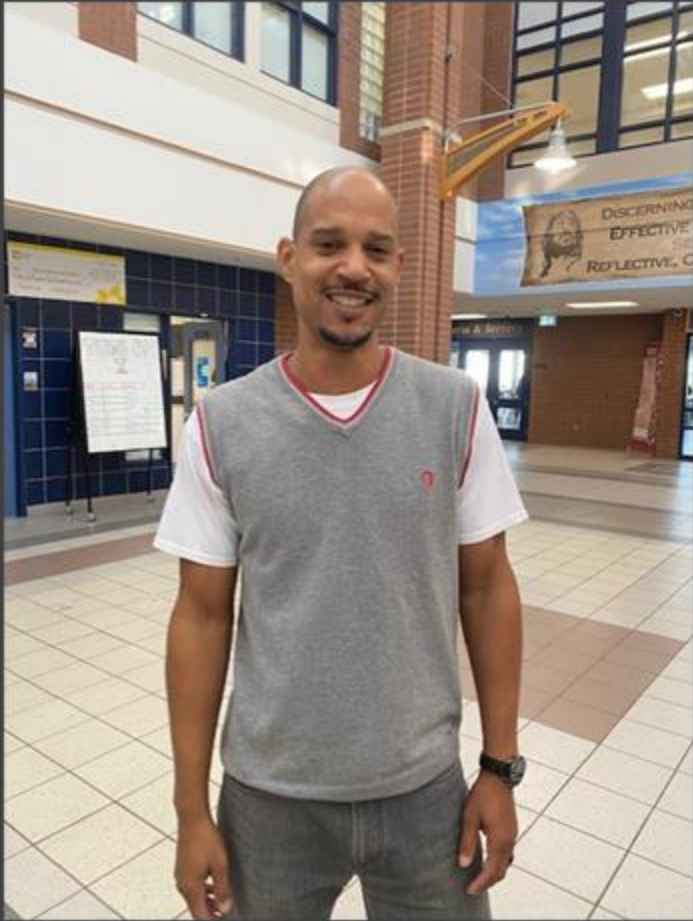
EQUITY, INCLUSIVITY, DIVERSITY

Mission:

- Use equity as a lens to support student well-being and achievement
- Challenge staff and students to address systemic barriers/injustice that may exist at HT and in society
- Make Student Voice the driving factor in building community

"We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life" Pope Francis

STUDENT SUCCESS



Student Success Teacher:
Jermaine Fletcher

What is Student Success?

A support system to help students successfully meet diploma requirements, graduate from high school and reach their post-secondary goals

These students fit the profile for Student Success IF:

- They are performing at level 1 or below, attendance concerns, etc.
- They are currently being supported without an IEP

* Consider taking **GLS 101 – Learning Strategies** course that supports them as they transition into high school expectations. Teacher Recommended ONLY.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Pat Yurincich – Department Head



Allie Laforet



Rob Ponte



George
Zicarelli



Elena Schmidt



Jill Campbell

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT

Department Head of Special Education meets with SERTs (Special Education Resource Teachers) from elementary schools to review transition of students with IEPs (Individual Education Plans) to Holy Trinity.

Students who are credit earners are supported by a SERT in high school. Lifeskills students are supported in their class by SETs (Special Education Teachers) and EAs (Educational Assistants).

Resource Room where credit-earning students can access technology, SERT support and accommodations like extra time.

GLE course is offered as a substitute for French.

Special Education staff work with students to help them understand their IEP, their learning profiles and most importantly self-advocacy.

**TITAN
S.H.I.E.L.D**

Serving
Helping
Including
Empowering
Leading
Discerning



HT's Mentorship Program

- **HT's SHIELD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:**
- **OVER 95 SENIOR STUDENTS LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR FUTURE HT STUDENT**
- **EACH GRADE 9 STUDENT WILL BE MATCHED UP WITH A GRADE 11 MENTOR AND THAT STUDENT WILL BE A RESOURCE FOR THE YEAR**
- **GRADE 9's HAVE THEIR LOCKER NEAR THEIR MENTOR**
- **THIS OLDER STUDENT IS THERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, HELP WITH TRANSITION, AND WILL PLAN EVENTS WITH THEIR GRADE 9 STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**
- **RATIO: 1 MENTOR: 6-10 GRADE 9's**
- **WE ALSO HAVE GRADE 12 TRAILBLAZERS WHO OVERSEE THE MENTORS**
- **THEY WEAR SHIRTS THAT IDENTIFY THEM AND CAN ALSO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR NEW STUDENTS.**



THE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS FOR HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE:

St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Elementary School

St. Marguerite Catholic Elementary School

St. Michael Catholic Elementary School

Holy Family Catholic Elementary School

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Elementary School



SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS OFFERED AT HOLY TRINITY CSS:



- **PRE-AP / ADVANCED PLACEMENT** IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE HIGH ACADEMIC STANDING IN GRADES 7 & 8.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE ATTEND OUR **AP INFORMATION NIGHT**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH AT 6:30PM

HOLY TRINITY CAFETERIA

EXTENDED FRENCH AT HOLY TRINITY

- **EXTENDED FRENCH** IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. STUDENTS WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING COURSES EACH YEAR
 - GRADE 9: GEOGRAPHY & EXTENDED FRENCH (FEF1D1)
 - GRADE 10: HISTORY & EXTENDED FRENCH (FEF 2D1)
 - GRADE 11: RELIGION & EXTENDED FRENCH (FEF 3U1)
 - GRADE 12: EXTENDED FRENCH (FEF 4U1)
- AND RECEIVE AN EXTENDED FRENCH CERTIFICATE WHEN THEY GRADUATE.



SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMAT

STRUCTURE OF THE DAY:

- WE ARE A SEMESTERED SCHOOL WHERE STUDENTS CARRY 4 COURSES FROM SEPTEMBER UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY, THEN CARRY ANOTHER 4 SUBJECTS FROM FEBRUARY UNTIL JUNE
 - 8 COURSES TOTAL PER YER
- WE ARE A UNIFORM SCHOOL
- 8:20AM – 2:30PM

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA (30 CREDITS OVER 4 YEARS)

- 1 COURSE = 1 CREDIT
- 18 COMPULSORY CREDITS (MATH, ENGLISH, SCIENCE, ETC.)
- 12 ELECTIVE CREDITS (PHYS ED, BUSINESS, ART, TECH, ETC.)
- 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
- SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE GRADE 10 LITERACY TEST (GOVERNMENT MANDATED)
- COMPLETION OF TWO ONLINE COURSES

ACADEMIC PLANNER

	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Course 1	Religion	Religion	Religion	Religion
2	English	English	English	English
3	Math	Math	Math	<i>ELECTIVE</i>
4	Science	Science	<i>ELECTIVE</i>	<i>ELECTIVE</i>
5	French	Civics / Careers	<i>ELECTIVE</i>	<i>ELECTIVE</i>
6	Geography	History	<i>ELECTIVE</i>	<i>ELECTIVE</i>
7	<i>ELECTIVE</i>	<i>ELECTIVE</i>	<i>ELECTIVE</i>	SPARE
8	<i>ELECTIVE</i>	<i>ELECTIVE</i>	<i>ELECTIVE</i>	SPARE
TOTAL	8	8	8	6-8
Grand TOTAL	8	16	24	30-32

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS 40 HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

- ENCOURAGES CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMON VALUES
- HELPS STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO HELP OTHERS WHO MAY BE VULNERABLE AND LESS FORTUNATE
- HT PROVIDES POSSIBLE LINKS TO PLACEMENTS, BUT STUDENTS FIND THEIR OWN COMMUNITY OUTLET AND COMPLETE HOURS INDEPENDENTLY
- HOURS MUST BE DOCUMENTED AND A LETTER MUST BE PROVIDED TO GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS – CHECKLIST ON HT WEBSITE
- STUDENTS MAY BEGIN THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS JULY 1, 2024.



OPTION SHEET INFORMATION



**FAMILY OF SCHOOLS: STUDENTS WILL BE
COMPLETING COURSE SELECTION
THROUGH MYBLUEPRINT**

**STUDENTS OUTSIDE OUR FAMILY OF
SCHOOLS WILL BE COMPLETING PAPER
COURSE SELECTIONS**

PART A: COMPULSORY COURSES (6)

PART A: Students will be placed in all compulsory courses in Column A. Please select courses from Column B or C if part of special programming in Extended French or Special Education.

Grade 9 Courses	A Course Codes:	B Extended French:	C Locally Developed:
English	ENL1W1		ENG1L1
Math	MTH1W1		MAT1L1
Science	SNC1W1		SNC1L1
Geography	CGC1D1	*CGC1DF	
French	FSF1D1	*FEF1DF	
Religion	HRE1O1		

***Extended French Applicants Please Note:**

1. *Course taught in the Extended French Program.
2. Both CGC1DF and FEF1DF must be selected in order to work towards the Extended French Certificate.
3. FSF1DA (AP French) cannot be substituted for this program.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

ESLA01 ESLB01 ESLC01 ESLD01 HRE 1OS (Religion)

(ESL course(s) to prepare for success in future ENG courses)

Grade 9 Compulsory Courses (6)

Students **MUST** choose 1 option for each course.
AP Students;
Select Column A to start
(Application Separate)

PART B: ELECTIVE COURSES (2)

**STUDENTS WILL
SELECT TWO
COURSES FROM THE
LIST AND WILL SELECT
TWO ALTERNATES**

PART B: Students must **circle two (2)** elective courses from the following:

HEALTH & PHYS. ED.

PPL1OF (Female)
PPL1OM (Male)
PAL1OS (Soccer)
PAL1OT (Football Male)

ARTS

ADA 101 Drama
AMU 101 Music
AVI 101 Visual Art
NAC 101 Indigenous Art

BUSINESS

BTT1O1 Business Info Tech
BBI1O1 Introduction to Business

SOCIAL SCIENCE

HFN1O1
Food & Nutrition

INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY

TIJ1O1 Integrated Technology

****ALTERNATE SELECTIONS FOR PART B:****

All students must select two (2) alternative electives. These will be used if the first two choices cannot be accommodated.

1. _____ 2. _____

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

- **THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IS \$65.00. FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN A HCDSB SCHOOL, THIS FEE IS TO BE PAID THROUGH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.**
 - **PLEASE ATTACH THE RECEIPT OR RECORD THE RECEIPT NUMBER ON THE MYBLUEPRINT PRINTOUT.**
- **IF YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY ATTEND A SCHOOL WITHIN OUR BOARD, YOU CAN ALSO PAY THIS FEE THROUGH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.**
- **THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE HELPS PAY FOR THINGS SUCH AS:**
 - **STUDENT AGENDA / LOCK**
 - **ACADEMIC AWARDS**
 - **SCHOOL YEARBOOK**
 - **STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
 - **GUEST SPEAKERS**
 - **SPECIAL STUDENT EVENTS**
 - **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **EARLY NOVEMBER:** NEW ONLINE REGISTRATIONS FROM OUTSIDE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS IS AVAILABLE
- **DECEMBER 8TH:** ALL COURSE SELECTIONS / REG PACKAGES ARE DUE TO HOLY TRINITY
- **DECEMBER 8TH:** AP ONLINE APPLICATIONS CLOSE (MIDNIGHT)
- **SPRING 2024:** SHIELD MENTOR PREFERENCE FORMS ARE SENT OUT TO FAMILIES VIA EMAIL
- **MONDAY JUNE 3RD:** "NOW YOU ARE A TITAN" EVENT AT HT – COMMUNICATION WILL BE SENT TO FAMILIES





Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School

Extra Curricular Activities

Clubs: Arts

Art Club
Trinity Live Arts
Trinity Tones
HT Drumline
HT Jazz Ensemble
Symphonic Band

Clubs: General

Amnesty International
A/V Tech Crew
Baking Club
Best Buddies
Book Club
Chess Club
Debating Club
EmpowHER -LeadHERship at HT
HTD&P (Development and Peace)
Environmental Club
Fast For Action
French Club
GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
Mock Trial
Outdoors Club
Reach
Robotics
Science Club
Titans for Life
Yearbook

Events & Activities Committees

Arts Festival
Christmas Assembly
School Liturgies

Competitions & Contests

Chemistry Contest
Computer Contests
DECA Business Competitions
Junior Achievement Investment Strategies Competition
Halton Technological Skills Competition
Ontario Technological Skills Competition
Skills Canada Competition
Mathematics Club & Contests
Ontario Business Educators' Association Contests
Physics Contests

Councils & Committees

Athletic Council
TITAN S.H.I.E.L.D. Mentoring & Leadership Program
Student Athletic Council
Student Council
S.T.A.R: Trinity Arts Council
Titan VIBESSS

Sports

Badminton
Baseball—Boys
Basketball—Boys
Basketball—Girls
Cross-Country Team
Curling
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Hockey-Boys
Hockey-Girls
Lacrosse—Boys
Lacrosse—Girls
Rugby Boys
Rugby Girls
Ski & Snowboard
Soccer – Boys
Soccer –Girls
Softball
Swimming
Tennis Team
Touch Football—Girls
Track & Field
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball – Boys
Volleyball– Girls

GENERAL INFORMATION

School bus information is available at:

- haltonbus.ca
- you will need your child's OEN number

School uniform information:

- 202 Oak Walk Drive Unit K1-1
- 416-593-6900

Please note, all calls are answered by our centralized Customer Service department.

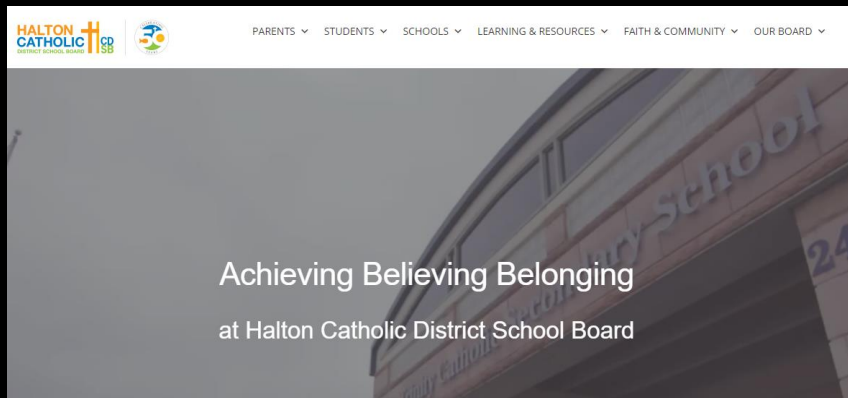


How to stay CONNECTED...



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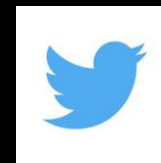
<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/holytrinity/>



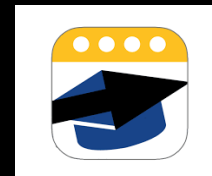
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www.hcdsb.org



INSTAGRAM:
[@HolyTrinityOak](https://www.instagram.com/HolyTrinityOak)



TWITTER:
[@holytrinityoak](https://twitter.com/holytrinityoak)



My School Day App



QUESTIONS?

Option Sheet / Course Selection = Ms. Latimer
Latimerr@hcdsb.org

**All other questions can be answered by our
VPs**

Mr. Wojtek Kubicki (AP Coordinator)

Kubickiw@hcdsb.org

Mrs. Jennifer Peer

Peerj@hcdsb.org