



Welcome back to  
returning  
students and a  
special  
welcome to students  
new to  
our school  
community





# MS. DRAKEFORD, CHAPLAIN

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul said: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour...Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer". (Rom 12:9-12)

Dear God, thank you for this new school year at HT! We pray for your blessing upon each of us. May this school year be filled with academic and spiritual growth. May we be willing to help one another. Help us to come to know you better and to follow the example of love that you share with us each day. Give us the strength and love to be a community that makes that same love known here at school and in our lives outside this building. May this school year be one of great peace and joy for our HT family. Love of Jesus fill us, Holy Spirit guide us, will of the Father be done.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.





# YOUR ADMIN TEAM

- ▶ Principal: Ms. Castellarin
- ▶ Vice Principal (A-F): Mr. Laurin
- ▶ Vice Principal: (G-N): Mr. Silvello
- ▶ Vice Principal (O-Z): Mrs. Peer



**“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**



# ATTENDANCE AND LATES

- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Lates
- ▶ Parents calling in
- ▶ Sign in/out
- ▶ Truancies / Unexplained Absences
- ▶ Vacations





# UNIFORM AND CIVVIES

- Clothing must always be appropriate and reflective of the Holy Trinity values
- Only McCarthy's or ISW items are allowed.
- Uniform shirts must be worn under the uniform v-neck sweater
- No long sleeve shirts under short sleeve uniform
- Plain white shirts only under uniform shirts
- 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**
- **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





# 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
- Nicotine pouches carry same consequences
- No e-cigarettes/ vapes are allowed in the building or on school property.







# VISITORS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

No visitors should  
be on school  
property during  
the day



# EMERGENCY DRILLS AND LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES



- Three Fire Drills, 1 Lockdown Drill, and 1 Bomb Threat Evacuation Drill per Semester
- Take all drills seriously.
- 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





# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE/ PLAGIARISM/ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- **ChatGPT** and other Artificial Intelligence robots used to write documents and solving problems is strictly prohibited.
- You must use your original own words, your own ideas, your own writing.
- EVERYTHING YOU SUBMIT MUST BE ENTIRELY WRITTEN BY YOU UNLESS PROPERLY CITED
- Teachers will be using AI detection programs to check your work against these programs.





# CARS AND PARKING

- Students driving must have a **2025/2026 parking pass** clearly displayed.
- Parking permits can be received in the main office
- 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



- Student Parking
- Teacher Parking



**PARKING**





# E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS



Ontario regulations state that e-bikes and e-scooters cannot be rode on sidewalks or any walkway, and this includes walkways at Holy Trinity.

Students must be 16 years old and wear a helmet.

E-bikes/E-Scooters must be locked up when at school.

Please be SAFE when riding/driving these!





# 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.
- Please be respectful while at River Oaks Community Centre.





# 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!
- 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
  - **Please do not put stickers or write inside the lockers!**



# HALLWAYS AND BATHROOMS

- Students should not be gathering in the halls or bathrooms during class time.
- If students are asked to leave the hallway or bathroom by any adult in the school (ex. teacher, commissionaire or custodian etc.), they must do so.
- The expectation is that students will access their lockers during the first and last five minutes of the lunch period only.
- Hallways are **OFF LIMITS** on the second and third floors during both Lunch periods.
- 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



# ELEVATORS

- Elevator may only be used if student has an elevator pass issued at the office by a Vice-Principal
- Students with permission to use the elevator cannot extend that permission to others. A student with an elevator pass can bring one student with them into the elevator to help with carrying belongings.
- The elevator cannot be used in the event of a fire alarm.







# 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





# ELECTRONICS IN CLASSROOMS

▶ Student use of personal mobile devices during instructional time is not permitted, except under the following circumstances:

- ▶ for educational purposes only, as directed by an educator
- ▶ for health and medical purposes
- ▶ to support special education needs

▶ Students are required store personal mobile devices out of view and powered off or set to silent mode during instructional time, unless their use is explicitly permitted by the educator (eg in phone holder)

▶ Students are not permitted to access their phones at any point during instructional time (including washroom breaks, etc)

▶ Students are required to hand in device to teacher when requested

▶ Progressive discipline will be applied to infractions

▶ Access is restricted to all social media platforms on school networks

**Personal Mobile Device** is defined as any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the Internet, (such as a cellphone, tablet, laptop or smartwatch).

**Social Media** refers to the use of web-based technologies (websites/blogs, platforms and/or applications) that enable users to communicate and share information online.



# 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."

**INTEGRITY**

# 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 consequence, 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!



# STAY INFORMED

- Instagram - @holytrinityoak; @ht\_principal
- Website – [secondary.hcdsb.org/holytrinity](https://secondary.hcdsb.org/holytrinity)







THANK YOU!

