



# Holy Trinity CSS

## Catholic School Council Minutes

### Oct. 7, 2025 @ 6:30pm

- Welcome Teresa Castellarin
- Honouring the Land [HCDSB's Honouring the Land](#)
- Opening Prayer Tina Drakeford
- Chaplain Items:
  - a. Available to everyone
  - b. Ms. Drakeford is available and support everyone
  - c. First school liturgy- celebrated creation
  - d. Clubs- run by students (student voice)
    - i. Chaplaincy leader
    - ii. Tuesday Bible studies
    - iii. Thursday Brothers in Christ
    - iv. Sisters of Serenity date tbd
  - e. 9 student leaders- Oct 23- conference- speakers.
    - i. Find ways to bring it back to HT
  - f. Grade 9 retreat. Off-site to Mary Mother of God
    - i. Focus: Build each other up. Rooted in faith. How to come together to build community.
  - g. Teresa reminded Parents/Guardians to please encourage students to attend liturgy. We should not be signing students out. We respect all faiths and are an inclusive and welcoming school, but we are still a Catholic faith-based school which is core to our foundation and philosophy.
- School Council duties: Teresa Castellarin
  - a. Selection of:
    - i. Co-chairs:
      - 1. Marcia Sam
      - 2. Marguerite Murad
    - ii. OAPCE Rep (Ont. Ass. of Parents in Catholic Education):
      - 1. Anu Malhi
    - iii. Parish Reps:
      - 1. Mary Mother: Marion Bastiampillai
      - 2. St. Michael:
        - a. Aloka Fernades
        - b. Frances Bosco-Latincic
      - 3. St. Joseph
      - 4. Holy Trinity
        - a. Aisha Beeai
    - iv. Treasurer:
      - 1. Snah Lata
    - v. Secretary:
      - 1. Cameron Smith
    - vi. Fundraiser:
      - 1. Jaclyn Sanderson
      - 2. Sorina Dragan
    - vii. Community Rep – Margie Grier



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- b. Review of Catholic School Council Role & Code of Ethics
  - i. Role of a school council member is to bring the view from parents' perspective. Council is a whole school approach and we focus on the entire school community, not individual situations.
  - ii. Teresa asked all council members to review the by-laws; we will revisit them at meeting in November.
  - iii. Please review appendices - duties and advocacy
  - iv. We respect everyone but still a faith-based school
  - v. Each role's responsibilities is outlined, please review

- Principal's Talk

Teresa Castellarin

- a. Proposed Meeting Dates
  - i. Tues. Nov. 4
  - ii. Tues. January 13<sup>th</sup> (Teams)
  - iii. Tues. Feb. 3
  - iv. Tues. March 31
  - v. Tues. May 5
  - vi. Tues. June 2 (social)
- b. HCDSB Council of Chair Meetings
  - i. Wed. Oct. 22 @ St. FX
  - ii. Wed. Feb. 11 @ HT
  - iii. Wed. May 20 @ Kateria
- c. Administrivia Update:
  - i. Building Relationships
    - HRPS in to talk to Council Executive vote: regarding HRPS vote-
    - Opportunity to meet our liaison officer and understand their role.
    - If you have any concerns, **please email or speak with Teresa directly**
    - Police come in to school when assisting with an incident, but they do not have access to hallways as a general rule, they can't roam through hallways
  - ii. E-scooter/bike Update
    - 1. Teresa has made it a focus to have clear expectations around this. There has been clear and consistent communication with students and parents/guardians. There was a general positive response from Council
    - 2. Students must get off e-scooters/bikes, bikes as soon as on school property
    - 3. reviewed Oakville by-laws/regulations
    - 4. Teresa also concerned with the lack of helmets
    - 5. Discussed that e-scooters/bikes are motorized vehicles that can go up to 40 km/hour
    - 6. Our goal is awareness...not banning them.
  - iii. Gr. 8 Information + Parent Engagement Night
    - 1. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Overview of the evening
      - a. Atrium and the gym – extra-curriculars in the Atrium and departments in the gym.
      - b. This is an evening that illustrates and showcases our school, not necessarily an opportunity to meet individual teachers.
      - c. Interviews are October 23 and that is individual feedback
  - iv. Graduation Update
    - 1. Wed. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Grad Mass & Bbq
    - 2. Fri. June 19<sup>th</sup> Prom
    - 3. Tues. June 23<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony



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#### v. Financial Update

- 841 paid student activity fee. Goal 65%.
- Fundraising- we need to look at some new ideas
- Fall donation or clubs and teams or do you want to leave that for the Spring?
  - Spring was kind of late last year, so the preference is Fall
    - Make decisions in November – **Form sent to staff!**
- Fundraising- application put out to teachers who oversee clubs and teams to apply for funds from school community
  - Clubs do not receive funds as part of a team fee, so this is a way to provide some funds for their initiatives
  - HT Cares- staff make a donation to dress down Friday and this supports families and students in need

#### Final Details

- Calendar of activities and events
- Explained Titans' table: BSU, GSA, LASA, School Council etc. all come together to plan what will be planned for the next month
  - Shared update from School Council
  - New expectation is that an event must have 75 participants to run an event

#### Questions

- Feedback: grade 9 dance went really well! Appreciated the neon theme means that they don't need to buy new clothes (i.e. dresses) for the dance
- Retreat on October 14<sup>th</sup>- is it all day? Period 2 to end of 3B. Permission form is required.
  - Teresa will send home an email for retreat. **Done**
  - What is the retreat? Teaching mass, games, trivia, work through how we are called to community and pizza!
  - All grade 9s participate. Community building, centred around faith. Core to what we do as a school. Faith components but also elements of bringing them together.
- Take Your Kids to Work day - will there be more information? Info will be coming next week!
- Which movie will be showcased? Think it's Moana. Last year Coco. Atrium activities and the movie.
  - **Popcorn is being provided!**
- Garbage on the student routes- Teresa mentioned we will remind students again. Please contact the town as well about garbage cans. We are also adding more bins because as population increases, we naturally have more garbage. **Announcement was made Wednesday morning.**
- Asked how many grade 9s: approximately 460 students. About the average for each grade.
- Questions/Comments emailed: castellarint@hcdsb.org
- Next Meeting Date & Adjournment: Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

## September & October 2024 Important Dates:

- Staff Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Catholic Parent Council – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm (5 meetings)
- Titans Table & Safe Schools Team meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Department Head meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Civvies Day – last Thursday of each month

September 2025	
Monday Sept. 1, 2025	Labour Day (Statutory Holiday)
Tuesday Sept. 2	<b>PA DAY</b>
Wednesday Sept. 3	<b>First day of school</b>



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September 9,10	Grade level assemblies
Tuesday Sept. 16	Tribal Vision Dance period 1 & 2 in the Theatre
Wednesday Sept. 17	PICTURE DAY – Gym “C” Baseball Team at Milton community park
Thurs. Sept. 18	HT Black & Gold Spirit Wear Day Senior Football Team vs Assumption at 12:00 pm Golf Team in Hamilton Robotics Team – new member meeting in the Theatre 2:40 pm
Sept. 22	Baseball team HT - vs St. Kateri 3:00 pm Milton community park
Friday Sept. 23	Club Fair during period 3 in the gym Golf Team in Hamilton
Wednesday Sept. 24	Senior Sunrise – for Grade 12 students 6:45 am Post Secondary Pathways presentation (grade 12) period 3A Theatre
Thursday Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	CIVVIES DAY Post Secondary Pathways presentation (grade 12) period 3A Theatre Grade 9 Dance – organized by SHIELD (Relay for Life fundraiser)
Friday Sept. 26	Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament @ STA
Sept. 29 to Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Food Drive in the Atrium
Tuesday Sept. 30	DECA workshop in Woodbridge <b>ORANGE SHIRT DAY honoring Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b>
<b>October 2025</b>	
Wednesday October 1	Liturgy – Period 1 in the gym University Fair in the Atrium 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Picture re-take day 8:00 am to 11:00 am in the library Cross Country team at Bronte Creek Hosting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Soccer Tournament on the field
Thursday October 2	College Fair in the Atrium 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm Trivia Night (Cafeteria) 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (run by student council)
Friday October 3	Hosting Jr. Girls Basketball tournament Sr. Girls Basketball tournament at StA Volleyball tournament at Frank Hayden Cross Country team at Erindale Park
Monday October 6	Guest Speaker Paul Davis 9:20 am for grade 9 students in the gym
Tuesday October 7	Golf Team at Pipers Heath Staff Meeting 2:40 pm in the Theatre Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm
Thurs. October 9	Phys Ed classes guest speaker (on the field) Grade 8 Information Night & Open House 6:00-6:25 pm grade 8's arrive, Presentation in the cafeteria 6:30 -7:30 pm Open House 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Gym
Friday October 10	<b>PA DAY (FAITH DAY)</b>
Monday October 13	<b>Thanksgiving Day (Statutory Holiday)</b>
Tuesday October 14	Titans Table meeting
Tuesday October 14	Grade 9 retreat at Mary Mother of God parish
Wednesday October 15	SHSM Business trip to Toronto Progress Reports distributed electronically LASA hosting Movie Night in the Theatre 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm



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Thursday October 16	Team & Club Photo Day - period 1 AP Information Night 6:00 – 6:25 pm arrival, Presentation in the Cafeteria 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tuesday October 21	Picture re-take day 8:00 am to 11:00 am in the library Cross Country team at Bronte Creek Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament at ND Department Head meeting
Wednesday October 22	Hosting Elementary Volleyball Tournament Jr. Girls Basketball game at CtK at 1:30 pm
Thursday October 23	Walk with Wenjack – period 1 and 2 on the field Anthropology class trip HSP 3U Tech Courses (grade 10 to 12) trip to Toronto <b>Parent/Teacher Interviews 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (gyms &amp; cafeteria)</b>
Tuesday Oct. 28	SHSM Reach Ahead activity
Wed. Oct. 29	SHSM workshop in the library
Thursday Oct. 30	CIVVIES DAY – or tomorrow for Halloween?
Friday October 31	Halloween pumpkin carving and costume contest (run by student council) Haunted House (run by SAC)