

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School



Transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9

Highschool Format

- Students take 8 courses per year
- We are a semestered school
 - Semester 1: September to January (4 courses)
 - Semester 2: February to June (4 courses)
- Student have 4 classes a day (75 minutes each)
- Each day includes a 75-minute lunch period
- Exam/culminating activity take place at the end of each semester
- The school day runs from 8:00am – 2:35pm
- Holy Trinity is a uniform school (McCarthy Uniforms)



What do I need to Graduate?



30 CREDITS IN TOTAL + **40** HOURS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT +  ONTARIO LITERACY REQUIREMENT +  **2** ONLINE LEARNING CREDITS +  FINANCIAL LITERACY REQUIREMENT

✓ 17 Compulsory Credits
4 English (1 credit per grade) *
3 Mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10, and 1 credit in either Grade 11 or 12)
2 Science
1 Canadian History (Grade 10)
1 Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
1 Arts**
1 Health & Physical Education
1 French as a Second Language ***
1 Technological Education Credit (Grade 9 or 10)
0.5 Career Studies
0.5 Civics
1 credit from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Related Course Group: • Business Studies • Computer Studies • Cooperative Education • Mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory required) • Science (in addition to the 2 compulsory required) • Technological Education (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit required)
13 Optional Credits (May include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit programs.)
Online Learning Credits (minimum 2 credits) ****
40 hours of Community Involvement
Provincial Literacy Requirement - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)
Provincial Financial Literacy Requirement - Commencing September 2026*****

What Students need to Graduate

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Requirements



Graduation Requirements



To earn your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), students must successfully complete:

- 30 credits:
 - 17 compulsory courses
 - 13 elective courses
- 40 hours of Community Service
- Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test and Financial Literacy Requirement
- 2 online learning classes (or completion of the opt-out form)



Secondary Diploma Requirements

Compulsory Credits (17)

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 & Grade 11)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in technological education (Grade 9 or Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9)
- 1 credit in the arts
- 1 credit in health and physical education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics and citizenship
- 1 credit from the [STEM-related course group](#)

Optional credits (13)

You must earn 13 optional credits by successfully completing courses from your school's program and course calendar.

STEM-related course group

Of the 17 compulsory credits, you must complete 1 from the following group:

- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education
- **Mathematics** (in addition to the 3 compulsory credits currently required)
- **Science** (in addition to the 2 compulsory credits currently required)
- **Technological Education** (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit required)



Community Service Hours



- 40 Hours by Grade 12 to be able to graduate
- Must be a non-profit organization (i.e. Salvation Army, Town of Oakville)
- HT offers placement suggestions but student independently secure and complete their own community service hours.
- Hours must be properly documented. Information on how to complete and submit hours is available on the HT website.
- Students may begin community involvement on July 1, 2026



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- Written in Grade 10
- Based on expectations up to and including Grade 9
- If a student is unable to meet standards in first attempt, they will either:
 - * take the test again in Grade 11
 - * be directed to complete the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC4O1)



Financial Literacy Requirement

- All students must complete a Financial Literacy component in Grade 10 Math
- Students must achieve 70% or higher on this component to meet the graduation requirement



Two Mandatory E-Learning Courses

- Students are required to complete two e-Learning courses to graduate.
- A student can OPT out of taking the two e-Learning courses by indicating this on their myBlueprint account when selecting their courses in grade 11 or by completing the opt-out form
- A student's graduation status will not be affected if they opt-out of the eLearning requirement



Grade



EARN YOUR CREDITS & GRADUATE!



Above 50% in a course
YOU PASS! =
= 1 CREDIT!

Credits are **LIKE POINTS!**
You collect them for passing.

9



In Grade 9: Pass all
8 courses = 8 CREDITS!



UNLOCK THE NEXT LEVEL:

ACCUMULATE 30 REQUIRED CREDITS THAT
MEET THE OSSD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
= GRADUATION!



Types of Courses

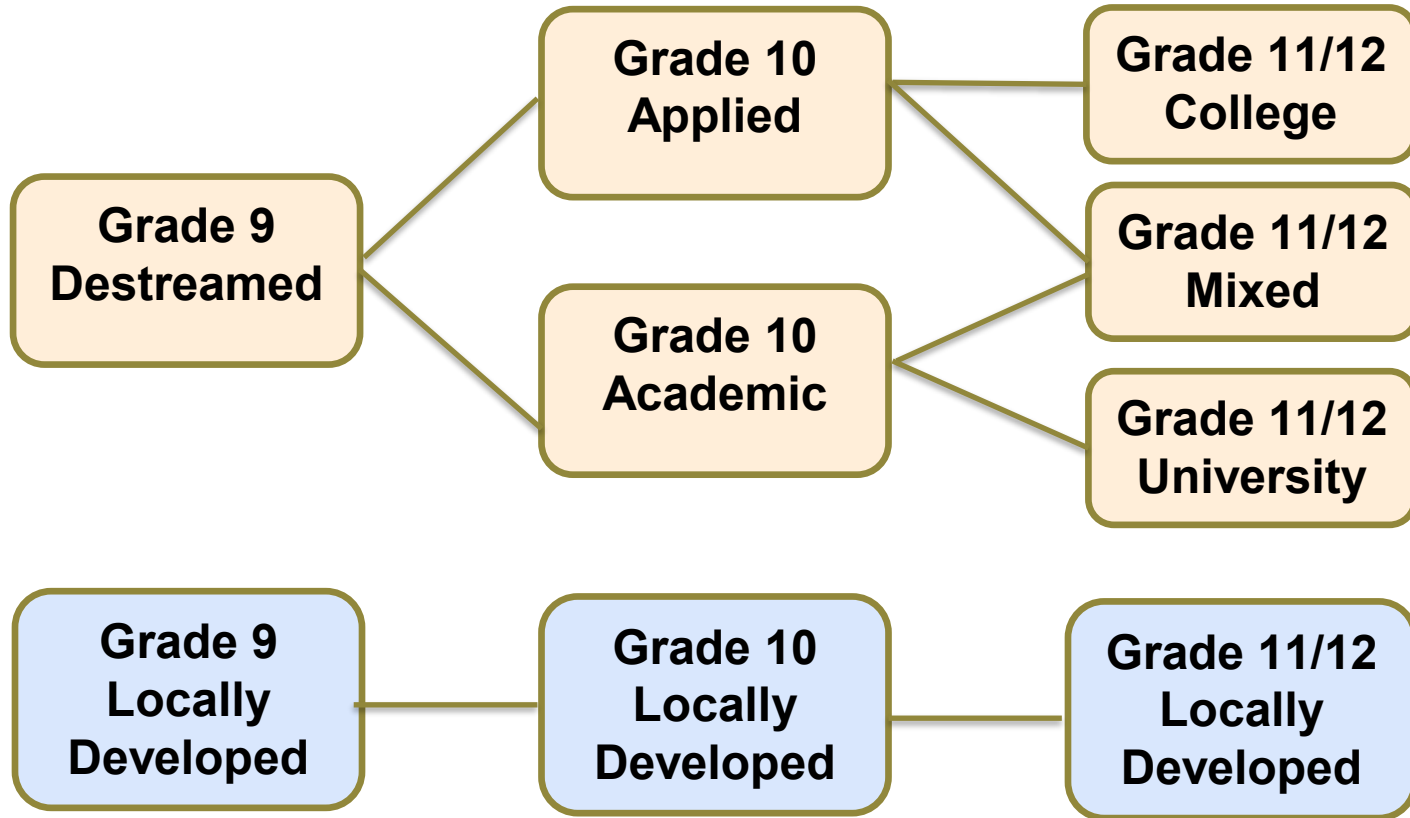
De-streamed (W) - Grade 9 Destreamed courses equip all students with the knowledge, skills and work ethic to be successful in academic or applied courses in grade 10.
("W" Indicates Destreamed) i.e., SNC1W

Locally Developed (L) Developed by HCDSB to meet educational requirements not met by provincial curriculum documents (Grade 9 and 10, Math, Science, English)
("L" Indicates Locally Developed) i.e., SNC1L

Open (O) These courses have one set of learning expectations. Students in all levels are able to take these courses
("O" Indicates Open) i.e., AMU1O, TFJ1O



Courses Types



Decoding a Course Code: ENL1W1

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These three letters identify the subject. The first letter in the course code denotes the course's department area:

A = Arts

H = Social Sciences and Humanities

C = Canadian & World Studies

G = Guidance & Career Education

B = Business

M = Mathematics

E = English

P = Physical Education

F = French

T = Technology

N



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The number grade identifies the GRADE:

1 = Grade 9 2 = Grade 10 3 = Grade 11 4 = Grade 12

W



The letter identifies the course type/level:

D = Academic P = Applied L = Locally Developed O = Open W = De-steamed

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The number identifies how the course is delivered:

1 = Regular Day



Grade 9 Compulsory Courses

Grade 9 students will take the following courses:

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Religion | HRE1O1 |
| 2. Mathematics | MTH1W1 |
| 3. Science | SNC1W1 |
| 4. English | ENL1W1 |
| 5. Geography | CGC1W1 |
| 6. French | FSF1D1 |

*Students working on modified curriculum may choose locally developed courses in consultation with their SERT.



Grade 9 Elective Courses

Grade 9 students will select two elective courses from the following:

Course Name	Course Code	Subject Area
Drama	ADA1O1	Arts
Music	AMU1O1	Arts
Visual Art	AVI1O1	Arts
Expressions of Aboriginal Cultures	NAC1O1	Arts
Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset	BEM1O1	Business
Fun Fit	PAF1O1	Health & Physical Education
Healthy Active Living - Female	PPL1OF	Health & Physical Education
Healthy Active Living - Male	PPL1OM	Health & Physical Education
Soccer Focused Phys. Ed.	PAL1OS	Health & Physical Education
Football Focused Phys. Ed.	PAL1OT	Health & Physical Education
Hospitality and Tourism	TFJ1O1	Technological Education
Computers and Technology	TGJ1O1	Technological Education
Hairstyling and Aesthetics	TXJ1O1	Technological Education

**Students must also select two (2) alternative electives.*

These will be used if the first two choices cannot be accommodated



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- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics and citizenship
- 1 credit from the STEM-related course group

6 Compulsory Credits in Grade 9 + 2 Elective Credits

TIP – When choosing your elective credits, you can also choose courses that satisfy the compulsory credits to graduate (gym, tech, arts)

Optional credits (13)

You must earn 13 optional credits by successfully completing courses from your school's program and course calendar.



Academic Planning

Course	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
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	Geography	History	<i>elective</i>	<i>elective</i>
6	French	Civics/Career Studies	<i>elective</i>	<i>elective</i>
7	<i>elective</i>	<i>elective</i>	<i>elective</i>	<i>elective or spare</i>
8	<i>elective</i>	<i>elective</i>	<i>elective</i>	<i>elective or spare</i>
Year Total:	8	8	8	6-8
Grand Total:	8	16	24	30-32

Specialty Programs Offered at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity offers two specialty programs for grade 9 students:

Extended French is available to students who successfully completed an Extended French program in grades 5-8

Advanced Placement is available to students who achieved high academic standing in grades 7 and 8 in Math, French, Science, English or Canadian and World Studies.

EXTENDED FRENCH

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- If you are taking Extended French you must select both of these courses in Grade 9:
CGC1WF (Extended French Geography)
FEF1DF (Extended French)
- Students in this program continue to develop French Language skills by taking one course in Extended each year along with one additional subject taught in French
Grade 9: Geography & Extended French
Grade 10: History & Extended French
Grade 11: Religion & Extended French
Grade 12: Extended French
- Upon completing a minimum of four Extended French courses and 3 additional subjects taught in French (total of 7 courses), students will receive an Extended French Certificate at graduation.

PRE-AP & ADVANCED PLACEMENT



Advanced Placement at Holy Trinity

- Grade 9 AP Prep Courses (can choose 1 or more):

English ([ENL1WA](#))

French ([FSF1DA](#)) - Not recommended for Ext. FSF Program

Geography ([CGC1WA](#))

Mathematics ([MTH1WA](#))

Science ([SNC1WA](#))

If you are interested in applying for our AP Program, you will select regular destreamed courses on MyBlueprint (After you apply and get accepted into the program, counsellors will manually add the AP course you were approved for)

PRE-AP & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Holy Trinity AP Prep Application



- Application opens November 10th (HT website)
- **Application closes December 12th**
- Must submit Grade 7 final report card as a PDF file
- Upon acceptance, we will contact your parent/guardian to finalize registration, courses & AP fee (non-refundable \$150) (Jan-Feb 2026)
- Students must select de-streamed courses in myBlueprint by December 12th, your courses will be changed over to reflect Pre-AP courses.
- **AP courses will not show up on myBlueprint**
- If in AP, you will see the AP prep courses on your timetable ("A" sixth character of course code)
- Consider your reasons for choosing AP courses very carefully, you may not be able to change to destreamed in your Grade 9 year!

Holy Trinity Registration Information



Family Of School Students

(Holy Family • Our Lady of Peace • St. Andrew
• St. Cecilia • St. Marguerite • St. Michael)

- Course selection for grade 8 students will be completed through myBlueprint
- Once you submit courses, you will enter a parent/guardian email address for parents/guardians to approve these selections
- MyBlueprint will open November 10th, 2025

Course Selection

- ☐ Course Selection: myBlueprint
- ☐ 8 courses: 6 compulsory + 2 electives
- ☐ Select **two** alternate electives
- ☐ \$65.00 activity fee
- ☐ Courses need to be entered into myBlueprint, submitted and activity fee paid by **December 12th 2025**

We cannot accommodate student or parent requests for specific course times (morning/afternoon or semester), teachers, to be with a friend or to have a particular lunch.

myBlueprint





www.myBlueprint.ca

Course Selection Instructions

Course selection must be completed by **December 12th, 2025**

See our school website under Grade 8 Information and
Registration for myBlueprint Instructions.

Go to www.myblueprint.ca and login.



Welcome Back

Username/Email

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

Log In

Use your email address
and password to log in.

- After you log on, please go to your High School Planner and ensure that your next school indicator says Holy Trinity – See Below
- If your Next School Indicator is NOT correct, please let Mrs. Howatt know ASAP so it can be corrected.

High School

[Plan](#) Courses

 Holy Trinity Secondary School

Currently planning for Holy Trinity Secondary School 

How to Submit Course Selections



myBlueprint

Education Planner (7-12)

Student Submission Process

Click on the "High School" link.

- Home
- Who Am I
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- Work
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grade 9 plan

View Plans

Grade 9 Plan Ahead	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
English	English		English
Mathematics			Religion
Science	Science		Course
Français	History		Course
Geography	Course	Course	Course
Religion	Civics	Course	Course
Course	Careers	Course	Course
Course	Religion	Course	Course
	Course		

This indicates that your course selections have not been submitted.

Graduation Indicator

0/30
REQUIRED CREDITS

0 Planned 0 Earned 0 Total

View Progress

Regional Programs

Explore OYAP, SHSM, Dual Credit and STC Programs

Learn More

Pathway Eligibility

Enter your courses here!



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Grade 9 Next Year	Grade 10 Plan Ahead	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
+ English	+ English	+ English	+ English
+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Religion
+ Science	+ Science	+ Religion	+ Course
+ Français	+ History	+ Course	+ Course
+ Geography	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Religion	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
Alternates	+ Course		
+ Alternate			

Elective Credits

Alternates



Home

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Grade 9 Next Year	Grade 10 Plan Ahead	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead	
+ English	To select a course, click on the text.		+ English	+
+ Mathematics			+ Religion	
+ Science	+ Science	+ Religion	+ Course	
+ Français	+ History	+ Course	+ Course	
+ Geography	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	
+ Religion	+ Civics	+ Course	+ Course	
+ Course	+ Careers	+ Course	+ Course	
+ Course	+ Religion	+ Course	+ Course	

Q Search Courses...

Filters

Grade 9

English

8 Results Found

English

English

Grade 9 • ENG1D1 • 1 Credit • Academic

English

Grade 9 • ENG1L1 • 1 Credit • Locally Developed

English (Applied)

Grade 9 • ENG1P1 • 1 Credit • Applied

Beginning Communication in English

Grade 9 • ENG1B1 • 1 Credit • Core

Select the course you want to take by double clicking.

Read the course & check to make sure that this is the course you want and in later years to make sure you have the prerequisite.

English

Grade 9 ENG1D1 1 Credit Academic

This course is designed to develop the oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyse literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 academic English course, which leads to university or college preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12. Students considering moving from one destination to another (e.g., applied to academic; academic to applied) are strongly encouraged to take a summer school course to encourage success in the transition.

Course Status

Planned

In-Progress

Completed

Add Course

Click on the "Add Course" button to select the course.

***Make sure to choose courses YOU want – not courses your friends want**

***Be sure to select TWO alternates – JUST IN CASE!**

myBlueprint

Official High School Plan

Grade 9 Grade 10 **Grade 11** Grade 12 Additional

Course Selection is **Not Submitted** Not Returning? Course Selection Guide

1 Step 1 Add Courses **2** Step 2 Review Courses **3** Step 3 Submit Courses **Review Submission**

English English English

Planned 16
Required 24/30
Total Credits 24

View Progress

Once you have completed your course selections, click on the "Review Submission" button

Review Courses

Course Selection is **Not Submitted**

[Not Returning?](#)

[Course Selection Guide](#)

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Step 1
Add Courses

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Step 2
Review Courses

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Step 3
Submit Courses

Submit Course Selections

Review Course Selections

☐	ENG3U1 English	No Issues
☐	MCF3M1 Functions & Applications	No Issues
☐	HRT3M1 World Religions and Belief Traditions: Perspectives, Issues, and Challenges	No Issues
☐	SB13U1 Biology	No Issues
☐	CHW3M1 World History to the End of the Fifteenth Century	No Issues
☐	PAF4OF Female Fun Fit	No Issues
☐	BM13C1 Marketing: Goods, Services, Events	No Issues
☐	TPJ3M1 Exploring Health Care	No Issues
☐	BD13C1 Entrepreneurship: The Venture	No Issues
☐	TGG3M1 Comm. Tech - YEARBOOK	No Issues

If there are no issues, you may click on "Submit Course Selections"

Submission Details

! Print Sign-Off Sheet and return signed copy to your school

✓ Step 1
Add Courses

✓ Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

Send Parent/Guardian
Approval Email



Success

Your course selections have been submitted to your Counsellor for review. Please print the Sign-Off Sheet and return the signed copy to your school.

Note: Speak to your Counsellor to discuss any changes that you wish to make to your Course Selections

[Back to High School](#)

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Holy Trinity Athletics & Clubs



Holy Trinity Extra-Curricular Activities



ATHLETICS

- S.A.C (Student Athletic Council)
- All are welcome!

FALL (Tryouts begin first week of school)

- Cross-Country (Co-Ed)
- Golf (Co-ed)
- Junior/Senior Boys Football
- Junior/Senior Boys Volleyball
- Junior/Senior Girls Basketball
- Junior/Senior Girls Field Hockey

WINTER (Tryouts begin first week of school)

- Curling (Co-Ed)
- Midget/Junior/Senior Boys Basketball
- Midget/Junior/Senior Girls Volleyball
- Swimming (Co-Ed)
- Varsity Girls/Boys Hockey
- Ski & Snowboard Team (Co-Ed)

EARLY SPRING (Tryouts begin Feb)

- Junior/Senior Badminton (7 on 7)
- Junior Boys Hockey
- Boys/Girls Touch Football

SPRING (Tryouts begin Feb through April)

- Boys Baseball
- Girls Softball
- Boys/Girls Field Lacrosse
- Junior/Senior Boys Soccer
- Junior/Senior Girls Soccer
- Track and Field (Co-Ed)
- Junor/Senior Girls Rugby
- Junor/Senior Boys Rugby

ARTS & CLUBS

- S.A.C (Student Athletic Council)
- SHIELD Leadership Program
- Trinity Art Club
- Trinity Tones
- Titan Tonics Robotics Team
- Peer Tutoring
- Best Buddies
- Titan for Life
- DECA Business Club
- Math Help/Homework Club
- Eco Team Environmental Club
- Team Unbreakable Girls Run Club
- Halton Skills Competition
- GSA Group
- LASA- Latin American Student Association
- UASA- United Arab Student Association
- SAU- South Asian Union
- BSU- Black Student Union
- HOSA- Health Occupations Students of America
- Equity & Change
- Concert/Jazz Band
- Tech Crew
- Yearbook Team
- Chess Club
- Weight Room Club
- Student Senate
- Student Council
- Science Research Club
- Baking Club
- Book Club

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Serving

Helping

Including

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Discerning



HT's Mentorship Program

HT's SHIELD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:

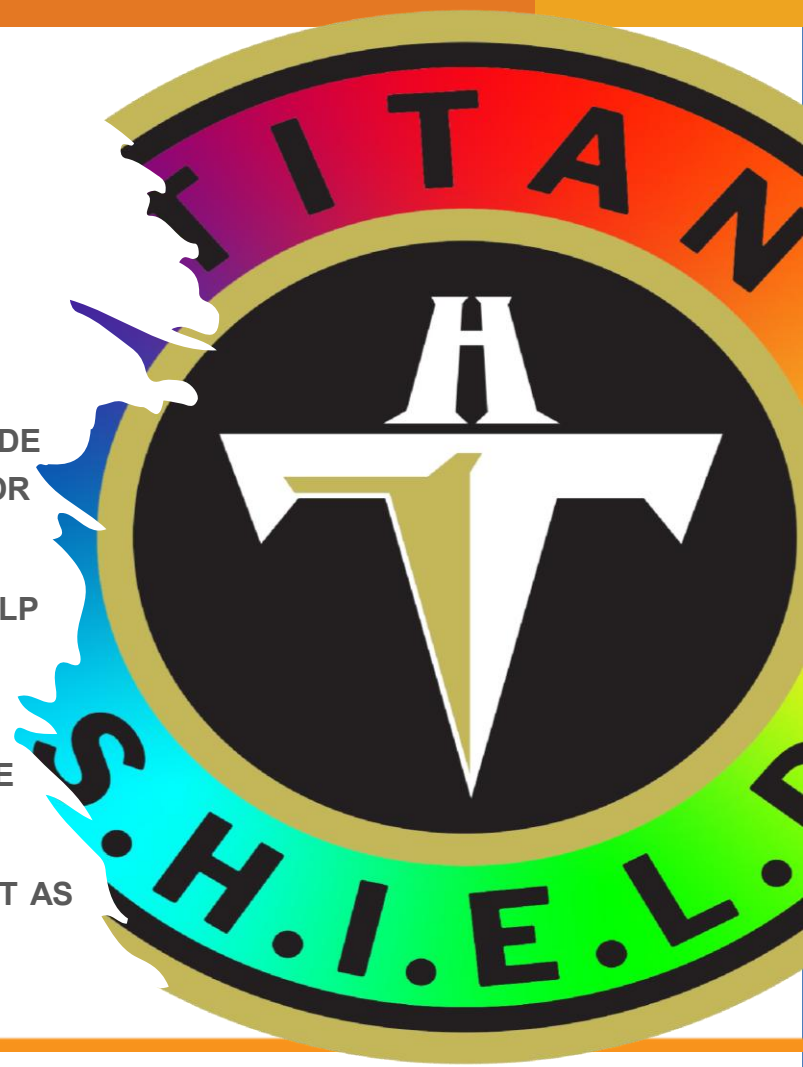
OVER 90 SENIOR STUDENTS LOOKING OUT FOR YOU!

EACH GRADE 9 STUDENT WILL BE MATCHED UP WITH A GRADE 11 MENTOR AND THAT STUDENT WILL BE A RESOURCE FOR THE YEAR

THIS OLDER STUDENT IS THERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, HELP WITH TRANSITION, AND WILL PLAN EVENTS WITH THEIR GRADE 9 STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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.



Student Activity Fee

- The student activity fee for the 2026-2027 school year is \$65.00
- All families are able to pay this fee through [School Cash Online](#)
- The Student Activity Fee is an annual fee that is used to offset costs for school initiatives, materials, and activities such as, but not limited to:
 - *Student Agenda / Lock
 - *Academic Awards
 - *School Yearbook
 - *Student Leadership Opportunities
 - *Guest Speakers
 - *Special Student Events
 - *Co-curricular Activities

Important Dates



November 10th, 2025:

- myBlueprint course selection for HCDSB students will open
- Advanced Placement (AP) online Application opens

December 12th, 2025:

- All Holy Trinity Registration and Course Selections are due for Holy Trinity
- Holy Trinity AP online Application closes (midnight)

June 5th, 2026:

- Now you are a Titan Event
- Communication will be sent to families of all registered future HT Grade 9 students in Spring 2026.

August 2026:

- Grade 9 Orientation Day
- Details will be sent out to families in the spring (typically occurs the last week of August prior to the start of school)

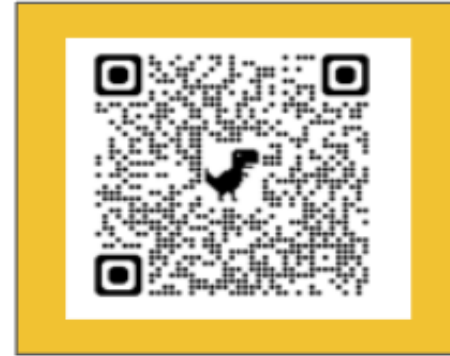
Holy Trinity AP Application

Application due:
December 12th, 2025

Parents/Guardians
notified about AP Offers:
January 23rd, 2026

Holy Trinity Family of Schools

- Holy Family • Our Lady of Peace
- St. Andrew • St. Cecilia
- St. Marguerite • St. Michael



All Registration information also available on Holy Trinity School Website



Action Items



1. MyBlueprint Course Submissions

8 courses: 6 compulsory + 2 electives

Select **two** alternate electives

2. Parent/Guardian Approval Email

3. Pay \$65.00 activity fee – SchoolCashOnline (link on HT website)

Only Completed Applications will be processed!

Remember if you are applying to the AP Program, you must submit your courses on myBlueprint and you must also submit a separate online AP application (found on HT school website) .

Check HT's website: www.holytrinityoakville.ca

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Questions

