HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 2018/19 THEME

Each year the SMCDSB chooses a theme that will be integrated and practiced throughout the school year. We are very excited to announce that this year our theme is, "Called to be our story".

STAFF NEWS - WELCOME & THANK YOU'S

- Welcome to teachers Nicole Arromba, Kathleen Crowley, Tiia Dolson, Elena Roberts, Jessica Gorr, Maggie Moor, Luigi Perricelli, Natalie Rogers and Diego Saccon. Welcome back to Wendy Nielson.
- A special thanks to CSCC for organizing the Used Uniform Sale. It was a huge success. We look forward to having another sale again this year. Thanks to all families who donated to the sale.
- o Many thanks to all our secretarial staff, guidance and custodial staff for getting everything prepared for a smooth school start up. We couldn't have done it without all their hard work and dedication!
- Thank you to our Athletic Council, Bridge Builders and all staff for a very successful Grade 9 Welcome Day!

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE (2018-19)

Student Activity Fees are NOW DUE!! The fees are posted in School-Day (the on-line portal) as Products. Parents are encouraged to pay on-line, but cash payments will be accepted in the Main Office only. In order for students to receive a student card, play sports, go on field trips, participate in school events, etc. this fee must be paid.

This fee of \$40 or \$75(includes yearbook) helps support all the activities at Holy Trinity Catholic beyond the classroom. Last year the fee contributed to such things as field trips, religion retreats, special guest speakers, student agendas, computer print credits, school activities, co-curricular activities, dances and student ID cards. We thank you for your support so that we can continue to offer these opportunities for your child.

STUDENT MEDICATION/ALLERGIES

If your son or daughter is on medication, we are required to keep this information in the office. Permission forms are available in the office, which must be signed by a parent in order for any medication to be administered or consumed during the school day. If your child has a life-threatening condition, such as a bee or food allergy or diabetes, contact the office so that an Individual Emergency Plan can be established.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION SHEETS

On the first day of school your child was given a green "Student Information Verification" sheet (double-sided), please review the printed information, add any missing information and change incorrect information as necessary. Please sign and have your child return it to his/her homeroom teacher this week.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

All students would have received a Student Handbook in their homeroom classes Sept. 4, 2018. Parents, please review the CODE OF CONDUCT found in the beginning of the planner and on the website with your child. It is very important that students and parents are familiar with our Code of Conduct this 2018/2019 school year.

CELL PHONE USE

Students are only permitted to use their cell phones in the cafeteria during lunch, before school and after school, unless permitted by the teacher for academic learning. Students are not permitted to use their cell phones during class time. Parents who need to contact students please must call the front office. Students using their cell phones inappropriately will be referred to the office and may face disciplinary action.

GRADE 9 TIGER FUN DAY

On **Wednesday**, **September 19th** (rain date Sept. 20th) the grade 9 students will be spending the day at the Bradford Community Centre. A permission form will be sent home. Please sign and return ASAP.

GRADE 10 - ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)

This year the OSSLT is March 27th, 2019, and it is administered to all Grade 10 students. All students must successfully complete the OSSLT in order to graduate. Please be sure not to schedule any appointments or vacations on this date.

GRADUATION

Mark your calendars: Thursday June 27th, 2019 will be our Graduation Ceremony date this year. More information will follow throughout the school year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Students are reminded to complete their 40 hours of community service as it is a Secondary School Diploma requirement. A good rule of thumb is to complete 10 hours during each year of high school. Remember to keep track of hours on the Community Service Tracking Sheet located in the Guidance office and submit these forms as hours are completed. Grade 12 students must complete and submit a minimum of 40 hours by April, 2019.

NEWS FROM OUR CO-CURRICULAR DEPARTMENT

Holy Trinity is looking forward to another exciting fall season! More information to follow. Our fall sports include: Cross Country, Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball, Tennis and Boys Soccer.

TEXTBOOKS

Each semester your child is loaned textbooks by the school in order to complete course work and achieve success. Holy Trinity Catholic wants to ensure school success by providing such resources to every student for courses that require them as vital resources for course curriculums. Textbook prices have increased significantly over the past few years usually, and typically cost \$80.00 - \$140.00 per book to replace. Students sign out texts with each teacher and are informed of the replacement cost. Students are responsible for their textbooks and must return the books assigned to them to the teacher during the exam period. Students who misplace books must pay the replacement cost (subject to reimbursement upon recovery). If your son/daughter has outstanding textbooks or library books from last year, please ensure that they are returned or the replacement cost is paid in the Main Office by the end of the first week of school (September 7, 2018).

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students are permitted to ride only the bus assigned to them and will not be picked up/dropped off at a bus stop other than their own stop. School bus transportation is not permitted for students wanting to go to a friend's house or who need transportation to work. To ensure the safety of all students, bus drivers, and others on the road, students must remain quietly in their seats during transportation to and from school or risk losing their bus privileges.

EXAMS AND OTHER SUMMATIVE EVALUATIONS

Your child's success is our priority, and we want to ensure your child has every opportunity to be successful, not only throughout the semester, but also during the essential summative evaluations in the final weeks of each semester. The last 3 weeks of most courses are designated to completing Course Culminating Tasks (CCT's) and in-class exam components. Full attendance during this time, as well as on exam days, is essential to your child's success since the final grade, consisting of the CCT assignment and final exams, usually constitute 30% of your child's mark in each course. This year, 1st Semester Final Exams are January 24 - 30, 2019. It is imperative that your child be in full attendance during these busy times.

Dates for both additional in-class exam components (for Gr. 9 students this includes the Math EQAO, January 17-23, 2019) and final exams will not be rescheduled. Please do not book vacations, plan to attend tournaments, make job commitments, etc. during this time. A mark of zero will be assigned if your child does not attend on the date of their scheduled exam or additional in-class exam component. Should a major medical illness arise please contact the Main Office. A doctor's note indicating the nature of the medical issue and the impossibility to complete the exam on the scheduled date is required, or a mark of zero will be assigned. In most cases CCT dates in the last 3 weeks of the course will not be rescheduled. Please ensure that you are contacting both the teacher and the Main Office prior to absences during this time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Twitter

Follow us @Trinity_Tigers for fun and informative updates from the school.

Website

Please be sure to check out our website daily for important information and upcoming events at www.htr.schools.smcdsb.on.ca

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

When you move your MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) designation reverts back to Public Education Supporter. Please ensure you have notified your municipality to ensure that you maintain your Catholic Education Supporter designation. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES 2018/2019

SEMESTER ONE

SEPTEMBER **FEBRUARY** 04 Semester One Classes Begin 01 PA Days 11 School Pictures 04 Semester Two Begins 17 CSCC Meeting 6:00 18 Family Day 15 Semester One Report Cards 19 Grade 9 Tiger Fun Day 21 Civvies Day 22 Civvies Day 26 Grade 9 Retreat Day 28 PA Day MARCH 06 Ash Wednesday **OCTOBER** 07 Early Warning Letters Home 08 Thanksgiving 11-15 March Break 12 Early Warning Letters Home 29 Civvies Day 18 Parent Teacher Interviews, 5:00-7:30 28 Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00-7:30 19 Civvies Day APRII 26 PA Day 16 Term One Ends **NOVEMBER** 17 Term Two Begins 01 Take Your Kids To Work Day (Gr 9s) 19 Good Friday 06 Term 1 Ends 22 Easter Monday 07 Term 2 Begins 26 Civvies Day 09 Semi Formal 11 Remembrance Day MAY 16 PA Day 05-11 Catholic Education Week 22 Midterm Report Cards handed out 09 Honour Roll Breakfast 30 Civvies Day 20 Victoria Day 31 Civvies Day **DECEMBER** JUNE 02 First Sunday of Advent 14 Athletic Banquet 06 Grade 8 Parent Information Night 14 Civvies Day 14 Final Advisory Letters Mailed home 19 Festival of the Arts 21 Christmas Activity Day 14-20 Semester Two In Class Exams 21 Civvies Day 21-27 Semester Two Final Exams 22- Jan. 6 Christmas Holidays 27 Graduation 6:00 28 PA Day **JANUARY** 07 School Resumes 16-18 EQAO Gr.9 Math Test 18 Civvies Day 22 Festival of the Arts 17-23 Semester One In Class Exams 24-30 Semester One Final Exams 31 - PA Day-----cut here-----E-MAILS All future newsletters will be sent to you via e-mail. Please list your e-mail below. PARENT e-mail 1. _____ PARENT e-mail 2. STUDENT NAME: _____ (2018-19)

SEMESTER TWO