



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### LENTEN PRAYER

*Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of Holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ,  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

### STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Mrs. J. Roque who is replacing Mr. J. Grassi while he recovers from surgery. Please keep Mr. Grassi in your prayers.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Semester 2! We are looking forward to another exciting semester with new activities, new sports, and, of course, new classes. Already this year our students have experienced great success. At midterm, 89% of the marks submitted by teachers were passing grades; a number of our teams won GBSSA Championships; our students participated in excellent Co-op learning experiences; we welcomed and supported many new students from all around the world; and we celebrated as our teachers received recognition for their outstanding work.

Semester 2 will be even busier and more fun as over 50 students and staff embark on international trips to China and France, our swim and soccer teams prepare for OFSAA Championships, our grade 12's look ahead to graduation and their post-secondary lives, and we gear up to welcome 180 new grade 9's in September!

As well, very soon we will begin our Easter preparations. Lent begins on March 1, and continues until April 13 when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Saviour. Lent is a special time, and we commemorate Christ's sacrifice for us by participating in sacrifices of our own. As children we are encouraged to give up simple pleasures - candy, pop, potato chips, video games - but as we mature we recognize that the greatest sacrifices we make are the spiritual ones. This year, I encourage our students to think about making more meaningful sacrifices and give more of themselves to others. Sacrifice time. Give of your talents. Offer your compassion, your trust, your wisdom. These are the spiritual gifts we possess, and the really neat thing about them is that the more we give them away, the more we receive.

I am very proud to be part of the Holy Trinity Catholic High School family, and humbled each day by the work of our staff, the energy and enthusiasm of our students, the trust of our parents, and the support of our Parish. We are blessed to live in one of the most prosperous and peaceful countries on earth where Catholic Education is not only permitted but celebrated and honoured. We have a wonderful school community that is the envy of many. It is a great gift to us. May we always remember that and share our gifts with the world.

### CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Although we are only through one term, it's already been a busy year here at H.T., with the staff, students and greater Bradford community continuing once again to answer the call of Jesus, "Who is my neighbor"?

From collecting tons (literally tons) of food for the Bradford Food Bank, to filling shoe boxes with school supplies, toys and personal hygiene products to be sent to children in developing countries, to supporting local families with the Christmas Family Toy Drive, the H.T. family continues to Celebrate God's Family, this year's School Board Theme. We look forward to another productive term with this theme in mind, as we celebrate the gifts and opportunities God has given us all. God Bless.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

**40 Community Service hours are a graduation requirement.** All students should attempt to complete 10 hours a year to keep on top of this important task. Please submit forms to the Guidance office as hours are completed. Gr. 12's must have their community service hours completed and all forms submitted by April 1, 2017 to have their grad photo included in the Yearbook, on the Grad composite, in the Grad program, and to be considered for grad awards/bursaries. In addition, there are always volunteer opportunities announced over the PA. Students who do not fulfill this requirement of 40 hours will unfortunately not participate in our school graduation.

### 2016-17 COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

All students have had workshops on the course selection process. Parents are asked to visit the school website (<http://htr.schools.smcdsb.on.ca>) and use the link to Career Cruising. Instructions are available. Selection of courses is done online. Parents are asked to print selection sheets, sign and return them to Student Services with the activity fee by Tuesday, February 21st. Student Services is available for appointments, please call 905-775-4841 for an appointment.

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Mark your calendars, Parent Teacher Interviews for Semester 2 will be held on Thursday, March 31, 5:00-7:30 pm. Information will be sent home for on-line booking of appointments with teachers. We hope to see you all here.

## **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Please mark your calendars: March 23 is our Spaghetti Dinner in support of our China Mission Trip. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under or \$60 for a family of four (two adults, 2 children). There will be games for the kids, silent auction items, entertainment and more! It will be a great night and all proceeds will go to our China Mission Team as they prepare for their voyage. Looking forward to seeing you there! Tickets are available from any of the China Mission students/staff.

## **PARKING LOT SAFETY**

Your child's safety is our priority, therefore parents are reminded that the bus lane in front of the school is for school buses only. Parents are reminded not to drive in this area in the morning or at the end of the school day. At the end of the school day parents are asked to park in a spot and wait for your child instead of parking along the sides of the parking lot. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## **PROM 2016**

PROM 2017 – Friday, May 26 "A City of Lights". This year's prom will be held at Paradise Banquet Hall in Vaughan. Tickets will be on sale for one week only in April. Prom tickets are \$80.00each.

The Prom Committee has been working hard already to make this a memorable evening. Stay tuned for our Valentine's Candy Gram and Roses Sale.

## **OSSLT LITERACY TEST PREPARATION**

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be written on March 30, 2017. Several students have been preparing in an after-school literacy prep class. Enrolled students are reminded that the classes run on Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23 and March 2 and 9 from 3:15 - 4:30 in the Library.

ALL GRADE 10 Students will receive literacy test prep in their classes and in the library during class time to prepare to write the test. Sample tests can be found on the EQAO website under student resources: [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) for you to work with your child at home.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Parent Council will meet at Holy Trinity once again on March 20th and at another time in May. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. On May 10, Parent Council is hosting an information evening on the topic of Mental Health. The evening will include a dramatic presentation from students and will feature a presentation by Dr. Patrick Carney, Board Psychologist and author of *Well Aware: Developing Resilient, Active, and Flourishing Students*. All are welcome. Please watch for more information.

## **STUDENT SUCCESS**

The Student Success Room at HT continues to be a busy place. Rooms 150 and 153 provide a welcoming space for students to complete work, get extra help, finish projects, ask questions, and write tests. The rooms are open four periods a day, all students are welcome.

## **NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

We are excited to announce a new Religious Education program. Senior students have the opportunity to travel to Israel as part of the Grade 12 religion program starting next year. There are two options:

- If at least 20 students sign up, it will be run through the school. Students will take a dedicated Grade 12 Religion class together and take part in the trip experience over March Break 2018.
- If fewer than 20 students sign up, it may be run through the Continuing Education department of the SMCDSB. Students will take a special Saturday class between October and April, and take part in the trip experience over March Break 2018. In this scenario, students from other SMCDSB schools would take part in the class and trip.

More details, including total trip costs, will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

## **ATHLETIC CO-CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT**

Our winter teams are finishing up their regular season, home games coming up for basketball, hockey and volleyball. HT is hosting an elementary girls' basketball game on February 15<sup>th</sup>. HT is also hosting The Tiger Winter Games on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Students are very excited for the school ski trip which takes place on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We want to wish good luck to our OFSSA swimmers Gavin McAuley, Alec Fraser, Michael Newton, Stefan Fernandes-Ribeiro and Diego Carvalho and Haley George. We would like to send out a huge thank you to all of our winter season coaches.

HT has many exciting spring sports that are still to come: Girls' Soccer, Track and Field, Boys' Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and Tennis.

## **THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE**

The activity fee allows us to offer so much to you above and beyond the classroom.

This year the fee supports the school as we,

- Invite guest speakers into the school
- Offer school spirit days and celebrations
- Have school luncheons and breakfasts
- Provide students with print copy credits
- Offer school clubs
- Have school-wide events
- Provide a student card
- Allow students to attend Semi-Formal and Prom
- Have school sports teams
- Provide a student agenda
- Support most field trips
- Create a memorable yearbook (optional)
- And much, much more!

We ask for next year's student activity fee at this time of course selections...for your convenience cheques can be postdated to August 30, 2017. Thank you.

## **CIVVIES DAYS**

Civvies Days are regularly scheduled for the last Friday of every month. Students have the choice to pay \$2 to dress down or wear their uniform. Each Civvies Day is attached to a charity/need (determined at the beginning of the year) and all proceeds get donated. Some of the charities we have/will donate to this year include: Live Different; OFSSA; World Vision Foster Child; Tiger Athletic Council events, Bradford Legion for Veterans Canada, MADD Canada, Project Hope; Dress Loud and more.

## **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY REMINDER**

Parents are reminded if your son/daughter is absent that you call to report the absence with the office that day OR write a note prior to the day OR reply to the email absence notification OR call the school. If students do not have a note on the day of their return by 8:50am they will be recorded as truant and will serve progressive discipline. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter. If you are not receiving email absence notifications, please contact the school and update email addresses.

Our school day begins at 8:55am sharp. The first bell rings at 8:47am. We ask all students to be in class on time and in complete uniform. Afternoon classes begin at 12:30 sharp. We ask for parent support with encouraging students to be on time. Our late policy is outlined in the Student Agenda.

## **ELEMENTARY DANCE**

Once again this semester, the Holy Trinity Athletic Council will be hosting two Elementary School Dances for students from our four feeder schools in grades 6, 7, and 8. The dance will run from 6:30pm - 9pm, admission is \$5. Bring some extra money for a pizza snack, pop and glow sticks. The dances will be on **Wednesday, March 8, 2017** and **Wednesday, May 24th, 2017**. Permission forms will be distributed by the Elementary Feeder Schools.

## **GRADUATION 2017**

This year our graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 29th, 2017. This year's graduation will be held right here in our school gym. Formal invitations will be sent out to the grads and their families at the end of May. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements coming soon regarding Award Applications, gown ordering and other information regarding Graduation.

## **BEST BUDDIES**

In the spirit of friendship, the Best Buddies program offers a chance for everyone in the school to feel included, and reinforces the message that we are all equal, and deserving. The group meets every Wednesday at lunch to eat together, talk, laugh and participate in fun and challenging activities. Buddies taking part in the program often develop lasting friendships and social skills that are vital for a person's development. Our volunteers learn leadership skills and have become a valuable part of the program.

## **EXAMS AND OTHER SUMMATIVE EVALUATIONS**

Please note the dates for final exams. Full attendance during exams is essential to your child's success. In the week prior to exams, many classes have additional in-class exam components for which attendance is also mandatory. The last 3 weeks of most courses are for completing Course Culminating Tasks. The summative mark in each course, including the CCT assignment and final exam, constitutes 30% of your child's mark in each course. It is, therefore, critical 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 EQAO Math assessment) 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. In the event of a major medical illness, please contact the Main Office immediately. A Doctor's note indicating the medical emergency 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, and a mark of zero will be assigned should a student be absent. Please ensure that you are contacting both the teacher and the Main Office prior to absences during this time.

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. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Semester Two in the HT Library brings the **White Pine Readers** together to read discuss and vote on the best book for 2017. The club heads down to the Harbour front Centre in May to meet the authors and hear the announcement of the winner. Mrs. Nogalo is busy giving the library a "new look" for semester two as we phase in a **Library Learning Commons**. We look forward to some new comfy seats and bigger tables for collaborating with chrome books and laptops! It's also **OSSLT time** in the library. Gr 10s will visit the library regularly for special lessons to help them prepare for this year's OSSLT which is held at the end of March.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL 2017**

Information regarding summer school will be posted on the school and board website after the March break. Classes begin on Monday, July 10, 2017.

## **UNIFORMS**

Students and parents are asked to review the school uniform policy in the student agenda. A reminder that yoga/jogging pants and black jeans are not allowed and that only solid white or black t-shirts can be worn under any uniform item. Uniforms can be purchased through DGN Kilters, 132 Commerce Park Drive, Unit D, Barrie. You can also order online at [www.dgn-kilters.com](http://www.dgn-kilters.com) or phone 1-800-437-5872. We offer an in-school shop on Thursdays from 11am to 4pm. If you have any issues with uniform items, please contact DGN Kilters directly. If you have been waiting more than a week or two to resolve uniform issues, please make our office aware. Thanks.

## SCHOOL-HOME COMMUNICATION - REMIND.COM

Remind is a simple way to stay informed and up-to-date with what’s happening at Holy Trinity Catholic. By joining you’re choosing to receive school messages via one-way notifications. On occasion we hope to send a quick reminder to parents/students. For example, “Report Cards went home today” or “Homework Club every Wednesday after school in the Library” or “Uniform tuck shop open tomorrow 11am-4pm.”

<p><b>To receive messages via text...</b>  <i>Please note your phone number will not be shared or visible to anyone. Please note if you have more than one child at HT in a different grade, please sign up multiple times as some reminders are grade specific.</i></p>	<p>Enter this number  <b>519-488-9376</b>          With one of the following messages based on grade level  <b>@htchs9</b>  <b>@htchs10</b>  <b>@htchs11</b>  <b>@htchs12</b></p>	<p><b>If you do not use text messaging and prefer email visit this link...</b>  <i>Please note your email will not be shared or visible to anyone. Please note if you have more than one child at HT in a different grade, please sign up multiple times as some reminders are grade specific.</i></p>	<p>Based on grade level  <a href="http://www.remind.com/join/htchs9">www.remind.com/join/htchs9</a>  <a href="http://www.remind.com/join/htchs10">www.remind.com/join/htchs10</a>  <a href="http://www.remind.com/join/htchs11">www.remind.com/join/htchs11</a>  <a href="http://www.remind.com/join/htchs12">www.remind.com/join/htchs12</a></p>
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## IMPORTANT DATES 2016/2017

<h3>SEMESTER TWO</h3>	
<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>02 -03 PA Days</li> <li>06 Semester Two Begins</li> <li>16 Semester #1 Report Cards handed out</li> <li>20 Family Day</li> </ul> <p><b>MARCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins</li> <li>01 School Mass @ HMJ</li> <li>09 Early Warning Letters Home</li> <li>13-17 March Break</li> <li>30 Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00-7:30</li> <li>30 OSSLT</li> </ul> <p><b>APRIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>07-13 Vimy 100 Trip</li> <li>14 Good Friday</li> <li>17 Easter Monday</li> <li>18 Term One Ends</li> <li>19 Term Two Begins</li> <li>29 - May14 China Mission Trip</li> </ul>	<p><b>MAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01-05 Catholic Education Week</li> <li>02 Honor Roll Parent Breakfast</li> <li>03 School Mass @ HMJ Positive Mental Health for Parents</li> <li>04 Honor Roll Breakfast &amp; Good News</li> <li>12 PA Day</li> <li>18 Arts Banquet</li> <li>22 Victoria Day</li> <li>26 Prom</li> </ul> <p><b>JUNE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Co-op Banquet</li> <li>05-16 EQAO Gr. 9 Math Test</li> <li>08 Athletic Banquet</li> <li>20 Festival of the Arts</li> <li>19-22 Semester Two In Class Exams</li> <li>23-29 Semester Two Final Exams</li> <li>29 Graduation</li> <li>30 PA Day</li> </ul> <p><b>JULY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 – 7 Final Report Cards available for pickup</li> </ul>
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