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# FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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## SEMESTER TWO PRAYER

Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new semester, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you. Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us. Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use. May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be placed in your hands. May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this semester. We thank you, Lord, Amen

## 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.

Semester 2 will be even busier and more fun as over 40 students and staff embark on an international trip in late May to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day.

As well, very soon we will begin our Easter preparations. Lent begins on March 6, and continues until April 21 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.

## ECUADOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Ecuador Leadership Program provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience service learning, volunteerism, and educational Programs, while serving others and growing in our Catholic faith.

An adventure to Ecuador offers breathtaking views of the old and new—from city to countryside. Start in Quito, a bustling city that is the highest national capital city in the world. Take a guided tour of historic Quito, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. Tour the Intiñan Solar Museum and witness the natural forces at work at the equator. The peak of Chimborazo in the Ecuadorian Andes is farther from the Earth's center than any other location on the Earth's surface! Travel with our Field Director to the WE Charity community we'll be working with and see volcanoes in the distance. Together we'll visit and meet with local school children at their school. Learn about WE Charity's unique Adopt a Village program model. As communities evolve so do their needs. We'll work closely with WE Charity to understand the challenges locals face in the Chimborazo Province. Since projects are determined closer to our actual tour date, here's a glimpse at what a typical day might look like.

Each morning, we'll begin our service project in a nearby village. Spend afternoons immersed in cultural activities.

Evenings are a chance to reflect, discuss events as a group, and draw connections between the day's work and relevant global issues.

Some spots are still available if you would like to join this amazing adventure. Contact Mr. Craig McLaughlin [cmclaughlin@smcdsb.on.ca](mailto:cmclaughlin@smcdsb.on.ca)

## 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 is continually *called to be our story*, 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.

## PARKING LOT SAFETY AND PROCEDURES

As you may or may not know we have implemented a new parking pass system for students. They now have an assigned, numbered parking spot. Please do not park in these spots. Use the pickup/drop-off lane in the front lot instead. Your child's safety is our priority, therefore parents are reminded that the bus bay is for school busses only. Parents are not permitted to drive in this area in the morning or at the end of the school day. Busses are unable to pass cars and pick up the students which is causing the busses to be late. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Here some important things to remember:

1. The parking lot is designed as a one-way continuous loop.
2. The first, outermost lane is for incoming traffic. Drivers must circle around the boulevard at the west end of the lot and continue eastward toward Melbourne.
3. The second, middle lane is for drop off/pick up
4. The third, innermost lane is for buses only between the hours of 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm to ensure student safety.
5. When using the back lot please follow the one-way continuous loop back there as well and do not block it's movement by parking.

## 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, 2019 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.

## 2019-2020 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 by **Friday, February 22nd**. 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 28, 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.

**IT’S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!**

Please remember the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board is divided into zones. Holy Trinity is in the **SOUTH ZONE**. **School bus information can be found at:** <http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>. Cancellations will also be announced on local radio, Rock 95, B101, and 104.1.

**PARKING LOT SAFETY**

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**OSSLT LITERACY TEST PREPARATION**

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be written on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.  
**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. The **Education Quality and Accountability Office** (EQAO) website ([www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)) has designated sections for parents and students that include a Getting Ready Guide, Planning and Preparation guide and Sample questions and answers booklets.  
All resources on this site are meant to provide parents and students some understanding of the format and structure of the test. The Self-directed OSSLT Preparation Modules on Student Connect (<https://smcdsb.elearningontario.ca>) has been designed for the students who are registered in Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District Schools as a method of preparing for the test. This includes an outline of the test; what students will need to know and do reading and writing strategies (each task is taught and practiced), video lessons, lesson topics: finding the main idea, answering multiple choice questions, answering open-response questions, highlighting passages, writing a series of paragraphs, etc., quizzes that provide immediate feedback for multiple choice questions and checklists for written pieces. The purpose of these modules is to provide another way to support students as they prepare for the OSSLT test. These modules can be accessed using your home computer.

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

The Student Success Room at HT continues to be a busy place. Rooms 150,153 and seminar room one and two in the library 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.

**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER**

Please follow us on Twitter @ **Trinity\_Tigers** and Instagram @**trinity\_tigers** for up-to-date information on school events.

**FOLLOW Co-Curricular**

Please follow us on Twitter @ Trinity\_Tigers and Instagram @**holytrinitytigers775** for up-to-date information on school co-curricular events.

**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 basketball tournament on February 19<sup>th</sup>. HT is also hosting The Tiger Winter Games date TBA. Students are very excited for the school ski trip which takes place on March 21<sup>st</sup>. We want to wish good luck to our OFSSA swimmers. 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: Girl’s Soccer, Track and Field, Girl’s Softball, Boy’s Baseball, Ultimate Frisbee and Tennis.

**PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE: BILL 212 Helping Make Schools Safer**

Students need a safe and positive learning and teaching environment to succeed at school. But it isn’t just the school’s responsibility to make that happen. All of us have a part to play in making and keeping schools safe.  
Ontario’s Code of Conduct sets out clear standards for behaviour for everyone involved in the publicly funded school system. This includes students, parents/guardians, teachers, other staff members, volunteers and community partners. **The code applies on school property, on school buses, at school-authorized events or activities or in other circumstances that could have an impact on the school climate.**  
Find out more about Ontario’s strategy to help make schools safer. Check out the Safe School section of the Ministry of Education’s [website](#) for more information on the *Keeping our Kids Safe at School Act* and what it means for you and your child. You’ll also find information on the code of conduct, bullying prevention and other programs designed to help build a positive school climate.  
Please take the opportunity to review with your child the school code of conduct found at the front of the Student Agenda and on the website.

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**A SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR** (SHSM) provides grade 11 and 12 students with an opportunity to focus their learning in an employment sector and gain valuable experience, university, apprenticeship training, and workplace opportunities. Holy Trinity Catholic has 2 SHSM programs in Health and Wellness and Arts and Culture. The SHSM program has a number of required components, designed to give students a “leg-up” to pursue post-secondary opportunities in a variety of employment sectors. Students will also gain valuable experience and industry recognized certifications, which increase confidence in their ability to succeed and see the connections between their studies, the world beyond high school and future careers. Any questions? Please see Mr. Kramer in Student Services or call extension 188.

**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 will allow our school community to...  
*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)*

CIVVIES DAYS

Civvies Day is 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: The Martyrs Shrine, Royal Canadian Legion, Bradford Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House.

ATTENDANCE 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.

LATE TO CLASS CONCERNS

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 20, 2019 and Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Permission forms will be distributed by the Elementary Feeder Schools.

GRADUATION 2019

This year our graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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.

PROM 2019

Prom 2019 will be held on May 24th at the Venetian Mansion in Aurora. Tickets are \$85.00. The Prom Committee has been working hard already to make this a memorable evening.

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. The week prior to exams many classes have additional in-class exam components, in which attendance is also mandatory. The last 3 weeks of most courses is designated to completing Course Culminating Tasks. The summative mark in each course, consisting of the CCT assignment and final exams constitute 30% of your child's mark in each course. 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) and final exams **will not be rescheduled.** Please do not book vacations, plan to attend tournaments, have 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 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 should a student be absent will be assigned. 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.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

Information regarding summer school will be posted on the school and board website after the March break. Classes begin on Monday, July 8, 2019.

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 Kilter’s, 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 Uniform Truck Service, every other Friday from 11am to 4pm. The next truck date is FEB. 22..If you have any issues with uniform items, please contact DGN Kilter’s 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.”

<b>To receive messages via text...</b> <i>Please note your phone number will not be shared or visible to anyone.</i> <i>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>	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>	<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.</i> <i>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>	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/htchs912">www.remind.com/join/htchs912</a>
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**IMPORTANT DATES 2019**

<b><u>SEMESTER TWO</u></b>							
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	01	PA Day	<b>MAY</b>	03	PA Day		
	04	Semester Two Begins		05-11	Catholic Education Week		
	18	Family Day Holiday		09	Honor Roll Parent Breakfast		
	14	Semester One Report Cards handed out		20	Victoria Day Holiday		
	22	Civies Day		24	Prom		
<b>MARCH</b>	06	Ash Wednesday Service – Lent Begins	31	Civvies Day	<b>JUNE</b>	14	Athletic Banquet Dinner
	07	Early Communication Letters Home	19	Festival of the Arts		14-20	Semester Two In Class Exams
	11-15	March Break	20-26	Semester Two Final Exams			
	27	OSSLT	27	Graduation 6:00pm			
	28	Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00-7:30	28	PA Day			
<b>APRIL</b>	16	Term One Ends					
	17	Term Two Begins					
	19	Good Friday Holiday					
	22	Easter Monday Holiday					
	26	Civvies Day					