



Holy Trinity Catholic School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of all Holy Trinity Staff, I would like to extend a ‘welcome back’ to those returning. For those who are new to our school community, we are so pleased that you have chosen to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you more-so over the coming weeks and months ahead.

To say that Covid-19 has changed life for all of us, is an understatement. Please rest assured that the changes in our school have all been carefully planned and thought-out to provide the safest school environment possible for your child, and for everyone in our school community. Below is an outline of some of the actions we have taken with your child’s health and safety in mind:

- All students will only be permitted to interact with their class cohort
- Student desks/seating arrangements will maintain a 1 metre distance
- All students will be assigned specific seating on the bus and remain with their bus cohort
- Only one bus at a time will be unloaded to stagger students safely into the school building
- Parents picking-up their child at dismissal will wait outside and physically distance from others
- Students will physically distance in their dismissal lines; grades 4-6 students will use their masks in line-ups
- Staff will only permit one child per class to utilize the washrooms at any given time; a tracking chart will be maintained and used if needed for contact tracing
- Students will wash their hands regularly throughout the day; they will also use hand-sanitizer
- All staff will use PPE (shields, masks, gloves) as needed when distancing is not an option
- The HVAC system at Holy Trinity has been inspected, cleaned, and new filters have been installed so that it is working at optimal capacity
- The use of signage and taping of directional floor arrows will be used to support all occupants in maintaining a safe distance from each other
- All students will refrain from using any water fountains; rather, parents are asked to provide a reusable water bottle for your child to fill at the water bottle filling station
- An isolation area will be used for any students who become ill; the student must go home as soon as possible; the isolation area will then be disinfected
- Visitors will not be permitted access beyond the main office
- All parent meetings and board related business will be encouraged to occur over the phone or video conferencing to reduce the number of visitors to the school

- Parents are not permitted to bring lunches to the school; please ensure your child has his/her lunch ready in the morning and packed in the school bag
- All classes will be assigned designated outdoor play areas for their cohort only; cohorts of classes cannot mix in the school yard
- Recess breaks will be staggered to provide ample outdoor space for distancing among cohorts
- The outdoor play climber is closed until further notice
- Each class will be assigned their own gym/outdoor play equipment
- Assemblies, masses, and any large gatherings are not permitted; students will only interact with their class cohort
- All food programs have been suspended to reduce exposure

The above list is not exhaustive as there are additional measures that will be implemented to reduce the spread of Covid-19. We will continue to implement safety plans and accommodations as directed by Public Health and the Ministry of Education, as well as our board.

For those families who have chosen to participate in the Distance Learning Program, we are pleased to share that there are several enhancements to this program, and it will offer full day access to teachers as well as synchronous (live) teaching and learning for multiple hours a day. Rest assured that your child remains a member of our Holy Trinity community and can always return to us, physically, in the near future. The **Distance Learning Program is set to begin on September 14th** and more information will be provided to families very soon.

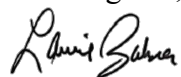
As per Ministry of Education direction, if you choose the online delivery option of learning for your child(ren) they will not be able to return to in class learning until natural transition times. At the elementary level, the date is **November 16**. At the secondary level students will have the option to return to in class learning November 13 or February 2 (at the start of each quadmester). Parents of elementary and secondary students will be able to switch their children between learning modes by contacting their school principal up to September 8th.

For families who are participating in the face to face learning at the school, please see the Staggered Entry dates for all Grades below, noting the highlighted additions each day (applies to combined grades as well for example – Grade 3/4, only grade 4 students attend on Wednesday 9th):

Tuesday 8th	Grade 6 only
Wednesday 9 th	Grade 6, 5 and 4
Thursday 10th	Grade 6, 5, 4 and 3 and 2 and SK
Friday 11th	Grade 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, SK, JK

We appreciate that parents are faced with many challenges and difficult decisions to make and we aim to be as flexible and supportive as possible in helping you to meet the needs of your family. Please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of our staff for assistance.

Kind regards,



Laurie Zahra
Principal



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Vice-Principal