



Holy Trinity Catholic School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of all Holy Trinity Staff, we would like to extend a 'WELCOME BACK!' to everyone who is 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 the ongoing pandemic 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 from JK-6 will be required to wear a mask (exemptions are permitted) in the school building and on busses; masks are not required when outside for recess breaks
- Student desks/seating arrangements will be distanced as much as possible based on the number of students in each class
- Only one bus at a time will be unloaded at arrival in order 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 distance as much as possible in their cohort dismissal lines
- Students will wash their hands regularly throughout the day; they will also use hand-sanitizer
- All staff will use PPE (shields, masks, goggles, gloves) as needed when distancing is not an option
- The HVAC system at Holy Trinity has been inspected and 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 if the screening process makes this determination; 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 based on grades/divisions; this year cohorts of students may 'mix' and play together when outdoors
- Recess breaks will be staggered to provide ample outdoor space for distancing among cohorts
- The outdoor play climber is now open for use
- Full assemblies, masses, and any large gatherings are not permitted at this time

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 Remote Learning Program (virtual learning), this choice is **applicable for the entire school year** unless extenuating circumstances need consideration. Rest assured that your child remains a member of our Holy Trinity community and can always return to us, physically, if/when the Remote Program is no longer available. The **Remote Learning Program is set to begin on September 9th** and more information will be provided to families from the Remote School staff.

We appreciate that parents have been faced with many challenges and difficult decisions to make over this past year and a half, 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



Tina Timpano
Vice-Principal