

**Holy Trinity
Catholic
Secondary**



Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Dear Families:

As we prepare for the last two months of the school year, we continue to celebrate the spring season with a renewed sense of hope and optimism. During this month of Mary, we begin by celebrating Catholic Education Week. We are blessed with the opportunity to support not only the academic growth of our students, but their faith formation as well. Please join us at our Catholic Education Coalition Event, "Joy Sings from a loving Heart," to be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School on May 6th at 6:00pm.

Our high school students are encouraged to continue a regular nightly routine of completing homework and studying in preparation for tests and final examinations in June. This will help ensure deadlines are met and will help students to manage stress and anxiety that often increase this time of year.

I would like to thank our families for your ongoing support and partnership. It was great to see so many able to attend the parent/teacher interviews on May 2nd. As always, we value your input and encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns that may arise.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Stacey Krol



Athletics

May will once again be a hectic month for athletics at HT. Soccer, baseball, and track & field will start their seasons during the first week of May. We wish our athletes and coaches the best of luck! Please visit the school website <https://holytrinityfalcons.cdsbeo.on.ca> for an event calendar for the month of May.

The Lions Club Awards Banquet will take place on Wednesday, May 8th. All winners will be notified in advance. As well, the tentative date for the Athletic Awards Banquet is Wednesday, June 12th. Information will be going home this month with all the pertinent details.

Go Falcons Go!

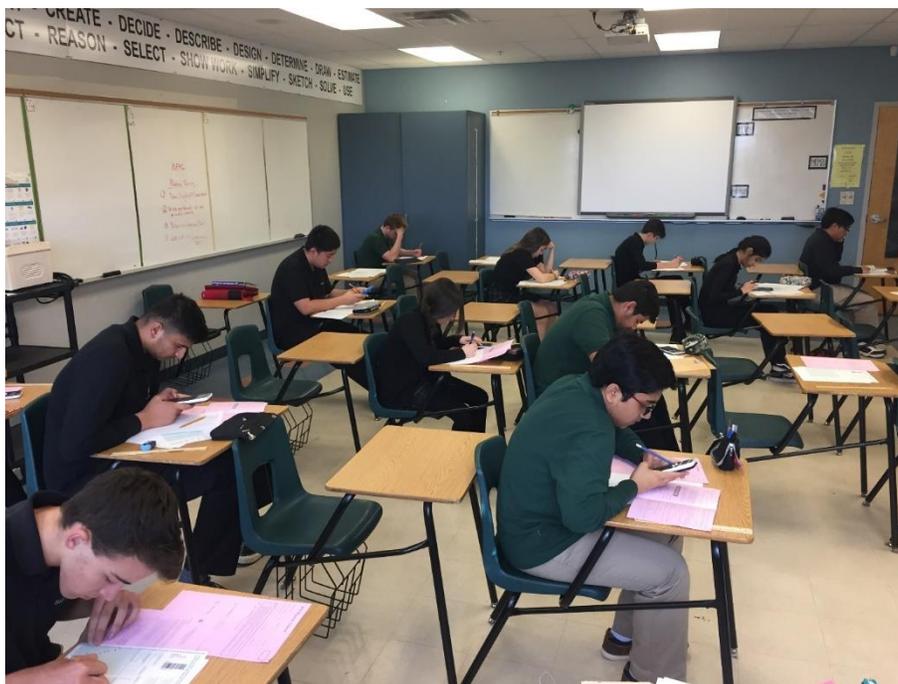
Literacy

- In our grade 9 classes this month, the literacy focus will be on the format and application of skill sets surrounding the news report and the continued integration of opportunities for PEEC paragraphs. Students will also be taught strategies to engage multiple-choice responses on knowledge-based questions on both formal (unit tests) and informal (class review) assessments.
- The goal for the remaining class time this semester is to engage with students' critical literacy and metacognitive skill sets. This involves students critically analyzing and evaluating the meaning of text (such as short stories and poetry) as it relates to issues of equity, power, and social justice to inform a critical stance, response and/or action. This also involves students taking active control over their thinking processes so that they understand themselves as learners, they understand a given task, and they understand a variety of strategies and how to use them in a variety of situations.
- For those interested in finding out their results for the OSSLT writing of this past March, please note that final evaluation is not released until the second week of June. When results are released, classroom teachers in Religion, in conjunction with the HT Literacy Team, will inform our student population. For further information, please visit <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/OSSLT/Pages/OSSLT.aspx>.

Math Department

Holy Trinity Mathletes wrote grade appropriate Waterloo Math contests on April 10th. All high school grade levels were well represented. Results will be posted on the Waterloo Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing website on May 11. Students are encouraged to continue to interact with the resources and practice tests on the website:

<https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/contests.html>



As midterm grades are delivered, all math students are reminded of the following available resources:

- Interact with your math teacher. Lunch math help is available.
- Use your textbook to view notes, examples and attempt practice questions
- TVO Mathify
Students in grades 7 to 10 are able to connect online with qualified Ontario math teachers for math tutoring from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Sunday through Thursday. Find the needed OEN number on a recent report card to sign up for Mathify.
<https://tvo.org/mathify-reg>
- Use the Internet to view mini lessons on YouTube or visit [khanacademy.ca](https://www.khanacademy.ca) for free courses, lessons, and practice

Co-op

May 1 - Students begin **Taste of the Trades** dual credit course at St. Lawrence College. This course runs Wed. & Thurs., 9 AM to 2:30 PM from May 1 - June 6. Good luck to our participating students.

May 7 - Co-op **Integration Day** in the Library

May 10 - **Equal Consideration Deadline** for Fall 2019 Dual Credit Courses at St. Lawrence College. See Mr. Dionne in the co-op office for course listings and an application. Level 1 OYAP opportunities in Automotive Service Technician, General Carpentry, and Welding are available at the Cornwall Campus. Other highlights include: Introductory welding and a sampling of 20 integrated options across all disciplines.

May 15 - **Sampler Day** at St. Lawrence College for Grade 10 and 11 students. For students who pre-registered for this event, the bus departs at 9 AM and returns at 2 PM. Lunch and snacks provided. Uniform required.

Congratulations to dual credit students, Ethan Mitchell, Hannah Major, Kira Smith, Alexander MacDonald and Mominah Malik, for successfully completing their courses at St. Lawrence College this semester!



Science Department

High School Science students took part in the annual United Counties Science Fair Expo in March. Quinn Labelle, grade 9, explored the use of the Stirling Engine as a Future Energy Source. Teethal Patel, grade 10, discussed the future of AI in Healthcare with his project on Robotic Nurses. Ved Patel and Aidan Crispin, grade 11, investigated the Production of Energy using the Peltier Effect. Ethan Gilmour and Sibtain Raza, grade 11, explored the concept of an artificial pancreas as a real solution to diabetes. These students independently researched and developed their projects. Quinn Labelle, and Ved Patel and Aidan Crispin were recognized by the United Counties panel with bursaries and cash prizes. The HT Science Department was extremely proud to have these students represent our student population. The future is bright.



Grade 7/8 News

We are pleased to announce that our Grade 8 "Take Flight" Celebration will take place on Monday, June 24th at 1:30 pm. We look forward to celebrating our Grade 8 students who will transition to Grade 9 in September. Family members are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Duncan and the Student Council are to be commended for organizing the Recycled Art Fair, in which all art pieces were completed with recyclable materials. We appreciate their efforts in organizing such a fun afternoon.

Sixteen girls in grades 7 and 8 attended the *Women in Trades Day* held at the Carpenters Union Local 93 Training Centre in Kanata. The girls learned about fall protection using virtual reality, created personalized key chains using different woodworking methods, learned basic formwork concepts in a team setting, and used math and power tools to successfully create a roof rafter. Well done, girls!

Congratulations to the Ball hockey teams who competed in the C.D.S.B.E.O. Annual tournament: We are pleased that our Mixed Double AA team finished in 2nd place. In May, students will be practicing for the upcoming annual C.D.S.B.E.O. Track and Field meet. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the variety of events. A flag football tournament date will also take place this month.

Madame Fontaine's Core French classes is planning a Carnival Day based on the Quebec Winter Carnival activities. There will also be a bake sale that day. The Grade 8 B Immersion class (Madame McGillis) will be hosting. The goal is to raise funds for busing to a senior's home where students will play French games with the residents. We are proud of their efforts.

Students from Mrs. MacDonell's and Mr. Brunet's classes will be exploring poetry in the month of May. The use of parts of speech, figurative language and poetic devices will be explored. Also, students will be analyzing texts and determining their meaning, as well as deciphering how the poetic effects are constructed. Many of the core concepts will be analyzed within common poems and songs. Once the core concepts are practiced, students will be applying many of the basics to their own poems or songs.

Mrs. Roddick, Student Support Worker, will lead our students in the following programs: Grade 7: Zones of Regulation; Grade 8: Healthy Transitions; and, Grade 7/8: Roots of Empathy.

We are looking forward to celebrating our Bravo Breakfast Grade Grades 7 and 8 recipient. Stay tuned!

Arts Department

The Music Department has a busy month coming up! On Monday May 6th, the Choir will be performing at the Catholic Education Coalition which will be held at SJCSS at 6pm. The Choir will be performing "I Will Pledge This Song To You," "You Will Be Found" and the new Catholic Education Week Board theme song, "Be Holy."

The Arts Department is looking forward to our production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Make sure to book your calendar. Performances will be held on Thursday May 16th, Friday May 17th and Saturday May 18th at 7:00pm. There will be a special matinee performance at 1:00pm on Saturday. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.00. The students will also be performing for our Feeder Schools on Wednesday, May 15th at 10am.

The Music Department will be heading off to New York City on Wednesday May 29th to Saturday June 1st. 40 Students will be touring the city's popular attractions as well as watching *Dear Evan Hansen*, a new musical on Broadway.

The Spring Concert/Arts Awards will be held on Thursday June 13th at 7:00pm. Admission is \$5.00 and all Arts students are encouraged to attend. The Concert will feature dancers, singers and instrumentalists. As well, the Arts Awards Ceremony will take place to honour student contributions to the Arts Department.

Guidance Department

The Class of 2019 Grade 12 Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 26th at 2pm. Students are reminded that all graduation requirements must be met, including proof of completion of 40 community hours. The deadline for community hours is May 31st.

Registrations for Summer eLearning has opened. Book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor to register for the summer course. The session runs from July 2nd to July 30th. Please note that all courses (except for Open courses) have a final exam.

Students are encouraged to visit their Guidance Counsellor, or to access their *myBlueprint* account when doing career planning, post-secondary research, or with any questions regarding pathways.

Chaplaincy

It's hard to believe that my time at HT is already over. Time really does fly when you're having fun. By the time you read this, Ms. Webster will have returned and resumed her ministry to the Falcon family. Please keep her in your prayers as she settles back in, and me as I move on to other adventures.

It's been an awesome privilege getting to know our amazing students and staff. It's especially amazing having had the opportunity to accompany some of the students through difficult times or sharing in times of joy. This is an amazing community and I will miss it dearly.

During April we had a busy month in the chapel, as various classes came in to pray the Stations of the Cross with me, or to do some special Lenten activities with Sr Joyce. We also had a Holy Week Liturgy on April 18 that went very well. I'm going to miss hearing our wonderful choir. Stay tuned for an announcement about an end of the year mass, date to be determined.

I'm happy to report that our fundraising for this year's Guatemala and Sandy Lake trips has been continuing nicely. We'll be continuing to sell popcorn during lunches for the rest of the school year, as we finish raising some remaining funds, and leave some seed money for next year. Students going into Grade 11 next year are asked to think about applying for next year's trips. Applications will be available soon.

Again, it's been a wonderful year for me here. To the students and faculty of Holy Trinity: You're the best! Go Falcons!

Michael Trolly

Upcoming Events

- Friday May 10th - Semi-formal dance at HT for grade 9-12s from 7-10pm; cost is \$10 to be paid at the door.
- Friday May 24th is our Vintage Glamour Prom (for grade 12 students) at Nav Centre from 7-10 pm; cost is \$50 to be paid using School Cash Online.

Summer Vacation Bible School

The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall is hosting two Vacation Bible Schools this summer. The first is at St. Anthony's Church in Apple Hill from July 15th to 19th from 9 am to noon each day. The second is at the Agora Catholic Centre in Cornwall from August 5th to 9th from 9 am to noon. If you are 4 to 12 years old you are invited to join Moses the Cat along with his human helpers for a "Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments". The cost is just \$25 per child or \$90 per family. To register go to www.alexandria-cornwall.ca and click on VBS.

Relics of Padre Pio

The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall will welcome the relics of Saint Padre Pio to Cornwall on Monday, June 3rd from 11 am to 6:30 pm. Bishop Prendergast will preside at the Mass at 7 pm. Padre Pio is a beloved Italian priest born in 1887 and who died in 1968. Aside from his great love of the people, he is remembered for being marked with the wounds of Christ. When he was 31 years old the five wounds of Jesus mysteriously appeared on his hands, feet and side. His funeral attracted more than 100,000 mourners. The relics that will be on view at the Catedral de la Nativité include his glove, handkerchief and mantle. Relics are physical objects that have a direct association with the saints. Holy Scripture teaches that God acts through relics, especially in terms of healing. For more information visit the diocesan website at www.alexandria-cornwall.ca



For all interested families!

Dr. George Limantzakis (1080 Montreal Road, Cornwall) is hosting his yearly free “Dentistry from the Heart” day on June 7, 2019. Anyone interested can start to register by 7:30am. This clinic is offered for adults that have limited coverage (i.e. Ontario Works) or for those that have no coverage. They offer limited services such as cleanings, fillings or extractions. “Dentistry From The Heart” is a non-profit dental organization working to supply the world with free dental services.

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