

## *Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School*

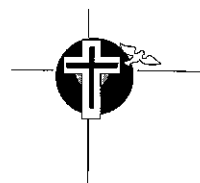
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Holy Trinity Extended Literacy Program (**HELP**) is an afterschool literacy support program that provides a variety of skill training for students aimed at promoting literacy development and improvement for those students writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This program is available at NO COST to students. Our Literacy program will be offered beginning **October 15<sup>th</sup> and concluding on March 24<sup>th</sup>**. The course will run once a week on **Tuesdays from 3: 45pm – 5:15pm**, with the possibility of extending the program for Grade 9 students until June. This program is instructed by a certified teacher. This is a non-credit bearing course; however, regular attendance is required to gain continuity of understanding. If your child is not at school on a course day, they are not expected to be at HELP nor will they be expected on an inclement weather day.

Your child has been identified as a candidate to participate in this program based on their achievement on the OSSLT Diagnostic Test that was given on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Students who achieved a mark of lower than 70% will be the focus of these sessions, as a mark of 300 out of 400 is required to successfully pass the OSSLT to be written on March 31st, 2020. HELP focuses on learning strategies to help students become better, more independent learners. Students will learn how to develop and apply literacy skills, personal management skills, and interpersonal and teamwork skills to improve their learning and achievement in school, the workplace, and the community, as well as for the OSSLT. The course helps students build confidence and motivation with regards to their academic success across the curriculum.

A small snack will be provided and students will be responsible for their own transportation home.

Please note that this course is consecutive and students will be growing their literacy profiles into a resource they can keep as a review resource. If a student misses a session, they will be provided with missed work.

Thank you for your support as we work to build higher literacy proficiency in our HT community!

Yours in Catholic education,

Bonnie Clark

Holy Trinity CSS Teacher and HELP Coordinator/Teacher

Please indicate if you would like your son or daughter to participate in this program by signing and returning this page to Mrs. B. Clark.

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the HELP after school program. I understand that return transportation for my son/daughter is not available and that students must be picked up by 5:15 pm.

If later time of pickup is necessary, please indicate dates, time and reason.

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