



HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Titan Families,

What an interesting summer it has been! The faculty, staff, and administration of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School are eager to welcome our students back - they need the care, support, and structure of a Christ-centered educational experience more now than at any time. The 2020-21 academic year will bring new challenges, but also create new opportunities. Let us commit to meeting those challenges head on, making the most of the opportunities that are presented.

As the school year draws upon us, I would like to draw your attention to some important information concerning the beginning of school:

In-Person Student Orientation

All 9th Grade students will report for two full days (7:55 am - 2:40 pm) of orientation on Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th. These days will afford our freshmen the opportunity to meet their teachers, have hands-on practice using our technology resources, and interact with their classmates. Mass will be celebrated on September 10th as we ask for the Lord's blessings for our newest Titans. A boxed lunch will be provided on September 10th for all 9th graders (please bring lunch if you have special dietary requirements). Freshmen will have the opportunity to purchase lunch on September 11th (see below for more information on our food service procedures).

All transfer students will report for a full day (7:55 am - 2:40 pm) of orientation on Friday, September 11th. This will allow these students the chance to learn the school building, interact with their teachers and classmates, and be formally welcomed into our school family. Mass will be celebrated as part of the transfer

student program on September 11th. A boxed lunch will be provided for all transfer students on that day (please bring lunch if you have special dietary requirements).

All Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will report for a full day (7:55 am - 2:40 pm) orientation on Monday, September 14th. All students will meet their teachers and interact with their classmates. A special Mass will be celebrated for our senior class, as they assume the mantle of leadership at Holy Trinity.

Students who have opted into the Remote Learning program will participate in a live orientation program with their teachers and school administrators on Monday, September 14th beginning at 8:15 am. More details and directives will be sent out about remote learning in the coming days.

[Student Handbook](#)

All students and their parents/guardians are expected to read and understand the Holy Trinity Diocesan High School Student Handbook. In particular, please pay attention to the following changes [2020-2021 Holy Trinity Diocesan High School Handbook.pdf](#) as well as the special COVID-19 Addendum [COVID-19 Addendum to 2020-2021 Student Handbook.pdf](#). Students and parents/guardians must acknowledge that they have read and understood the school policies as outlined in the Student Handbook.

[Uniform Policy](#)

An updated guideline regarding school uniforms can be found here [uniform modifications for the 2020 - 2021 school year \(2\).pdf](#). All students are expected to be in full uniform during orientation and all class days.

[Food Service](#)

Our food service provider, Lessings, Inc., is encouraging all families to sign up for their EZ Pay system to pre-order lunch on a daily basis. Orders that are placed online will be delivered directly to your child's seat in the cafeteria - no need to wait on line! There will be various boxed lunches available for purchase each day, however please keep in mind the menu will be more limited than typical. All-EZ Pay orders must be completed at least 24 hours in advance. Cash will be accepted for in-person purchases. To register for Lessing's EZ Pay. <https://holytrinityhs.lessings.com/>

[Athletics](#)

The Nassau-Suffolk CHSAA has approved a modified schedule for Fall sports. Soccer (boys and girls), Cross Country (boys and girls), Tennis (girls), and Swimming (girls) will conduct official tryouts and practices during the week of

September 21st with the anticipated start of games and meets to be Columbus Day weekend. Football (boys) and Volleyball (girls) will begin to hold workouts during the week of September 21st as well as we await further directives from New York State regarding the official start of their season. Further information will be available in the coming days.

Extracurricular Activities

In-person extracurricular activities will be phased in during the week of September 28th. Certain activities may meet virtually during the prior week if circumstances allow. Students will be required to pre-register for all extracurricular activities.

Arrival to School

The school building will open at 7:15 am each morning. Parents must complete the Student Daily Health Check-In form each morning. Please click here to access the form and here for instructions for how to bookmark this form on your personal device. Note that a link to this form will also be available on the school website. Students will not be permitted to attend classes if the form is not completed by a parent or guardian prior to the child's arrival at the school building. All students will have their temperature checked as they enter the building. See our reopening plan for more information.

Link to form: <https://forms.gle/joQLnbWsVWVegzbS9>

To save this link on your mobile device, follow these steps: [2020_09_03_Daily_Health_Form_Instructions.pdf](#)

Dismissal

End-of-day dismissal will be staggered to allow students to exit the building in a safe, ordered, and distanced manner. The school building will close to students at 3:10 pm each day until at least Friday, September 25th. This will allow for appropriate sanitizing and disinfection of all common areas, classroom spaces, and high-touch points. Once activities begin and the hours of the building are extended, any student in the building after 3:10 pm must be in the presence of a coach or moderator and engaged in an activity. Only certain areas will be open after 3:10, so that the cleaning schedule can continue to be maintained.

Transportation

Please consult with your home school district for the most up-to-date information on transportation. We anticipate that "late buses" (5:00 pm pick-up at Holy Trinity) will begin on Monday September 28th.

I look forward to working with you throughout this upcoming year as we together navigate the challenges that have been placed in our path with a firm reliance on our faith and an unyielding trust in our merciful Lord.

Joy and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jim Grillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Grillo

Principal