

March 29, 2021

Dear Titan Families,

As we enter Holy Week, let us recall the great mysteries of our faith and the wondrous milestones of salvation history. Journeying with the Lord this week, we experience his passion, death, and resurrection. May our observances of this sacred time be a source of grace!

Thank you for your patience and ongoing support as Holy Trinity strives to ensure that students continue to acquire the academic skills necessary to succeed, despite the realities of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We have been working continuously to keep our community safe and healthy. Your trust and partnership in carrying out this arduous task is most helpful. Our policies and procedures continue to evolve, conforming to the latest guidelines issued by the CDC and the Department of Health.

As of April 1, new regulations will **permit an increase in the number of students that are allowed in each classroom**. Student desks will be configured so that there is six feet of distance on the sides and at least three feet of distance back and front. All classroom desks will continue to face the same direction. **Classroom capacity will increase from 18 to 25 students** (for reference, Holy Trinity classrooms can typically seat 38 students). This will create additional opportunities for our in-person students to be in their classrooms, receiving direct instruction from their teachers. Beginning on Monday, April 12th, all classes will operate according to the following guidelines:

- Classes with 25 or fewer students: all in-person students will attend class live every day. This represents 84% of all classes at Holy Trinity.
- Classes with 26 or more students: 25 students will attend class live each day with remaining in-person students remoting into class from a supervised fixed location. Individual teachers will communicate which students will be assigned to the fixed location based on the cycle day.
- All Performing Arts classes (Theatre, Dance, Band, Orchestra, and Choir) will continue to meet according to their individually-established schedules.
- All Physical Education classes will meet in-person in the Gymnasium.
- Resource Room students will continue to attend all classes in person each day.

This new format will allow the majority of our in-person students to be physically present in their classrooms for most, if not all, of their classes each day.

As the number of students in the building during the school day increases, we are continuing to take the following steps so we can safely implement each learning plan and ensure our students' safety while attending in person classes:

- Windows will be open in classrooms, hallways and cafeterias
- Masks/face coverings will continue to be required of all students and staff whenever appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained
- Lockers may only be accessed prior to first period and at dismissal. No overnight storage in lockers is permitted
- Students' temperatures will continue to be scanned as they enter the building each day
- Seating charts will be maintained in Classrooms, the Library and Cafeteria
- Food and drink is limited to the Cafeteria only
- Passing time between classes is increased to allow for safe and orderly movement of students around the building

- Dismissal will remain staggered in order to control the number of students moving at any given time
- The number of students allowed in the restroom at one time will be limited
- The stairwells are designated up and down stairwells
- Hand Sanitizer is available in all Classrooms, the Library, Restrooms and Cafeteria
- The building is continuously sanitized by the Maintenance Staff throughout the day

Also, it is important to note that by the time we return from Easter Break, 81% of faculty and 76% of non-teaching staff will be fully vaccinated.

Please note that **upon our return from Easter Break, students will return to our spring uniform.** The green Holy Trinity golf shirt or the white button down shirt/blouse may be worn. The grade-level school sweater is optional. No other sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, or performance tops are permitted.

You will notice other changes around the campus this spring as well. **Spectators will be permitted at both indoor and outdoor athletic events, subject to CHSAA and Nassau County policies.** The Athletic Department will directly communicate those guidelines as they pertain to each sport. Our **Performing Arts Department is gearing up for the spring season, which will include a limited number of available tickets for each performance.** Specific protocols will be communicated in advance of each event. We are thrilled for our students to be able to again share their talents with us!

Plans are underway for several other spring events, including the senior prom, junior banquet, Honor Society inductions, and graduation. The school will communicate with parents and students specific regulations for these activities in the coming weeks. We will, of course, continue to monitor all guidelines and protocols from New York State and the Nassau County Department of Health. Our protocols will be updated as necessary.

I would like to thank all the members of the Holy Trinity family for their perseverance and extraordinary patience as we continue to work through these challenging times. The safety of our entire community remains our top priority. Each day, we are reminded of how critical our combined efforts are in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and keeping our school open and safe. **It is imperative that all students, faculty, and staff inform us of any positive cases or potential exposures to someone with COVID-19. Please email this information to [Ms. Cooper](#) (Assistant Principal/Dean of Students) and [Mrs. Caputo](#) (School Nurse).**

As we continue to navigate this unprecedented school year, let us continue to rely on our faith, families, and friendships. On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of Holy Trinity, I wish you a glorious Easter! May our risen Lord continue to bless you and your families in abundance.

Joy and Peace!

Mr. Jim Grillo
Principal