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"Shalom— Acting Justly...Living Peacefully...Celebrating Joyfully"

The Falcons begin the new year ready to reach their full potential!

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

2011 was a fantastic year for Holy Trinity. The excitement never stopped throughout this past year with many championships being won, a fantastic musical getting rave reviews, many new students walking the sacred halls of HT, various important projects coming to a completion including our solar panels and a brand new sound booth. I am so proud to be the school principal at HT. We truly have a strong catholic community of students that we can be proud of!

Our social justice league continues to work at raising money to build a well in Haiti. We are so very close to the \$5000 goal. If you would like to help by making a donation, please contact Gordie Van Putten, our chaplaincy leader. We hope to reach this goal by the end of this school year. Wouldn't it be wonderful to provide a poor community in Haiti with clean water! We truly have a strong catholic community of students that we can be proud of!

Exams are just around the corner beginning on January 26th and going until January 31st. Please make sure your child establishes a good study routine for these exams. If he or she is struggling in a certain subject, please make sure they seek out help. Lunch hour assistance is always available.

The new semester begins February 6th. Reviewing your child's schedule and making sure he or she is comfortable with their course selection is important. The guidance dept. is always there to support you and your child and answer any questions you might have.

The staff would like to wish everyone a great new year. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the school. I am looking forward to another great year with our HT community.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Natalie Cameron
Principal



The Sports Corner—Taking it to another level!

Sports at HT:

The Athletic Department would like to welcome everyone back from the Christmas holidays.

January is a slow month for athletics as we only have 10 days of competition before the exam moratorium begins on Monday, January 23rd. Both the boys and girls hockey teams will see action this month, as will the volleyball and basketball teams.

Both the Junior and Senior Boys Basketball teams will travel to Bellville on January 13th & 14th. Finally, the 4th Transfer Appeal

Deadline is on Friday, January 27th.

Please visit the Guidance office if you require the application form.

For a detailed schedule of games and tournaments, please visit www.holytrinityfalcons.com

Go Falcons Go!



Christmas Special

We would like to take a moment to thank all of our musically talented students and teachers for making the Christmas concert such an unbelievable success. Many parents and students gathered to hear music and see dance come alive on our HT stage. A special thank you to Mrs. Andrea DeCoeur and Ms. Alanna Pollard for making this evening possible. Our concerts just keep getting better every year as our talent grows and grows.





Chaplaincy News

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped support our annual Christmas food drive in support of St. Vincent de Paul. At time of the year, many people in our community do not have the benefits of sharing meals with family members. **Our generosity will certainly bring a smile to someone's face during these festive times. Our school collected over 2000 food items for our local shelter. May God continue to bless us and encourage us in sharing with our sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Our HT Justice League would like to thank all students and staff who took part in our St. Albert's Cheese fundraiser for our clean water project in Haiti. We are pleased to report that we raised \$4100.00 with this promotion. We are only a few hundred dollars away from making our project a reality. Our group will be working hard in the new year to accomplish this goal. Thank you again for showing your support for our global sisters and brothers. This shows how Holy Trinity lives and promotes the gospel of love!

Our Respect for Life team had a wonderful afternoon at the Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge on Dec. 13th. Students spent time in conversation and singing with our local elderly. Our team still has calendars to sell for the year 2012. If you are interested please contact Gordie Van Putten, Chaplaincy Leader. Calendars are only \$10.00 each.

Just a few dates to remember in the near future: Respect for Life group will be hosting National Campus Life Network speakers on Feb. 10. And, our annual ThinkFast famine for Development and Peace will be happening on Friday, March 2, 2012.

As our students enter into the exam period on January 27, please pray for them to help prepare their hearts and minds: Loving Father, Source of all wisdom, help me to use my time and my intelligence wisely as I prepare for my exams. Help me to order myself to listen to Your Holy Spirit, so that You, as my Loving Father, may place me in a state of prayer and lead me to understand that the supreme wisdom is knowing I am Your child. Help me to remain calm so that my work may truly reflect this profound truth. Mary, Mother of my spiritual life, guide me in the ways of your Son, so that my work may help to transform this world for His glory. Amen.

May God shower His blessings upon us in this new year!
Shalom,
Gordie Van Putten, Chaplaincy Leader.



We are preparing for the OSSLT in a big way!

We are working hard to prepare our gr.10 students for the Ontario Secondary Student Literacy Test. A passing mark on this ministry assessment is obligatory in order to obtain their grade 12 diploma. Our first mock literacy test for this year will take place on February 7th. This data will permit us to further emphasize and concentrate on the areas that our students are struggling with. The mock is extremely important to their success. The official OSSLT will take place March 29th.

News for the Guidance Dept.

Although the Holy Trinity deadline for university & college applications has passed, students can still submit their university applications online by January 11th, 2012 and their college applications online by February 1st 2012.

Holy Trinity will be hosting our grade 8 feeder school students from Iona, St. Andrew's, & St. Finnan's on Thursday January 12th and our own HT grade 8 students on Friday January 13th. Both groups of grade 8 students will get a tour of the high school facilities and an orientation session on picking courses for grade 9 and on the high school program graduation requirements. **Our evening Open House for incoming Grade 9 & Grade 7 students and their parents will be on Thursday February 9th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

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