



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Yesterday the STAR Catholic School Division board decided to move the divisional start date to September 8th. This change does include Holy Trinity Academy. The move will affect the soft start we originally planned. We do not want to take any more days away from important quartered instruction, thus have made a plan to accommodate. The plan is as follows:

GRADES 10-12

- 1) Students from grades 10-12 will receive a course selection Google Form. This Google Form is being sent to the student's email. This form will allow us to create the student's timetable. Timetables for grades 10-12 will be emailed to the students by Wednesday, September 2nd. This will alleviate the need for a 10-12 soft start, as part of the time would be dedicated to course selection and timetable creation. The students will also be sent their locker information in the email.
- 2) On September 8th, grades 10-12 will report to their first class at 8:33, which is the first bell time. No students are to visit in the hallways or foyer. Once in their classrooms, the students will be instructed on COVID-19 protocols and changes this year. **A reminder that student MUST wear masks in the hallways and in the classroom.**

GRADE 9

- 1) On September 8th, all grade 9 students will report to the gym by 8:33am, where we will have chairs set up 2 meters apart. Grade 9 students are not currently aware of classroom assignments, nor do they know their teachers, thus it is here we will introduce them to their teachers and they will be informed of COVID-19 protocol.
- 2) The students will receive their timetables and locker information at this time. They will be directed class by class to their lockers, and then to their designated morning classroom by their teachers. **A reminder that student MUST wear masks in the hallways and in the classroom.**
- 3) The morning will be spent CAT-IV testing. This is testing we do for the grade 9 and 10 students to determine any areas of need and to inform their educational programming. This testing is normally done within the first week of school, and we thought it best to 'get right to it' and ensure we are providing the best instruction to your children. Grade 9s all begin quarter 1 mornings with Math 9.

ALL STUDENTS CHANGES TO ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION

There has been a slight modification to student timetables (lunch and flex) from the original example. There will no longer be a staggered lunch hour. In an effort to provide better social distancing at this time, the following measures will take place:

- 1) All students leaving the school for lunch will be dismissed 5 minutes prior to the bell. Once they exit the building and the lunch bell rings, the remaining students will get their lunches and report to their afternoon classrooms to eat. All students will remain in those classrooms for the lunch hour.

- 2) There will no longer be a flex block. The students will have an increased class time that should service any learning needs. If your child does need additional help, please communicate with the teacher. Teachers at HTA are always willing to help!

With the aforementioned changes, the new timetable will look like this:

Example Grade 10 Student

	Quarter 1 September 1- November 6		Quarter 2 November 9 - January 28		Quarter 3 January 29 - April 19		Quarter 4 April 20 - June 28	
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2
Morning 8:35-11:25	Science 10	Science 10	Eng 10-1	Eng 10-1	Social 10-1	Social 10-1	Math 10C	Math 10C
Lunch 11:25-12:23	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon 12:42-3:15	Religion	Phys Ed	Learning Strategies	Option	CALM	Phys Ed	CTS 10	Option

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. All questions at this time can be directed to Keri Clark, the Vice Principal: keri-lynn.clark@starcatholic.ab.ca .

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SAFE AND EXCITING SCHOOL YEAR!