



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY



September Newsletter

Welcome Back!

With the school year ready to begin, we are excited to welcome everyone back and wanted to share some changes, updates, and important dates that are coming up!

September Dates to Remember

- Sept. 2 First Day Grade 9's **ONLY**.
Grade 10—12 Schedules
~ Available After 1:00 pm **ONLY**
- Sept. 3 All Students first day of classes
- Sept. 18 Opening Mass
Terry Fox Walk, Hot Dog Lunch,
Parking Lot Party
BBQ Supper & Meet the Teachers 5:30 pm
- Sept. 19 No School—Teachers only
- Sept. 24 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sept. 29 Truth & Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day
See Page 2 for more Information
- Sept. 30 No School—National Truth & Reconciliation

Updates & Payments

Payments for various fees as well as permission forms are all accessible through the School Cash Online Portal. To access this please go to our website and scroll to the very bottom of our page. You will see a Quick Links drop down menu, choose School Cash Online and it will take you to the portal where you can either login or setup an account.

PowerSchool

We encourage all families to access PowerSchool. This can be done through our website at HT.Starcatholic.ab.ca. Click on the Menu button (right top corner), then Parents, then PowerSchool. As a parent make sure to choose the Parent link.

You will be able to see your child's attendance (Lates and Absences), marks, and assignments.

This year teachers will be able to mark an assignment as Collected. This means that when an assignment shows as NHI (Not Handed In) it is outstanding and will need to be turned in. Our teachers plan to increase the information accessible through the platform. Report Cards will continue to be online through the portal as well.

If you do not have access or are having difficulty please contact the front office for assistance.

Bell Times 2025-2026

Our class schedule will be making some changes this year. We will have 85 minute blocks on Monday, Tuesday and Friday with no Tutorial time. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings between blocks 1 and 2 will have a 37 minute Tutorial Block and classes will be 76 minutes. The schedule will be as follows:

	Mon, Tues, Fri	Wed, Thurs
Warning Bell	8:33	8:33
Block 1	8:35—10:00	8:35—9:51
Tutorial	No Tutorial	9:53—10:30
Block 2	10:38—11:52	10:32—11:48
Lunch	11:29—12:19	11:48—12:39
Block 3	12:21—1:46	12:21—1:46
Block 4	1:50—3:15	1:59—3:15

School Council Meeting

Our first School Council Meeting will be held on

Sept. 24 @ 6:30 pm

We hope to see you there!



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Automated Calls

Automated calls that come home are for absences only. Calls will not be made for excused or late entries.

Picture Day!

School photos will be October 7, retakes will be November 6.



School Clothing

School Clothing is available at the office. It is also a great gift idea for Christmas! Contact the front office for more information.



Annual Truth & Reconciliation Event

On September 29th, In and Beyond the Classroom for Indigenous Studies Program and Holy Trinity Academy will be hosting the 3rd annual Youth Event for Awareness and Advocacy for Truth and Reconciliation, geared specifically for high school students.

Details on the interactive learning experience will be provided during the second week of September

Information Updates

We distribute our information updates via email & Facebook. Please make sure we have your updated email address & find us on Facebook



<https://www.facebook.com/HTAhighschool>

LIFE Framework

General Notice

Catholic schools share a foundational belief that all children are loved by God, are individually unique. The school has a mission to help each student fulfill their God-given potential in all aspects of their person: physically, academically, socially, morally and spiritually. Catholic schools are committed to using the LIFE (Lived Inclusion For Everyone) framework as a guideline for the creation and operation of student groups that are comprehensive in their approach to inclusion and open to the exploration in a Catholic context of a variety of issues including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual orientation, gender identity, discrimination, justice, and respectful relationships and language. Alberta legislation recognizes that parents have both the right and responsibility to make informed decisions respecting the education of their children. Please accept this as general notice that students may be organizing LIFE Framework/Diversity clubs at the school in the future. If a LIFE Framework/Diversity club is formed, notification of the formation of the club will be sent to all parents.

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Meet Our Staff

We want to take a moment to introduce our staff for the 2025—2026 School Year



Mrs. Keri-Lynn Clark
Principal



Mr. Kirk Nelson
Vice Principal



Mrs. Meghann Gupton
Secretary



Mrs. Naomi MacLean
Secretary

Missing Photos:

Clinical Counsellor

Ms. Britnie MacLean

Family Support Workers

Mrs. Kaycee Bloomfield

Our Teachers for the 2025—2026 School Year



Mrs. Catherine Dohn
Learning Support Fac.



Mrs. Eileen Beaulieu



Miss Jessica Bens



Ms. Bev Duperron



Mrs. Melissa Highfield



Mrs. Megan Martin



Mr. Shawn Ram



Ms. Lee-Adele Shykora



Miss Marie Titanich



Miss Emily
Valiquette

Missing Photos: Mrs. Teresa Marshall, Mr. Eduardo Claderon, Mr. Yijun Tan

Our Educational Assistants for the 2025—2026 School Year



Mrs. Melissa Berridge



Mrs. Lori Efird



Mr. Daniel Greves



Mrs. Jody Gardiner



Mrs. Trudy Henley



Mrs. Janice Koss



Mrs. Sunny Miller



Mrs. Sheri Nadeau



Ms. Sherri-Lynn
Peacock



Mrs. Esperanza
Tobias

Our Facilities and Custodial Staff for the 2025—2026 School Year

Missing Photos: Mr. Miles Gervais, Mrs. Arlyn Tuleta, Mrs. Julia Kuru



September 2024

Re: VTRA - Letter of Fair Notice

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The STAR Catholic School Division is committed to providing safe and caring learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. To this end, we have invested heavily in the professional certification of administrative staff in Level 1 & Level 2 Violence and Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training across the Division. VTRA helps schools respond quickly to incidents where students' behaviours pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm.

In all six of our school Division's communities, we have signed off on formalized community-based VTRA protocols that include other regional partners such as the public school jurisdictions, the RCMP, Alberta Health Services, and other community agencies. Such protocols outline how organizations will collaborate and work together to respond quickly to threatening behavior. These protocols are modeled on the work of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment Trauma Response.

Please be advised that the school division requires school administrators to complete a threat risk assessment in cases of students making significant threats to themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to ascertain the potential level of risk posed and identify supports that may be required. It is important for all parties to engage in the threat risk assessment process. If, for some reason, there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat-maker or parents and guardians, the assessment procedures will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment. Personal information shared throughout the threat risk assessment process respects and weighs individual rights to privacy with the need to uphold the safety of all.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side. If you wish for further information, please contact Assistant Superintendent Jordan Robinson at 780.986.2500

Yours in Catholic Education,

Laurie Kardynal
Superintendent