



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL

FAITHFULLY FORWARD

SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL 2021-22





FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families of Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School,

Last year, we demonstrated how we were Safer and Stronger by working Together. Holy Trinity provided for little to no spread throughout the community. When tracing COVID cases, the vast majority of them originated outside of our campus.

This year, working together as parents, school leaders, teachers, and students, we will continue to prioritize the safety of our school community. The consistent validation we have received from school data and education and health professionals reinforces that our guidelines and protocols, outlined in the following pages, are appropriate and correct for the mission and needs of our school. The protocols prioritize safety while supporting our goal to provide as normal a learning environment as possible.

As we move through the school year, we will continue to monitor the pandemic and use objective data to make decisions that support a safe and conducive learning environment for those we serve. The pandemic continues to affect populations throughout our community and beyond. We must remember that our decisions individually and collectively should focus on fulfilling our mission. Meeting our students' holistic learning needs, so that they may answer their calling to be intentional disciples of Christ, is our responsibility. We appreciate your trust and partnership this past year and look forward to walking Faithfully Forward with you in 2021-2022. May God bless you and your family.

Kevin Parks
Principal





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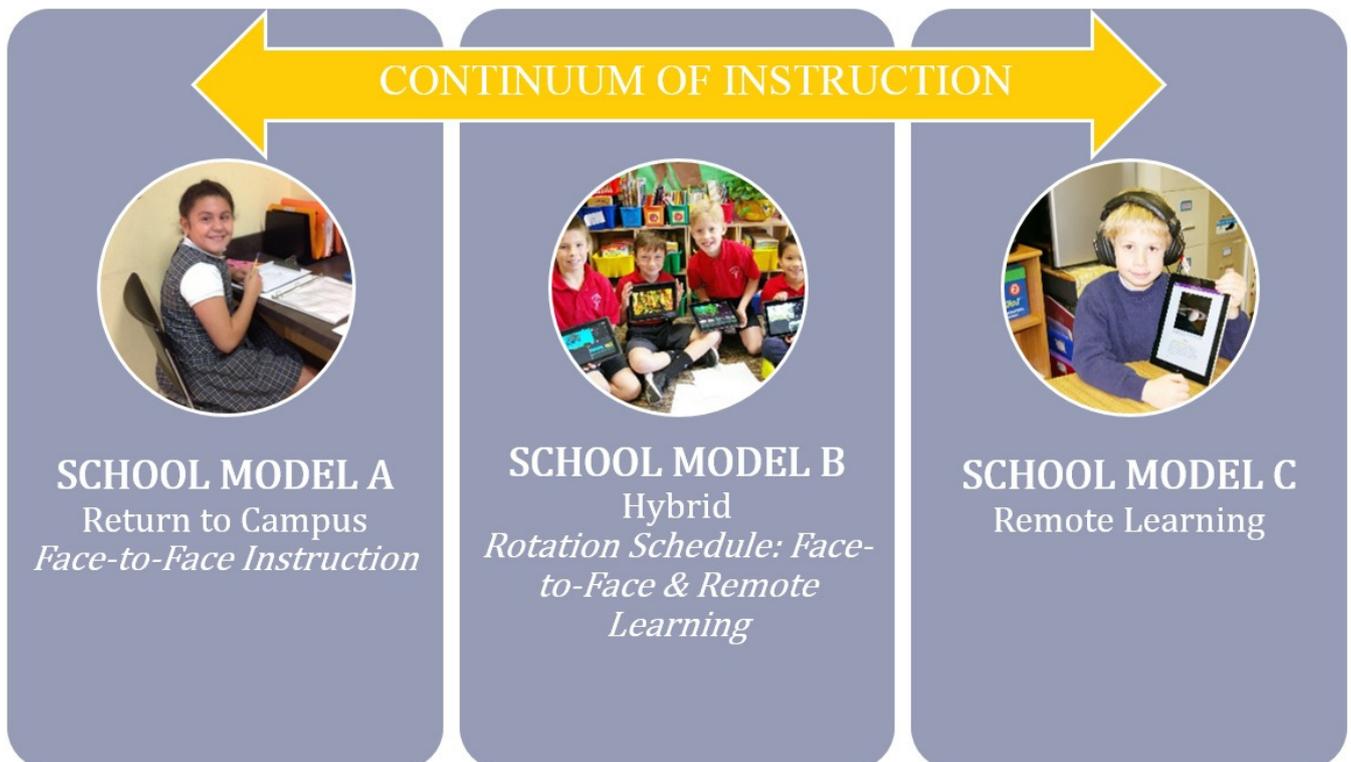
COVID 2021-22 PROTOCOLS

Students in School: We look forward to welcoming our students back to the hallways of Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School. We continue to prioritize in-person learning knowing this is the optimal environment for our students' holistic development. Holy Trinity will meet in person this school year. There is no option to elect full-remote learning.

School Environment: When students return to their classrooms, they will feel a sense of safety and excitement. They will no longer see barriers or signage limiting their movement and interactions. The hallways and bulletin boards will be illuminated with art and work samples as they learn and grow in faith and academics.

LEARNING CONTINUUM

As we move through this upcoming school year, we must continue to monitor the pandemic and respond to the individual needs of our school community. Our learning continuum will remain in place for the 2021-2022 school year. A decision to move from one model of instruction to another will be made in consultation with school administration and the CSO.





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Gatherings



Mass, Large Gatherings, Field Trips, Sports

As a school community we finished the 2020-2021 school year united in Faith. We were able to celebrate Mass and carry out many of our end-of-year traditions including graduation. We look forward to starting this year strong with many of our normal back-to-school events already lined-up including athletics, clubs, 6th Grade Camp Thunderbird and 7th Grade Ropes Course. Stay tuned to HTCMS Daily for more information.



Cleaning

In the spring of 2021 our school community returned to normal routines for cleaning and disinfecting measures. Our classrooms and hallways are prepared to welcome students back. We will continue with standard cleaning and disinfecting protocols in place.

Transportation



Transportation is available for the 2021-2022 school year. Buses will run at normal capacity with increased cleaning measures in place. Buses will have assigned seating with siblings paired together. Face coverings or masks are optional for bus riders and drivers.

Volunteers



We are thankful to have such strong supporters who impact our everyday operations. All volunteers must check in at the front office upon arrival.

Stay Home



One of the main reasons we were successful in sustaining in-person instruction last school year was the partnership with our families. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them at home. If you do have any health updates please communicate with Nurse Brzycki or Kevin Parks as soon as possible at 704-527-7822. We want to remain vigilant in our response time to ensure we keep students in school.

Face Coverings



Face coverings are optional for students, staff and visitors on our school campus. Please be respectful of others' decisions whether or not to wear a face covering.

Health & Handwashing Training



Prioritizing health trainings with our staff and handwashing with our families contributed to the success of our 2020-2021 school year. Routine and proper handwashing can significantly reduce the spread of germs. We will train our students in proper handwashing techniques and build in opportunities for them to wash throughout the day. Please reinforce handwashing practices at home.



WHAT WILL THE RESPONSE BE FOR A POSITIVE COVID CASE WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

If your child or a family member tests positive for COVID, please contact Nurse Brzycki or Kevin Parks immediately. If contact tracing is necessary, HTCMS Administration/Nurse will communicate with the appropriate individuals, including the local health department. COVID cases will not be reported community wide to protect the privacy of those affected. We do not communicate any other illness or health concern to our wider school community.



WHAT IS THE PROTOCOL FOR CONTACT TRACING ON CAMPUS?

In the spring of 2021 we decreased our social distancing and contact tracing measures to 3 feet. Data collected diocesan wide during the implementation of this change has shown that no additional spread resulted in our schools. Our protocol for contact tracing for the 2021-2022 school year will include siblings, carpool members and those identified as a direct contact (within 3 feet for 15 minutes or longer) with a positive case.