

Welcome!

Becoming a Bulldog
Spring 2024



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CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL

Introduction

Kevin Parks - Principal

Fr. Joseph Matlak - Chaplain

Mike Brodowicz - 6th Grade Ass't. Principal

Kevin Glossner - 7th Grade Ass't. Principal

Theresa Keese - Dean of Academics/8th Grade Ass't Principal

Peggy Wright - 6th Grade Counselor

Kate McHugh - 7th Grade Counselor

Nancy Russo - 8th Grade Counselor

Assistant Principal Role

- Create student schedules
- Meet regularly with team leaders and grade level counselor
- Meet with parents as needed
- Create teams (6th grade only)
- Discipline when necessary

Counselor Role

- Each grade is assigned a licensed professional counselor
- Your child's counselor will travel with them throughout middle school
- Counselors provide education, prevention and intervention activities
- Program teaches students the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary for academic, and social/emotional development

A Day in the Life of a HT Student

- Homeroom/Prayers/Announcements
- 5 Core Classes – with team – 6th grade only
- 2 Encore Classes – with grade
- Lunch/recess (45 minutes) – split between two teams – 6th grade only/others split by homerooms
- Afternoon Homeroom, Prayers & Dismissal



Starting the Day

- Students can arrive at school as early as 7:00
- Supervised morning care in cafeteria/breakfast is available for purchase
- 7:30 – Homeroom begins
- 7:50 – Prayer and announcements – students should be in Homeroom
- 8:00 – First class begins



Afternoon Dismissal

- 2:30 – Return to Homeroom
- 2:35 – Prayers and Announcements
- 2:40 – St. Ann shuttle riders carpool students, walkers and bike riders dismissed
- 2:50 – Bus riders dismissed
- 3:00 – Sports, Clubs, Afterschool Program (ASEP) begins

What is a Core Class?

- Each day your student will attend 5 Core Classes
- Core Classes include: English, Math, Social Studies, Science and Theology
- For 6th grade – all Core Classes will be taught by the team of teachers to which your student is assigned

What is an Encore Class?

- Broadly defined categories are: Fine Arts, World Language, Academic Support, Communications and Technology/Business, PE
- Language Wheel for 6th grade
- You will receive an email this week regarding course preferences for next year. Please return by May 1st.



6th Grade Teaming

- Teams have approximately 100–120 students from different feeder schools
- Each team has 4 Core Teachers who specialize in: Math, Science, English and Social Studies respectively
- Core Teachers also teach Theology
- Students will have all of their Core Classes with students on their own team
- Encore classes are an opportunity for the students to meet and mix with other students in 6th grade from other teams

6th Grade Team Placement

- HT Administration meets with Counselors and/or Administration from each Catholic feeder school to determine needs and considerations of the student
- We use TerraNova results, math assessment (given in the Spring) and teacher input to determine best placement for your student
- For “New to MACS” students, we will use information obtained from your application to determine best fit

7th and 8th Grade Scheduling

- HT Administration works with Counselors and teachers to determine needs and considerations of the student
- We use TerraNova results, math assessment (given in the Spring) and teacher input to determine best placement for your student
- For “New to MACS” students, we will use information obtained from your application to determine best fit
- Encore Classes will be determined by parent’s preferences and availability of classes

Catholicity in our School

- Opportunity for Mass and Confession each week
- Adoration every Friday
- Education in Virtue small group sessions each week
- Daily Rosary in the Chapel each morning
- Nine active Christ centered clubs such as Knights of St. Joseph, Little Flowers and Respect Life club



Safety in our School

- All doors are locked during school hours
- Each teacher/student wears a security key card to obtain entrance to any building
- Cameras throughout the campus
- Armed Security Guard (Mr. Angel) on campus
- Full time Nurse and Health Room Ass't - staffed daily

Technology in our School

- Each student will receive a Chromebook upon matriculation. It will be used by teachers to supplement their curriculum.
- Should your student have a cell phone, it will be securely housed in their Homeroom each morning. Smart watches are not permitted.
- Bark monitoring of Chromebook use



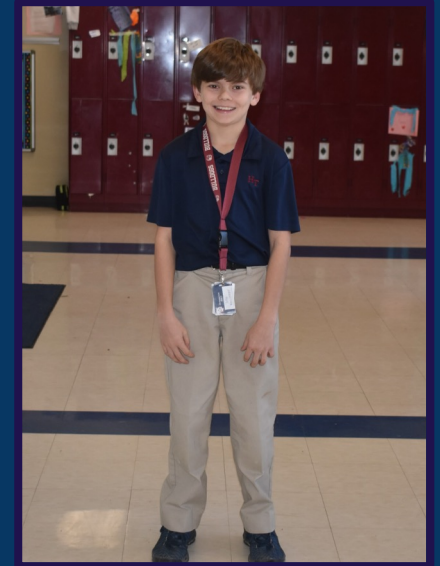
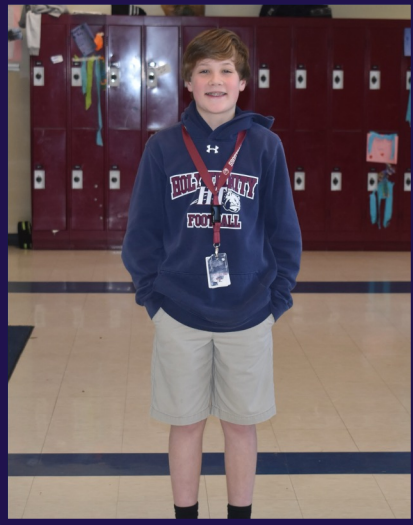
Student Life Overview

- Uniforms
- Clubs/Activities/Performing Organizations
- Athletics
- Bulldog Market

Uniforms – 3 Types

- Standard Uniform
- Dress Uniform
- No specific PE Uniform – students wear Catholic school appropriate T-shirts and short

Standard Uniform

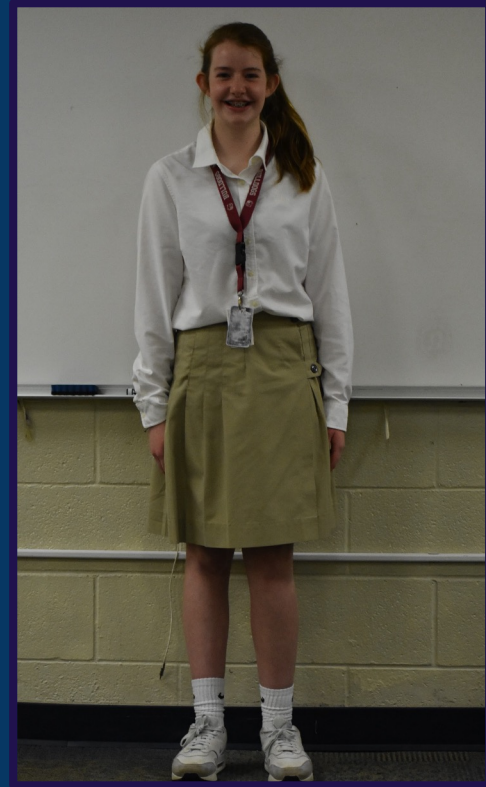


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Standard Uniform

- Logo polo shirt from Flynn and O'Hara or AddLogos (white or navy)
- Boys: Khaki pants or shorts with belt
- Girls: Khaki or navy pants, capris, shorts or kilt. Kilt can be purchased at Flynn and O'Hara or Addlogos

Dress Uniform



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Dress Uniform

- Worn for Mass, athletic games, and other special events
- Boys: Khaki pants with belt, blue long or short sleeved logo oxford and school tie from AddLogos or Flynn and O'Hara
- Girls: Khaki or navy kilt (3" above the knee), white long or short sleeved logo oxford from AddLogos or Flynn and O'Hara

Clubs, Activities, and Performing Organizations

- 16 clubs: Respect Life Club to Mountain Biking!
- Student activities include: Dances, Scavenger Hunt, Movie nights and annual Talent Show
- Spirit Week: dress up days, teacher vs. student dodge ball game and outdoor pep rally, we really show our Bulldog Spirit!!!!

Clubs, Activities, and Performing Organizations

- 6th, 7th and 8th grade Band: Carowinds, Smoky Mountain Music Festival and a Charlotte Knights game
- Choir: Spring Concert at the new MACS FAC in May, Christmas Concert and field trips
- Drama Club: Spring musical is Annie, Jr.



Athletics

- 6th Grade Football and Cheer
 - Football Mini Camp–May 11/Cheer Try Outs–April 29
- 7th and 8th Grade: We offer all of the same athletic teams that CCHS offers – 28 competitive teams!
- This year, we have claimed 6 Conference Championships thus far
- Our mascot is Winston the Bulldog!!!



Bulldog Market

- Our cafeteria is run by the Bulldog Market. All the food is cooked in our cafeteria.
- You can order ahead or ala carte the day of
- Student ID cards are loaded with money and swiped by the student at time of purchase
- You will get more information over the Summer

Parent Information Overview

- Communication
- Parent Engagement
- A Culture of Giving

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Communication

- Plus Portals (grades, assignments, test/quiz dates, handbook, calendar) You will receive your sign on instructions via email in May
- Daily Announcement Email via Constant Contact
- Facebook – Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School
- Instagram – holytrinitybulldogs
- HTCMS Website – www.htcms.org (under construction)

Communication

- HTCMS PTO Website – www.htcmspto.com
- HTCMSParents Facebook Page– request to follow
- MACS – www.discovermacs.org School Admin Portal (billing, transportation, ASEP)

Parent Engagement

- Supportive PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)
- Engaged SLC (School Leadership Council)
- Social activities
- Volunteering/Chaperoning



A Community of Giving and Belonging

- Various ways to get involved with our community: volunteering, service projects, funding Dress Down Days, Parent Rosary, Counselor Coffees
- School Sponsored Annual Fund
- PTO Sponsored Thankful Thursday
- PTO Sponsored fundraisers



Next Steps

- Look for email with Course Preference form for your student's Encore classes for next year
- Go to one of the PTO Feeder School Coffee Meet Ups for more information
- You will begin receiving emails from HTCMS regarding next year in June

Transition to Holy Trinity Catholic Academy



<https://charlottediocese.org/schools/holy-trinity-resources/>