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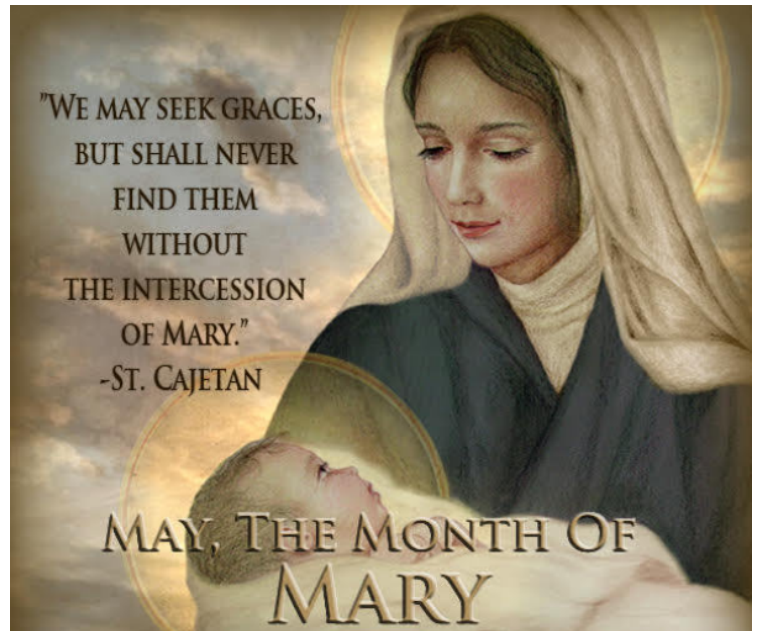
ISSUE #7

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## TRINITY TIMES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

As we approach May and June, we would like to highlight the importance of open communication and encourage our parents and students to regularly check powerschool and email teachers with any academic concerns. Please notify the school to excuse student absences. Also, as the weather warms up, we encourage any block 4 students who have a spare and are not in school for academic purposes, to leave the campus for the remainder of the day. Finally, we would like to wish our 2023 grade 12 graduates a safe and happy graduation!



*~Admin Team*

### School Administration Team

<b>Dale Astill</b>	<b>Melissa De Stefanis-King</b>	<b>Larysa Matchak</b>	<b>Tony Martino</b>
<b>Principal</b>	<b>Grade 10 Coordinator</b>	<b>Grade 11 Coordinator</b>	<b>Grade 12 Coordinator</b>

**Have a question? Contact our team!**

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## ACADEMICS & SCHOOL UPDATES



### Graduation

**Graduation tickets are no longer available for the banquet.**

Commencement tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 cash (first come first serve)

Tickets and grad apparel will be handed out at the Grade 12 assembly on Thursday May 25 - all graduating grade 12's must attend

- **Commencement is May 26 at 7:00 Hall C at Shaw Conference Centre.**

- **Banquet is May 27 at 5:45 pm Hall D at Shaw Conference Centre**
- Please submit baby pictures for the slide show by the end of this week to the google classroom

Any questions please contact Carla Lowerison at [carla.lowerison@ecsd.net](mailto:carla.lowerison@ecsd.net)

An email will be sent to grads the week before for more information.

### Student Services

- Several sessions will be available for students within Career and Life Management classes: SRO consent presentations, RAP program, SACE.
- Student services has organized Mental Health Awareness week: May 1-5th, 2023 and Mindfulness Wednesday with Counseling Therapist at lunch.

### Ethics Bowl Members: *Ethicletes*

Holy Trinity Ethicletes is a team of students (established February 2022) who analyze a series of ethical and world dilemmas. The club values students' reasoning abilities, and emphasis is placed on broader ethical implications of the case studies. This year the Ethicletes participated in the University of Alberta Regional Competition on March 4th, the mini Model UN at Archbishop MacDonald High School on March 18th, and **will be hosting the annual Trojans Ethics Slam at Holy Trinity on May 18th, 2023.**



### International Baccalaureate

- We wish our IB students successful writing of their Final IB exams beginning May 3rd. View the complete exam schedule is here:

[Exam Schedule - Holy Trinity Catholic High School \(ecsd.net\)](#)

**Business Office:** Students who require study guides for final exam preparation can **order by May 5th, 2023:** [Study Guides Online ordering 2022-2023 \(1\).pdf \(ecsd.net\)](#)



### HOLY TRINITY ATHLETICS

**Holy Trinity Soccer teams have kicked off their season. Every game starts at 4:15pm as follows:**

**Senior Boys:** May 4th: WP Wagner@ Trinity, May 9th: MMM@ Holy Trinity, May 11th: Holy Trinity @ St. Joseph, May 16th: Salisbury @ Holy Trinity, May 18th: Holy Trinity@ Louis St. Laurent

**Senior Girls:** May 3rd: Holy Trinity @ JH Picard, May 8th: Holy Trinity @ J Percy Page, May 10th: Holy Trinity @ Maurice Lavallee, May 15th: Holy Trinity @ Leduc.

**Track and Field:** The athletes are excited to compete next week at the divisional meet on May 9th. Let's go Trojans!

### HOLY TRINITY FINE ARTS

- **Fine Arts/CTS Spring Showcase: Suites & Treats - May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm.** Ticketed event: Get your tickets from any CTS/FINE ARTS teacher

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 3rd, 2023: School Advisory Council Meeting 6:30 pm**
- May 3-18th, 2023: IB exams**
- HT Solidarity: May 24th, 2023 Student Vote**
- May 26th, 2023: PD NO CLASSES (Grad Commencements at 7pm SHAW CONFERENCE CENTRE)**
- May 27th, 2023: GRAD BANQUET- SHAW CONFERENCE CENTRE**
- May 29-June 2nd: Heritage Week**
- June 10th, 2023: English Part A Diplomas**



### FULL FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

[Exam Schedule - Holy Trinity Catholic High School \(ecsd.net\)](#)



### Consti's Corner

Our School Resource Officer (SRO), Constable Capinding would like to hear from you if you have



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July 4-7, 2023  
Northwest Division  
(18440 127 Street NW)  
Visit Online  
[EDMONTONPOLICE.CA/YRA](#)

#### EXPERIENCE

- Four days of recruit training
- Presentations from a variety of police Units including: Canine, Air One, Tactical, and traffic
- Police-style fitness training
- "Behind the scenes" of EPS

any questions or concerns. [3235@edmontonpolice.ca](mailto:3235@edmontonpolice.ca) or or at 780-819-5089

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Our TWITTER feed and INSTAGRAM are blowing up with TROJAN content. Don't forget to follow us on social media:

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# 10 Reasons

why the IB Diploma Programme (DP) is ideal preparation for university

- 1 It increases academic opportunity**  
Research\* shows that DP graduates are much more likely to be enrolled at top higher education institutions than entrants holding other qualifications.
- 2 IB students care about more than just results**  
Through creativity, action, service (CAS) you learn outside the classroom and develop emotionally and ethically as well as intellectually.
- 3 It encourages you to become a confident and independent learner**  
For example, the extended essay requires independent research through an in-depth study.
- 4 It's an international qualification**  
The DP is recognized globally by universities and employers.
- 5 Graduates are globally minded**  
Language classes encourage an international mindset, key for increasingly globalized societies.
- 6 The IB encourages critical thinking**  
Learn how to analyse and evaluate issues, generate ideas and consider new perspectives.
- 7 DP students have proven time management skills**  
Take good study habits and strong time management to further education and the working world.
- 8 It assesses more than examination techniques**  
Learn to understand, not just memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.
- 9 Subjects are not taught in isolation**  
Theory of knowledge (TOK) classes encourage you to make connections between subjects.
- 10 It encourages breadth and depth of learning**  
You are able to choose courses from six subject groups and study subjects at different levels.

\*Based on IB research - [www.ibo.org/research](http://www.ibo.org/research)  
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# Let Your Light Shine Forth

May 2023

*As for us, we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.  
~Micah 4:5~*

This scripture provides the setting for the celebration of Catholic Education Week in Alberta, which takes place from May 15 – 19 this year. In their letter to mark this occasion, The Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories offer their appreciation to everyone who is involved in the great endeavour of Catholic education and invite all to walk together with them to promote and strengthen the gift of publicly funded Catholic education in our province. May 18 is World Catholic Education Day, and we invite students, families, and staff to wear blue in support of Catholic education. Watch our website and social media throughout the week to learn how #ECSDFaithInspires!

Our Division is so incredibly excited to be hosting our annual Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow in person once again for the first time since 2019! The event, held in partnership with the City of Edmonton, will be held at Clarke Stadium/Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre. It will be an amazing day filled with a joyful celebration of Indigenous culture. The Powwow will feature a variety of dancers, drummers, and craft and food vendors. Grand Entries will be held at 1 pm and 6 pm. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend! Visit the News section of [ecsd.net](https://www.ecsd.net) to learn more.

Edmonton Catholic School of Alternative Education offers a wide range of 10, 20, and 30 level classroom-based, self-paced, and online high school courses, as well as [Millwrights Apprenticeship Course](#) during the month of July. Our programs give students the opportunity to repeat a course or to get a jump start in their academics. Summer School runs from July 4-24. Registration is now open. To find out more, visit <https://www.ecsd.net/summer-school>.

Of course, May, a month which we commit to Our Holy Mother, Mary, is also the month that sees us honouring the many people who fill the role of mother in our lives. I would like to share an excerpt of a blessing with you, written by Irish poet and philosopher John O'Donohue for his own mother as I wish you a Happy Mother's Day!

*On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble,  
may the clay dance to balance you.  
May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
may the clarity of light be yours,  
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.  
And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you,  
an invisible cloak to mind your life.*

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin  
Chief Superintendent

## **Harry Potter and Mary, the Mother of God**

May is the month of Mother's Day.

May is also the month of Mary, when we traditionally turn to the Mother of God with added devotion asking her to pray for us in a special way to her son, Jesus. For who can deny the pleas of a mother?

Which brings us to Harry Potter....

Ok, I admit it. I've read all the Harry Potter books and have seen all the movies. [And I'm quite excited about the new Harry Potter tv series (ok, still in production but coming out in a year or two!)]. I wanted to know what our young people are reading and Harry Potter's hot! And you know what? I'm not only enjoying the read but have found many Christian parallels.

Take *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, for example.

The evil Lord Voldemort has killed Harry's parents and tried to kill Harry too, but was unsuccessful, leaving only the telltale scar of a lightning bolt on the young boy's forehead. By the end of the book, when Harry defeats Voldemort for the first time, he inquires of Dumbledore, Headmaster at Hogwart's School of Wizardry, "Well ... Voldemort said that he only killed my mother because she tried to stop him killing me. But why would he want to kill me in the first place?"

Dumbledore replies, "Alas, the first thing you ask me, I cannot tell you. Not today. Not now. You will know, one day .... When you are older...."

"But why couldn't Quirrell touch me?," asks Harry.

"Your mother died to save you. If there is one thing Voldemort cannot understand, it is love. He didn't realize that love as powerful as your mother's love for you leaves its own mark. Not a scar, no visible sign ... to have been loved so deeply, even though the person who loved us is gone, will give us some protection forever. It is in your very skin. Quirrell, full of hatred, greed and ambition, sharing his soul with Voldemort, could not touch you for this reason. It was agony to touch a person marked by something so good."

Friends, we all have been marked by the powerful love of a mother. Mary. Jesus' mother. The mother of God. Her love for us knows no limits, and she constantly intercedes on our behalf before her son, Jesus.

During this month of May, let us ask Mary to pray to Jesus in a special way for our students, parents, teachers, staff and volunteers that they may be marked and protected with the power of love, the love of God.

Most holy Lady, Mother of God, light of my darkened soul, my hope, my protection, my refuge, my comfort and my joy, intercede with Jesus for the salvation of our souls.

And may God bless all our earthly mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and those who cared for us and loved us when we were young.

Bishop David Motiuk  
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton