

September 1, 2010

Dear Holy Trinity Parents,

Welcome back to school after a very warm summer! I hope that you were able to enjoy all that our area has to offer. It was wonderful to see the students so happy to return to school yesterday. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students today. The Preschool students will join us next Tuesday.

Anticipation for a wonderful school year fills each and every one of our classrooms. The teachers are very excited to work with your children as we plan the 2010 – 2011 school year.

We have added new programs to our school. A new computer program will be implemented into all subject areas. It enables cross-curriculum instruction in grades K – 5. Mrs. Boland plans to work with the classroom teachers to enhance instruction through this program.

A new Spanish Program was purchased for instruction to our K - 5 students. Mr. Pavao, a retired teacher and principal, is our new Spanish teacher. He has many years of experience in the education field and we look forward to working with him.

The teachers in grades K – 2 were trained in a new reading program also purchased over the summer entitled “Super Kids”. The program encompasses reading, spelling, phonics and handwriting. The materials are challenging and interesting engaging the students in “hands on” format. Impressive statistics show that academic scores increased dramatically with this program!

We welcome Miss Potts to Holy Trinity Regional School. She is our new first grade teacher. She recently graduated from BC with her Masters Degree and brings fresh new ideas to our school.

Also new this year is our Physical Education teacher Miss Boland. She is not a stranger to HTRS however. Miss Boland is a graduate of HTRS. She graduated from Dean College this past May. She taught a “Hip Hop” Enrichment Program class last year. She is anxious to work with our students in her new position.

Please review all of the mandatory paperwork that is included in this folder. A hard copy was sent home today for your convenience in completing and returning the information back to the office promptly. The information must be updated on a yearly basis. As soon as all of the information is collected, a Parent Directory will follow.

A copy of The Holy Trinity Regional School Handbook is included in your packet of information. Please review, sign and return the last page of the book. Also included are “The Volunteer Form” and the “Code of Conduct” that must be completed to enable you to volunteer with the various student activities within the classroom. For the safety of our

students, all volunteers must run through the “Cori” system. I will have a mandatory workshop for all new volunteers on September 23rd at 8:15am and 3:00pm. It requires viewing of a movie with some discussion.

*Weekly communication will continue to be posted on our website. It is very important that we have your email address. A reminder will alert you once the weekly information is posted. (*If you do not have access to a computer, you may request a hard copy be sent home to you. We went “green” last year and it was very beneficial.)*

Hot lunch begins next Wednesday, September 8th. Pizza begins Friday, September 10th. After school care begins September 9th. Any outstanding after care invoices must be paid before a student can participate.

I would also like to mention the importance of the Bingo Program that Father Healy established last year. The program gave \$10,000 to our school. This year Father is planning for the Bingo to provide us with at least \$20,000! We need everyone to help. I am asking that everyone donate only 4 evenings throughout the entire year. Even the members of the staff will be helping! Mrs. Brown made a schedule for the year plugging in names randomly in order for everyone to participate. It is an easy way to gain funding for our school! Mrs. Williamson has volunteered to help and will call you with a gentle reminder when it is your turn. If you can not attend on a scheduled time, we ask that you contact someone to cover your time. The Bingo Schedule is included in your folders.

Mrs. Felix is still looking for a few volunteers to help with “Drop off” and “Pick up”. I would like to thank her for coordinating the volunteers again this year.

Open House will be held on Thursday, September 16th at 6:30pm. It is an evening to meet your child’s teachers with an overview of the school year.

If your child is interested in signing up for an Enrichment Program this year, the first session will begin in October. Mrs. Merrill (HTRS coordinator) will announce the various activities shortly.

Lastly, for the safety of all students, please allow the teachers or volunteer parents place your child in your car at end of the day pick up. This procedure has always proven to be the safest way for dismissal.

The Holy Trinity Regional School faculty and staff look forward to working with you and your child/children this year. God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Linda Mattson
Principal*

“To love what you do and feel that it matters – how could anything be more fun?”

